



## ANGLAIS LANGUE VIVANTE 2

Coefficient: 2  
Durée : 2 heures

SERIE: A<sub>2</sub>

Cette épreuve comporte trois (3) pages numérotées 1/3, 2/3 et 3/3

### PART ONE: READING (40%)

Read the text below and do all the activities that follow it

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A winding fifty-meter queue stretched out from Braafontein civic Centre. We had been standing there for about two hours. The opportunity to vote had attracted many people; I saw a crowd of men and women the like of which I had never seen before. It was a queue of limitless hope. Many of us there thought this election would reshape  
5 our lives in the southern part of this unruly “dark continent”

The call to vote had drawn people from all walks of life. There were teachers and pupils, lecturers and students, sex hawkers and street vendors, business people and laymen, employed and unemployed, unemployables and hobos, secretaries and housemaids, taxi drivers and sportspeople. It was the moment that most of us had been  
10 waiting for years to experience.

Of course we all came there for different reasons. Our Big Brothers had promised beautiful things to those who lived a life of poverty, and I guess that the two homeless gentlemen ahead of me came to vote because of the promise of proper housing and employment. Some came to vote because of the promise of welfare grants, some  
15 because of the promise of free medical care; pensioners had come because of the promise of an increase in their grants so that it equaled that of their white counterparts.

I was standing in that queue because we had been promised access to a better education. I wanted to vote for whoever claimed to have fought tooth and nail to overthrow the apartheid government so that I now found myself admitted to a  
20 formerly whites-only institution. I felt morally obliged to return the favor to my Big Brothers. It was payback time for those who had been watching my back while I was sleeping. Now as an adult I felt that I had to recognize the Big Brothers’ sacrifices.

Different political parties had mumbled their big lies to rally people to vote for them. I had not made up my mind as to which party to vote for, but I definitely wanted  
25 to see a black party in the government. I didn’t care that my Big brothers were said to be still inexperienced when it came to running a country as big as South Africa.

The marshals were doing their job effectively. Many people were coming out of the polling station, their faces covered with broad smiles after taking part in the first free and fair elections in South Africa.

*Adapted from Dog Eat Dog, Niq MHLONGO (2004)*

A. The words in column A are from the text; match each of them with their meanings in column B. write your answers like in the example. **Example 1b**

A	B
1-Winding (line1)	a-Prostitutes
2-Reshape (line4)	b-Having a curving or a twisting shape
3-Unruly (line5)	c-Place where people go to vote in an election
4-Walks of life (line 6)	d-Difficult to control or manage
5-Sex hawkers (line 7)	e-Said something in a quiet voice in a way that it is not clear
6-Laymen (line 8 )	f-Persons that have the same position as somebody else in a different situation, colleagues
7-Welfare grants(line14)	g-Remove a government by force
8-Counterparts(line16)	h-People with no qualification
9-Overthrow(line19)	i-A financial aid provided by the government to people in need
10-Mumbled (line23)	j-Different jobs or positions
11-Polling station (line 28)	k-Change the shape or the structure of something

B. Read the text and say if the following statements are true or false. Write T for True and F for false. Quote the lines to justify your answers. Write your answers like in the example. **Example: 1 F (line 1-3)**

- 1- People were not motivated to partake the vote.
- 2- Voters believed the elections would change their lives.
- 3- Most of the voters were voting for the very first time.
- 4- People came to vote with the same reason.
- 5- Black pensioners didn't receive equal grants with white pensioners.
- 6- The narrator was admitted in a white school because the apartheid government was defeated.
- 7- The narrator felt morally obliged to the Big Brothers because they fought to ameliorate his life.
- 8- Political parties have promised impossible things to attract voters.
- 9- The narrator has decided to vote for a black party.
- 10- The black parties are said to be highly qualified to rule South Africa.
- 11- South Africa used to be a democratic nation.



**PART TWO: LANGUAGE IN USE (20%)**

Choose the correct answers from the words or group of words lettered from A to D in order to complete the sentences below. Write your answers like in the example.

**Example: 1 c**

- 1- I .....at this school for two years.  
A-was B- am C- have been D- had been
- 2- She .....a good film yesterday.  
A-saw B- had seen C- has been D- sees
- 3- My sister talks as if she.....everything.  
A-knows B- has known C- had known D- knew
- 4- If he had asked me, I .....  
A-will stay B- would have stayed C- would stay D- would stayed
- 5- They are used to .....in squalid conditions.  
A-live B- lived C- living D- have live
- 6- There are .....boys in this class.  
A-less B- least C- fewer D- most
- 7- Where is the book you borrowed me yesterday? .....  
A-I have left it B- I have forgotten it C- I forgot it at home D- I left it at home
- 8- I look forward to.....from you.  
A-hear B- hearing C- heard D- have a hearing
- 9- .....does the building belong to?  
A-which B- whose C- that D- who
- 10- We usually travel..... Train.  
A-on B- by C- with D- at
- 11- The little boy is not afraid of.....  
A-nobody B- somebody C- none D- anybody

**PART THREE: WRITING (40%)**

*Do only one of the two tasks below.*

- A. As a journalist, you have been given the following assignment. Write a report on the election of Nelson Mandela on April 27<sup>th</sup> 1994 as if you had been there: describe the atmosphere, the people's reaction, and the consequences this election will have on the country (not more than 25 lines).
- B. The American embassy in Abidjan is organizing an essay competition for Secondary school students which consists in writing a 20 line argument essay on the following statement "there are two types of democracy: the African democracy and the developed countries democracy".

*(NB: you are required to give arguments for your position and arguments against your position)*