

MINESEC

OFFICE DU BACCALAUREAT
SESSION: 2009

BACCALAUREAT B

Time : 3 hours

Coefficient : 2

ANGLAIS

Answer all the questions.

SECTION A: GRAMMAR (10 marks)

1- Read the following dialogue between a policeman and a suspect. Complete the missing expressions. (5marks)

(A boy is coming back home from school and finds a policeman waiting for him.)

Policeman:

Boy: Yes, I am Big Ben and I was at school today.

Policeman :

Boy: Where did she say she was attacked ?

Policeman

Boy: But I did not even go to that direction. I was in school, and not around the river.

Policeman: Well, it's a pity ! You have to answer to some charges at the police station.

Boy:

Policeman: I don't know what they will do to you. Just follow me, boy.

Boy:

Policeman: If you have witnesses to prove that you are innocent, we shall ask them to come to the police station.

2- Complete these sentences with suitable words chosen from those in the brackets.

(2, 5 marks)

- a) I don't think I've ever _____ you before. (meet, met, meeting, meat)
- b) The little girl _____ to obey her parents. (refuse, is refused, refusing, refused)
- c) We did not understand what the chief was _____ (says, said, saying, say)

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- d) Why are you laughing _____ the blind man ? (at, for, to, against)
 e) The engineers have been building this bridge _____ nine months.
 (since, for, during, over)

3- Complete this passage with suitable words of your own to make it meaningful.
 (2, 5 marks)

The distance _____ Kumba to Douala is not all that much. But it takes _____ four hours for you to _____. Most passengers are exhausted because of the nature of the road. Anyway, they _____ do otherwise because it is the only road they have to _____.

SECTION B: VOCABULARY (10 marks)

1- Provide a word that is opposite in meaning to the one underlined in each sentence
 (5 marks)

- i) The climate in the North is said to be very hostile to visitors. _____
 ii) Our team recorded a narrow victory over the Elephants of Côte d'Ivoire. _____
 iii) Immigrants face tough times with boarder policemen. _____
 iv) Some parents manifest love for their children at home. _____
 v) Please, I have forgotten your name. _____

2 - Choose the word or expression in the brackets that is nearest in meaning to the ones underlined in each sentence. Write in the space provided. (5 marks)

- a) I have made up my mind to turn down his offer. (admit, refuse, ponder, examine)

 b) We all know that there is no remedy for HIV/AIDS. (profit, problem, sensitisation, cure)

 c) It is our responsibility to do the work properly. (duty, possibility, aim, idea).

 d) I quite remember that the case was reported to me a fortnight ago. (four nights, two weeks, long time, last night)

 e) You are absolutely right. (nearly, fortunately, perhaps, completely)

SECTION C: COMPREHENSION (10 marks)

ENJOYING ONE'S WORK

Work is desirable, first and foremost, as a preventive of boredom, for the boredom that a man feels when he is doing necessary though uninteresting work is nothing in comparison with the boredom that he feels when he has nothing to do with his days. With this advantage of work another is associated, namely that it makes holidays much more delicious when they come. Provided a man does not have to work so hard as to impair vigour, he is likely to find far more zest in his free time than an idle man could possibly find.

The second advantage of most paid work and of some unpaid work is that it gives chances of success and opportunities for ambition. In most work, success is measured by

income, and while our capitalistic society continues, this is inevitable. It is only where the best work is concerned that this measure ceases to be the natural one to apply. The desire that men feel to increase their income is quite as much as a desire for success as for the extra comforts that a higher income can procure. However dull work may be, it becomes bearable if it is a means of building up a reputation, whether in the world at large or only in one's own circle.

Continuity of purpose is one of the most essential ingredients of happiness in the long run, and for most men this comes chiefly through their work. In this respect those women whose lives are occupied with house work are much less fortunate than men or than women who work outside the home. The domesticated wife does not receive wages, has no means of bettering herself, is taken for granted by her husband (who sees practically nothing of what she does). Of course, this does not apply to those women who are sufficiently well-to-do to make beautiful houses and beautiful gardens and become the envy of their neighbours; but such women are comparatively few, and for the great majority house work cannot bring as much satisfaction as work of other kinds brings to men and to professional women. The satisfaction of killing time and of affording some outlet, however modest, for ambition belongs to most work, and is sufficient to make even a man whose work is dull happier on the average than a man who has no work at all. But when work is interesting, it is capable of giving satisfaction of a far higher order than mere relief from tedium.

(Culled from the *Conquest of Happiness*. Bertrand Russell.)

QUESTIONS:

1- Give two of the advantages of work mentioned in the passage. (2 marks)

2 - Under which condition can dull work be bearable? (1 mark)

3 - What, according to the capitalists is the instrument for measuring work? (1 mark)

4 - How far is uninteresting work better than no work at all? (2 marks)

5 - Why do most women enjoy housework less than work outside the house? (2 marks)

6 - Do you think that people are hard-working in your country? Explain. (2 marks)

SECTION D: ESSAY (10 marks)

Write an Essay of about 200-250 words on any ONE of the following topics:

1 - "There is no better solution to a problem than to pass through guns". What do you think about it?

2 – The Internet is seen as a good source of information. But its uses are sometimes negative. Discuss this opinion.

3 – Imagine that you met Françoise Mbango when she won the Olympic Gold Medal. Complete the following dialogue. You would want to ask Françoise politely about drugs in sports. You also would want to know when she started practising sports. Find out why she chose the long jump. And finally, ask her how she feels being very famous.

Achille: Françoise, congratulations on your brilliant performance.

Françoise: Thank you.

Achille: What is the secret of your success?

Françoise:.....

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