

**COMPETITIVE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION
SERIE C, D, E, F et GCE/AL**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE
TIME : THREE HOURS**

SECTION A: GRAMMAR/10 MARKS

I- Complete the sentences with the appropriate word or expressions from the brackets./ 5 marks

- 1) I bought five books; unfortunately, I found _____ of them interesting. (all, some, none)
- 2) "You wear a very nice pair of trousers", Alima said. Alima said that I _____ a very nice pair of trousers. (wear, worn, wore)
- 3) Amadou _____ (got hold, gotten hold, got held) last night when he visited his friend very late because people mistook him for a thief.
- 4) Our school has _____ uniform (an, the, a) that I dislike but I wear it just to abide by _____ school rule. (an, the, a,)
- 5) Nobody saw the lion in the savannah, _____? ((didn't he, did he, did they, didn't they)

II- Fill in the blanks with the appropriate forms of the expressions or as indicated in the brackets. /5 marks

- 1) By the time this weak student passed his Probatoire examination, his classmates _____ (to finish) their Master 2 evaluations.
- 2) I _____ to church at 6.30 am because I started doing it when I was still very young. (used to go/ am used to going).
- 3) The employee said that the day after, he would travel with his boss. (Put in the direct speech)

- 4) They know my house. They will show it to the police. (turn into conditional type 3)

- 5) The candidates have already finished writing the competitive exam. (**change into interrogative form**)

- 6) The children were sweeping the yard when their mother came back. (**put in the passive voice.**) _____
- 7) _____ Christmas feasts, joy and celebrations last _____ many days. (**complete with: since, for, during**).
- 8) Stop noise, _____? (**complete with the correct tag**)
- 9) “We saw the president yesterday”, Ali said. (**put in the indirect speech**)

- 10) The boy’s bag was stolen. The boy is in my class. (**join with a relative pronoun**)

SECTION B: VOCABULARY /10 MARKS

I- Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets./ 5 marks

- 1) Consuming potable water is _____ (**harm**) to the body.
- 2) Circulation on this road is difficult during the rainy season since there is too much _____ (**muddy**).
- 3) I am looking forward to _____ from you. (**hear**)
- 4) The _____ of Cameroon during the African Cup of Nations was not a surprise. (**defeat**) but the _____ of Chad was. (**victorious**)
- 5) _____ comes as a result of hard work and sacrifice. (**proud**)

II- Complete the sentences with the appropriate word chosen from the brackets or as indicated in brackets)./5 marks

- 1- This man has announced his _____ (**candidacy, candidature**) for the next presidential elections.
- 2- Football is said to have _____ from England. (**origins, originated, came**)
- 3- Cameroonians continue to expect _____ from the Indomitable Lions. (**give your own word**)

- 4- We must avoid _____ in elections, we should practice transparency.
(give your own word)
- 5- There cannot be true democracy in Africa _____ the elections are free and fair.(give your own word)

SECTION C: READING COMPREHENSION /10 MARKS

Read the text and answer the questions that follow it. use your own words as far as possible.

One day a tea contractor, Mr Chin was working on an estate in the Cameroon Highlands in Malaya. His wife and his daughter were helping him to **tend** young plants and get rid of weeds. While Mr Chin was working, he noticed a movement on the edge of the jungle near the tea plantation.

Out of curiosity, he stopped to watch. To his astonishment, a large tigress appeared. It hesitated and then made straight for Mr Chin and his family. "Quickly!" Mr Chin shouted to his wife and teenage daughter, "Run for the road!"

Mr Chin picked up his parang (a large knife) and turned to face the tigress. He hoped to delay the animal long enough to allow his wife and daughter to escape, but he expected to be killed himself.

The tigress sprang at Mr Chin but he managed to swing his parang and hit it. Both the man and the tigress fell to the ground, unconscious but not **fatally** wounded. Luckily for Mr Chin, a friend, Mr Pan, heard the noise of the fight, so he went to investigate. He was very surprised to see a tigress on the ground, with Mr Chin lying not far away. Mr Pan picked up his friend and carried him to the road. He managed to stop a helpful motorist, who drove Mr Chin straight to hospital.

Mr Pan informed the police. The tigress disappeared but was later hunted down and shot by a Game Ranger, Mohamed Said. The Game Ranger discovered that the tigress had injured a paw in wire trap and had been forced to chew through its paw to escape from the trap. As a result, it had been unable to hunt wild animals and had attacked Mr Chin when it could not get food in other way.

The police blamed the man who had set the **illegal** wire trap but they could not find him. Mr Chin was in hospital for three months but eventually recovered.

QUESTIONS

1) a) What made Mr Chin look at the edge of the jungle? (1mk) _____

b) How old was Mr Chin's daughter? (1mk) _____

2) a) What was the main reason why Mr Chin decided to fight the tigress? (1mk)

b) The verb "**tend**" in the passage means: (A) cut down; (B) look after; (C) pull out; (D) tie up. **Answer:** _____ (1mk)

3) a) What made the tigress to attack Mr Chin? (1 mk) _____

b) "**Fatally**" in the text means: (A) seriously, (B) suddenly, (C) leading to death, (D) immediately. **Answer:** _____ (1mk)

4) Which of these words is opposite in meaning to "**illegal**"? **Underline the correct answer.** (A) unlawful; (B) bad; (C) harmless; (D) lawful.

5) a) Give a title to this passage. (1mk) _____

b) Justify it. (1mk) _____

SECTION D: ESSAY WRITING /10 MARKS

Write an essay of about 250-300 words on one of the following topics.

NB: DON'T WRITE YOUR NAME IN THE ESSAY.

1- Studying in Europe is the best means to get a good job in our society. Discuss.

2- For the first time, you find yourself alone in a foreign country for further studies.

Write a letter to your parents to tell them about your new environment, the

difficulties you face, your anxieties and resolutions, how you feel. Your name Alex

