



**COMPETITIVE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION
SERIE C, D, F, TI**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE EVALUATION
TIME : TWO HOURS**

Anonymat _____

VOCABULARY/ 10 Marks

I- Complete the sentences below with correct items of your choice. /5mks

- 1- Playing basketball is my _____
- 2- Please, what is the _____ for a taxi drop in Cameroon?
- 3- Since we do not have enough money to spend, I think travelling by bus will be _____ than travelling by air.
- 4- A _____ is normally a building where people like tourists can sleep when then they travel.
- 5- A school where students learn a particular job is a _____ school.

II- Form meaningful phrases by matching the items in column A with those in column B. Write the answer in column C./ 5mks

A	B	C
1- Crude	a- set	1-
2- Information	b- expectancy	2-
3- Television	c- risks	3-
4- Life	d- technology	4-
5- Flood	e- oil	5-

GRAMMAR / 10Marks

I- complete each sentence with the most suitable word or phrase chosen from the brackets. /5mks

- 1- we usually visit the museum two times _____ (the year/ of the year/ a year).
- 2- It's high time you _____ to wash your own clothes. (learn/ learned/ had to learn).

- 3- _____ you get used to this machine, you will find it very easy to use.
(although/ once/ while)
- 4- I really feel exhausted. I _____ my house for the past four hours. (have cleaned/ have been cleaning/ clean)
- 5- Aminatou has not been doing well in school lately. _____, I still think she is going to pass her exam. (in addition/ nevertheless/ on the other hand)

II- Fill in the blank spaces with the appropriate word of your choice. / 5mks

- 1- Her performance was not high _____ for her to be selected for the competition.
- 2- They left for Douala early this morning. They should have got to their destination _____ now.
- 3- My mother cut _____ with a knife while cooking.
- 4- My godmother brought me many presents. Unfortunately, I like _____ them.
- 5- The information concerning the exact date of back-to-school in Cameroon _____ published yesterday.

COMPREHENSION /10 Marks

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions below it.

If someone offered you a million dollars to give up watching television for the rest of your life, would you do so? Some years ago four American surveyors said that they would not. Another survey asked men what they wanted most. The majority said that they desire peace and wanted first in life a big screen television.

Television is immensely popular throughout the world. Back in 1931, when television was in his infancy, the chairman of the Radio Corporation of America said: "the potential audience of television in its development may reasonably be expected to be limited only by the population of the earth itself". Those words may have sounded far-fetched at the time, but they do not today. The number of televisions worldwide is estimated to stand at 1.5 billion, with many more viewers. Love it or hate it, television plays a major role in people's life.

The time that many people devote to it is astonishing. Recently, a global study showed that, on average, people watch TV for just three hours each day. North Americans watch four and a half hours daily, while Japanese top the list at five hours per day. Those hours add up.

If we watch four hours daily, by the age of 60, we would have spent ten years in front of the screen. Yet, none of us would want inscribed on our tombstones: "here lies our beloved friend, who devoted one sixth of his/her life watching TV".

Do people watch hours of TV because they enjoy it? Not necessarily. Many believe that they spend too much time watching TV and feel guilty that they haven't used their time productively. Some say they are "TV addicts". Of course you cannot become addicted to narcotics, though there are similarities. Addicts devote

much time to the drug they use. Though they want to reduce that time or quit the habit, they can't. They sacrifice important social and family activities to use drugs and they suffer withdrawal.

Television can be a powerful teaching tool. . By means of it we learn about lands and peoples we may never visit. We travel to tropical jungles, to mountain peaks and ocean depths. We watch news as it happens on the other side of the globe. Television captures the life of people in both tragedy and triumph. It entertains, instructs, and even inspires.

Questions

- 1- State one reason why you cannot give up watching television. /1mk _____

- 2- According to the text, what two things do people value in their lives. /2mks _____

- 3- What two negative impacts does television have on people? /2mks _____

- 4- Who is a TV addict? 1.5mk _____

- 5- To what extent is TV an instructor? /2mks _____

- 6- Pick out a sentence from the passage which shows that nobody would want to be identified as a TV addict during his/her life. /1.5mk _____

ESSAY /10Marks

Write an essay of between 200 and 250 words on one of the following topics.

- 1- Imagine that there have been many disturbances at your school. You have been called upon to give a talk about the importance of peace and cooperation among the students in your school. Write your speech in which you clearly outline the importance of discipline and the respect for college rules and regulations.
- 2- You have discovered that many young people in your village, Konga, are HIV positive. Write a letter to Anomah, your friend living in Konga, to advise him on the preventive methods and cure. Your name John Ebude and your address POBox 256 Douala.

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