

Épreuve d'Anglais – Probatoire A₄ – 2013

Section A : GRAMMAR

- 1 Complete each sentence with the correct item from the brackets
- Jimmy washes (Wash, washing, washes) his dresses and studies (studying, studies, study) his lessons every weekend.
 - If I were (was, were, am,) rich I would buy (will buy, would buy, would have bought) a car.
 - When Peter was (is, were, was) young, he used to (uses to, used to, was used to) celebrate his birthday.
 - Tom and Dick are (is, am, are) twins but people say Dick is the most handsome (most handsome, more handsome, handsomer) person.
 - Everybody has (has, had, have) written the Probatoire examination in my class, (have they, haven't they)?
- 2 Rewrite the following sentences as started for you. Do not change the sense of any sentence.
- "I have lost my key and I cannot open the door" Jack said. Jack said
 - Yaounde is my place of birth. I was born in Yaounde.
 - Affizie was intelligent but he failed the Probatoire Examination. In spite of
 - I advise you to see the doctor immediately. If I
 - I have got nothing to do now. I haven't got
 - If I pass my examination this year, I

Section B : VOCABULARY

- 1 Use the words from the box to complete the expressions in the following sentences.

Slaughter, Lender, Breaking, dinner

- Any girl who fights to marry rich people is a gold digger.
 - The killing of one's self can also be called self slaughter.
 - Pa Foukou is a big money lender.
 - If he knows everything about computers then he is a breaker.
 - Somme years ago, Cameroonians got a shocking news of the death of their first President.
- 2 Provide synonyms for the underlined words and write your answers in the spaces provided.
- Most wealthy people are arrogant
 - 11th of February is an annual event
 - The groom looked smart at the wedding
 - Francoise Mbango is a great Laureate
- 3 Fill in the blanks with appropriate words of your choice to make a meaningful paragraph.
- All African families desire children and the arrival of a (a) in Africa families is a great (b). It is celebrated with (c) and (d). Special (e) are performed by the head of the family and the child may be given a thousand and one names by almost all the family (f).

Section C : READING COMPREHENSION

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Use complete English sentences in your answers.

These days, people who do manual works often receive much more money than clerks, who work in offices. People who work in offices are frequently referred to as "white collar workers" for this simple reason that they usually wear

a collar and tie to go to work. Such is human nature, that a great many people are often willing to sacrifice higher pay for the privilege of becoming white collar workers. This can give rise to curious situations, as it did in the case of Alfred Bloogs. Who worked as a dustman for a Development Corporation.

When he got married, Alf was too embarrassed to say anything to his wife about his job. He simply told her that he worked for a corporation. Every morning, he left home dressed in a fine black-suit. He then changed in to alls and spend the next eight . Before returning home at night, he took a shower and changed back in to suit. Alf did this for two years and his fellow dustmen kept his secret. Alf's wife has never discovered that she married a dustman and she never will, For Alf has just found another job. He will soon be working in an office as much as junior clerk. He will be earning only half as much as he used to but he feels that his rise in status is well worth the loss of money. From now on, he will wear a suit all day and others will call him, "Mr Bloog", not "Alf".

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Questions

- 1 Who are white collar workers and why are they given this name?
- 2 What secret did Alf's fellow dustmen have to keep?
- 3 What particular advantages does Alf expect to get from working as a junior clerk?
- 4 Why did Alf not want to reveal the nature of his job to his wife?
- 5 Why did his wife stay for 2 years without discovering the real profession of her husband?
- 6 In your opinion why do manual workers tend to receive more money than office clerks?

Section D : ESSAY

Write an essay of between 200-220 words on one of the following topics.

- 1 Write an essay with "... it was an experience I will never love to have again"
- 2 You have noticed that there are archaic and outdated cultural malpractices in your village Muanjikom which you do not like . Write a newspaper article to HERALD Magazine bringing out the neegative impact of these mal practices and propose solutions to ameliorate those mal practices. You are Nguente Vitalis. h visiting and say what makes
- 3 Write a letter to a pen friend inviting him to visit Cameroon. Suggest places of interest that are worth visiting and say what makes them intersting. Your friend's name is Apondo Laurence and you are Eduke Melanie of GBHS Tombi, P.O Box 2080 Tombie, centre region.