



# EPREUVE D'ANGLAIS

Do all the activities on your answer sheets.

## PART ONE: READING COMPREHENSION (8 points).

Read this text below and do the activities that follow it.

### Women's Rights.

1. Women won their present status through fight and sacrifices rather than through men's kindness. Women and their supporters have fought and in some places continue to fight for the same rights as men. Laws were made to replace local customs which denigrated and suppressed women's rights. Women have gained higher positions in the world at all levels: political, economical and social.

5. During the middle ages women were enslaved and were denied all rights in Europe. In the late 18<sup>th</sup> century, however, women's status became a subject of political debate. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century women started their fight for equal rights. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century they won the right to vote (suffrage) in various countries in the world. More gigantic steps were taken during the following years. Women gained more economic, social and political status in various degrees and different countries.

In spite of all the success women still suffer from discrimination at various levels. For example women work more and earn less than men. In addition to that, the majority of the world's poor and illiterate are women. The road to equality is still long.

Source: [http://www.myenglishpages.com/site\\_php\\_files/reading\\_women.php](http://www.myenglishpages.com/site_php_files/reading_women.php).

## COMPREHENSION CHECK

### A- Vocabulary Check

Match the words from column A with their meanings or synonyms in column B, like in the example: 1 – g

A
1. Through (L 1)
2. Kindness (L 2)
3. Have fought (L 2)
4. Laws (L 3)
5. Suppressed (L5)
6. Enslaved (L6)
7. Century (L 8)
8. Equal (L 8)
9. Illiterate (L14)

B
a- Rules
b- Identical
c- Period of one hundred years
d- Unable to read and write
e- Have struggled
f- Inhibited
g- By means of
h- Generosity
i- Brought into servitude.

**B- True / False statements.**

Say whether these statements are True (T) or False (F). Justify your answers with lines from the text. Number 1 is done for you. Example: 1- F (L 1)

- 1- Women did not fight to improve their current status.
- 2- Men and women are still fighting for equal rights in some parts of the world.
- 3- Women have not gained any higher position in the world.
- 4- Currently women are enslaved in European countries.
- 5- Women's combat for equal rights started in 1800.
- 6- By the end of 1800 women gained the right to vote.
- 7- Women still have rights to conquer.
- 8- Men work less and earn more than women.
- 9- Poverty and illiteracy are for the majority of women.

**PART TWO: LANGUAGE IN USE (6 points).**

**Task 1:** Use these expressions from the box to fill in the blank spaces.

Until - have the right - for - as - has the duty - for - when.

Example: 3 – for

- 1) Women .....to be loved and respected by their husbands.
- 2) Any woman ..... to take care of her home.
- 3) Parents are responsible .....the education of their children.
- 4) Is Mrs Appiah responsible .....curing her servant who is sick?
- 5) In most part of the world, women had to struggle .....they got all their rights.
- 6) .....Mrs Konan didn't know her rights, her husband used to beat her.
- 7) Mr konaté doesn't want his daughters to go to school. So .....they are 16 years old, he makes them get married with old men.

**Task 2:**

Complete the sentences using the comparative or the superlative of the adjective between brackets. Number 1 is done as an example. Example: 1 – lower than.

1. The percentage of women in the UK's parliament is .....in Senegal. (low)
2. Men are .....women. (corruptible)
3. The percentage of women in Rwanda's parliament is .....in Senegal. (high)
4. The African women are the .....of all women. (affectionate).
5. African politicians are .....western politicians. (bad)
6. Women's current position is .....that of the past. (good)
7. African women are the ..... of all the women. (pretty)

**PART THREE: WRITING (6 points).**

Topic: You are invited at a conference at the British Council about women's condition. Write a paragraph about women's condition in your country as your contribution to the conference. (from 5 to 10 lines). Your paragraph will be published in the British Council newspaper.

To write your paragraph, consider these expressions:

- Working conditions
- Living conditions
- Their relations with their husbands
- Their rights
- Their education