



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

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE EVALUATION
TIME : TWO HOURS**

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SECTION A: GRAMMAR (10marks)

**I- Choose the appropriate word or expression to complete the sentence.
(5mks)**

- a) The two teams knew.....very well before the match. (each other, themselves, yourself).
- b) If it had been useful to them, they..... given it to you. (should have, would not have, must)
- c) Nobody should embezzle public funds,? (isn't it, should they, shouldn't he)
- d) The rain must stop.....there will be serious floods. (unless, otherwise, meanwhile)
- e) You can only travel to another country you have a passport. (unless, when, by)

II- Fill the blanks with appropriate responses from the brackets. (5mks)

- a) We didn't receive as people as we expected.(a few, many, much)
- b) Susan is.....intelligent girl that she never fails her exams. (so, such an, such a)
- c) I've been working on this exercise.....three hours. (since, for, while)
- d) If you're looking for sandals, you will find themhere. (any, none, no)
- e) His assignment was..... good that she received a prize. (so, such, such an)

SECTION B: VOCABULARY (10 marks)

I- Fill the blanks with the correct form of the word in brackets. (5mks)

- a) The performance of these.....was great. (participate)
- b) Malaria is a.....disease. (dead)
- c) Mary was.....in a rigid manner. (treat)
- d) Chaka Zulu was the of the battle. (win)

- e) Good are carried out in laboratories. (**choose:** experiences/ experiments)

II- Choose the appropriate word to complete the following sentences.
(5mks)

- a) We make bread from.....(flour, floor, flower).
b) To become an engineer, one needs good.....(formation, training, experience).
c) Please, me to call him in the evening. (remember, remind, recollect)
d) To be recruited, applicants should have five years (experience, expert, experiment)
e) The students are having their football..... (practice, practise, formation) at this moning.

SECTION C: READING COMPREHENSION (10marks)

Read this text carefully and answer the questions below it.

Some distance away, among the trees I saw what appeared to be a number of huts and beyond were clearly the Matopo Hills. For the first time I realized where I was, nearing the Matopos. I walked towards the huts. I walked for about an hour but I did not appear to get anywhere nearer those huts. They seem to recede, as I advance towards them. I walked on and on wondering how I could ever have missed the road to Essexvale, a road on which I had driven a thousand of times before, and can tell blindfolded. I wondered how a good battery could have gone flat so quickly, so much that it had no power left to turn the starter or lights on.

I found myself among the hills and was about to decide to return to the car since it was beginning to get dark when suddenly I saw fire burning only a few yards away. I stopped. My heart beat faster, my hair stayed stiff, there was sweat on my neck and my knees shook in my trousers. I was petrified with fear.

I saw a man, an old man, sitting by the fire at the mouth of the cave. His eyes were fixed on the burning logs but somehow I felt that he had long been watching me. I wanted to run away but I did not have the strength to run. I found myself walking towards him as if I was not afraid. When I was about fifteen yards away, I stopped and shouted: " *May I enter, my father?*" with accordance with the custom of the *Amandebele* which requires one to announce oneself before one enters a village. Without even lifting his eyes to me, the man replied: " *Yes, Ngwenya, enter son of Mfundisi, enter son of Sam Kange*".

My fear melted into wonder and amazement. How did this man know me or my name? I had never seen him before. His reply, nevertheless, made me feel somehow easy and encouraged me to approach him without being paralysed by fear.

I came near and then sat down, for it is considered bad manners to greet people, particularly people older than oneself, while one is standing.

QUESTIONS

1-Who is the author of the story? Justify your answer with two pronouns.

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2-Give four arguments showing evidence that the author was afraid.

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3-Why was the author afraid when he saw the fire?.....

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4-Why did the author approach the man without fear?.....

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5-Find four reasons in the passage to believe that there was something mystical going on in the passage

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SECTION D: ESSAY WRITING (10 marks)

Write an essay of not more than 250 words on one of the following topics.

1- Your parents in the village inform you that they have found a wife for you. Write a letter to inform them about your opinion and the reasons why you adopt that position. Your name is OBE Maxime and the name of your school is College l'Avenir Post Office Box (PO Box) 625 Douala.

2- It is the 20th of May and your country is celebrating national unity. As the president of the cultural club of your village, write a speech to sensitize the youths on the importance of living-together and peace. Show them the advantages and what they can actually do concretely to put it into practice. You are OTOLO Henry and the village is EKANGA.

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