

REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON

MINISTRY OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

Peace – Work – Fatherland

OFFICE DU BACCALAUREAT

Co-efficient : 2

Time allowed : 3 hours

SESSION 2009

BACCALAUREAT C – D
ANGLAIS

Answer all the questions

SECTION A

GRAMMAR

10 marks

A. Fill in the gaps in the sentences below with the appropriate forms of the verbs in brackets (5 marks)

1. The discipline master wouldn't have punished the student if he _____ (to sweep) the classroom.
2. Nsioza burnt her hand while she _____ (to fry) fish for the family.
3. It _____ (to be) two years before we meet again.
4. When Akono was a child, he _____ (to fetch) wood for his mother every afternoon.
5. Once you _____ (to take) an aspirin, you will feel better.

B. Fill in each blank spaces with an appropriate words (5 marks)

1. That you are right is _____ obvious.
2. _____ It was so cold, Christina went out without an overcoat.
3. Do you ever wish you _____ rich?
4. _____ tall is Gnogno?
5. Benjamin walks as _____ he had a stiff leg.

SECTION B

VOCABULARY

10 marks

A. Read the following passage and fill in the blanks with appropriate words from the list. Use each word only once (5 marks). ½ mark each.

List of words: attraction, real, situated, fight, national, supply, town, hosts, rest, link.

Awae, _____ some kilometres east of Yaoundé, is a
 _____ microcosm of Cameroon. It _____ numerous
 citizens from all the provinces of the _____ triangle. This growing
 _____ is a centre of _____ to many visitors and it has a
 viable water _____. Modern communications _____
 Awae to the _____ of the world. Plantations are now seeing a new
 light of day and the _____ against poverty is reaping positive
 dividends.

B. Fill in the blank spaces in the following sentences with the most appropriate word from the brackets (2.5 marks)

- Those who _____ wisdom usually find it.
(shed, seek, sew)
- Jim plays _____ tennis every Saturday morning.
(loan, lawn, launch)
- The handwriting of this doctor is _____.
(Ineligible, illegible, eligible)
- Most women use _____ to beautify their skin.
(clay, claw, cleat)
- Mispa is so greedy that she always takes the lion's _____.
(shear, share, sheer)

C. Match each sentence part in column 1 with its correct completion in column 2.
 Write the correct answers in the spaces provided. (2.5 marks)

Column 1	Column 2
1) Bany asked his friend _____ _____	a) this mechanic to me
2) The story has held _____ _____	b) before the match was over.
3) Wild flowers were growing _____ _____	c) all the children spell bound.
4) A close friend recommended _____ _____	d) whether he had ever used a computer.
5) Cyril had left the stadium _____ _____	e) on either side of the path.

SECTION C

COMPREHENSION

10 marks

Read the passage below and answer all the questions that follow it. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

POST OFFICE

A post office is a place where mails are handled and where postage stamps, other materials are sold and postal services provided. The term post office or postal service also refers to the government agency that provides mail service. This service is divided principally into telephone and communication with many smaller units like INTELPOST, the Bank and Foreign Exchange.

Many people depend on the post office and post office-related services. By means of letters, e-mails and SMS, people can share news and make plans with friends and relatives near and far away. Stores and other businesses send bills and receive payments through the mail. Most magazines are delivered by mail, INTELPOST and other delivery services.

Before the invention of the telegraph and telephone, the postal system was the only reliable means of long-distance communication. It contributed greatly to the development of the United States and other countries: For example it helped educate people and made possible the development of newspapers and magazines. It enabled businesses and industries to operate efficiently and to expand. The postal service also promoted the growth of democracy by keeping citizens informed about government action. In the United States, it helped unite Americans who were scattered over a vast continent into a single nation.

Today with the invention of computers, internet and cell phones, the life of the post office is affected terribly, especially in developing countries where post office services were already unsatisfactory. Even the postal electronic mail (e-mail) mailgrams and International Electronic Post (INTELPOST) have lost many of their clients, with their limited work schedule, to cyber cafés which open most often as early as 6a.m and close up their doors at 11p.m. More, with the internet, a lot of communication, informing, teaching and trading takes place throughout the day and night. This is a real threat to the post office and it calls for an overhauling of the postal services.

Since the 1970s, the American postal service has developed a variety of programmes to automate mail processing and provide better services. In 1971, the agency established new delivery standards that promised over-night delivery of first class mail travelling locally or between major cities. In the mid 1970s the postal service began to offer discounts to large volume mailers who presorted their mail by destination. Also, the agency established the National Bulk Mail System to deliver parcels, magazines and other bulk mail more efficiently. These solutions only provoke research in order to protect and revive postal services in the future.

The World Book Encyclopedia.

QUESTIONS

1. What is the main importance of a post office? (2 marks)

2. Name two services offered by the post office. (2 marks)

3. Why are cyber cafés a threat to post offices? (1 mark)

4. Give two advantages of the Internet nowadays. (2 marks)

5. Propose two solutions to save the post office. (2 marks)

6. Do you feel that the post office is up to date in your society? (1 mark)

SECTION D

ESSAY

10 marks

Write an essay of between 225 and 250 words on any one of the following topics in the space provided :

- 1) As president of your school's Science Club, you have been invited to address the students to show them the importance of a multimedia centre in the school. The school is GHS OBOKOE and your name is NLOO . You may want to demonstrate how the centre can help the students in their studies.
- 2) Cell phones: advantages and disadvantages.
- 3) Is Europe the best solution to the problem of unemployment for youths in your country?

1. **Introduction**
 This document provides a comprehensive overview of the project's objectives, scope, and the methodology employed for data analysis. The primary goal is to identify trends and patterns within the dataset, which will inform strategic decision-making.

2. **Methodology**
 The data was collected through a series of structured interviews and surveys. The analysis was conducted using a combination of qualitative and quantitative methods, including thematic analysis and statistical modeling. The results are presented in the following sections.

3. **Results**
 The analysis revealed several key findings. First, there is a significant correlation between the variables studied. Second, the data indicates a clear trend over time, suggesting a need for intervention. The following table summarizes the key data points:

Variable	Value
Variable A	12.5
Variable B	8.7
Variable C	15.2

4. **Conclusion**
 The findings of this study are highly significant and warrant further investigation. The data suggests that the current state of affairs is unsustainable, and immediate action is required to address the identified issues. The next steps will involve a detailed review of the data and the implementation of a strategic plan.

5. **References**
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- Johnson, A. (2019). *Statistical Methods for Social Research*. London: Routledge.
- Williams, B. (2020). *Qualitative Research Methods*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

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