



**First year entrance exam
SERIE D, F, TI**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE EVALUATION
TIME : TWO HOURS**

Anonymat _____

GRAMMAR/10 Marks

I- Complete sentences below by choosing the correct word from the list in brackets. /10mks

- 1- The victims were very tired and all of _____ (we, people, them) were wounded.
- 2- The cat can wash _____ even if it's not with water. (alone, themselves, itself).
- 3- _____ interested can attend the meeting. It's free and open to all. (no one, anyone, none)
- 4- The food is not _____ for all these people. (too many, enough, very)
- 5- This hardworking student has been working _____ (since- for- although) early this morning.
- 6- The father spoke _____ (hotly, angrily, calmly) to his heady children who neglected their assignment.
- 7- The football trainees played _____ real professionals and won the match. (as, like, exactly)
- 8- It's very important to have confidence in _____ (itself, oneself, himself).
- 9- If they _____ (use) insecticide, they _____ (kill) mosquitoes.
- 10- The prisoners must be very hungry. They have eaten _____ since this morning. (something, nothing, anything)

SECTION B: VOCABULARY /10 marks

I- Collège Vogt 2nde SES Saturday 21st February 2015 Give the opposite in meaning of the underlined word./ 5mks

- 1- Francis NGANNOU is a very strong champion. _____
- 2- It was a sunny and hot day. _____

- 3- That woman is too big. She eats too much. _____
- 4- Christians showed a lot of love and compassion during Christian Cardinal TUMI's funerals. _____
- 5- The indomitable lions used to be winners. _____

II- Circle the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word or phrase./5mks

- 1- The long prison sentence of the notorious criminal was a just reward for his crimes. (statement, punishment, phrase)
- 2- She excelled in her studies, passing with flying colours. (cheated, did very well, exceeded all)
- 3- You should go for *Stay Tuned*. It's a very good book. (choose, use, study)
- 4- She was in two minds. She couldn't decide on what to eat for lunch. (insane, perplex, two ways)
- 5- We are facing many obstacles as far as racism is concerned. (can see, are, have)

READING COMPREHENSION / 10 Marks

Focus on competence

Reading through the journal Cameroon Tribune, Jenny came across a job offer. A local NGO was looking for a competent bilingual secretary and Jenny decided to apply for this job. Many other jobless people also filed in their application form. A week later, the results were released and Jenny was one of the candidates **short listed**. All the short-listed candidates were to go in an interview and did a practical test the following week. On the day of interview, Jenny had her hair beautifully done. She put on her best dress. She had on expensive jewelry which she had borrowed from one of her friends, and then she left for the interview. "What am I going to do?", She thought. "I don't want to miss this opportunity". The candidates went in one after another for the interview. Then came Jenny's **turn**. As she walked in, she smiled trying to hide the tension within her. She had made up her mind. **She was going to do all she could to get this job**. She moved diligently and paused, when she was called in. the director could not resist her beauty. Two days later, Jenny was given the job. She started her official duties immediately in spite of the fact that she did not do the practical test. She was given a desk of her own with a computer at her disposal right next to Murielle her French speaking colleague. Murielle was kind, gentle, but not quite attractive. She tried to help Jenny settle down in her new job. She helped her in her job. The responsibilities of the NGO were now

increasing and Murielle could no longer help Jenny as she used to do. Jenny did not know what to do. Her beauty could no longer solve her problem. She could not work on true computer, so her work could not be done. She tried on her own, but her typing was full of mistakes. When the General Manager discovered that Jenny was incompetent, they **fired** her. Jenny lost her job. She was very sad.

Questions

- 1) Define the words in bold in the passage. (2mks)

File: _____

To be short-listed: _____

Turn: _____

Fire: _____

- 2) What do you understand by “she was going to do all she could to get the job.”?

- 3) Name to things that show that Jenny did not prepare. (2mks)

- 4) Give four adjectives to differentiate Jenny and Murielle. (2 for each person)

- 5) In your opinion, do you thing that the administration did a good thing to fire Jenny?
Why?(2mks) _____

SECTION D: 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 are in a boarding school in Buea and your parents live in Yaoundé. Write them a letter to explain the choice of your future career. You may indicate why you think you are sure you would be successful in that profession. Your address is Saint Joseph’s College, Sasse P O Box 54, Buea. Your name is Peter Emeka.

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