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1^{er} CYCLE*Tout ce qui mérite d'être fait, mérite d'être bien fait... jusqu'au bout !***PART ONE : READING COMPREHENSION (8 pts)***Read the text below and do the activities that follow it.***BACK FROM ENGLAND***Obi Okonkwo had spent nearly four years studying in England and was now back in his village.*

After the first four hundred hand-shakes and hundred embraces, Obi was able to sit down for a while with his father's older kinsmen in the big parlour. There were not enough chairs for all of them to sit on, so that many sat on their goat-skins spread on the floor. It did not make much difference whether one sat on a chair or on the floor because even those who sat on chairs spread their goat-skins on them first.

"The white man's country must be very distant indeed", suggested one of the men. Everyone knew it was very distant, but they wanted to hear it again from the mouth of their young kinsman.

"It is not something that can be told," said Obi. "It took the white man's ship sixteen days –four market weeks- to do the journey."

"Think of that," said one of the men to the others. "Four market weeks. And not in a canoe, but a white man's ship that runs on water as a snake runs on grass."

"Sometimes for a whole market week there is no land to be seen," said Obi. "No land in front, behind, to the right and to the left. Only water."

"Think of that," said the man to the others. "No land for one whole market week. In our folk -stories a man gets to the land of spirits when he has passed seven rivers , seven forests and seven hills. Without doubt you have visited the land of spirits."

"Indeed you have, my child," said another old man. "Azik," he called, meaning Isaac, bring us a kola-nut to break for this child's return."

"This is a Christian house," replied Obi's father.

"A Christian house where kola-nut is not eaten?" sneered the man.

"Kola-nut is eaten here," replied Mr Okonkwo, "but not sacrificed to idols."

"Who talked about sacrifice? Here is a little child returned from wrestling in the spirit world and you sit there blabbing about Christian house and idols, talking like a man whose palm-wine has gone into his nose." He hissed in disgust, took up his goat-skin and went to sit outside.

CHINUA ACHEBE, *No Longer at ease.***A/ VOCABULARY CHECK.***All the words in box A are from the text. Match them with their meanings or definitions in box B.**Example: 9- i*

A
1- Kinsmen
2- Distant
3- Folk-stories
4- Spirits
5- To sneer
6- To wrestle
7- To blab
8- To hiss
9- In disgust

B
a) traditional stories
b) to speak in an ironical manner
c) to fight
d) to make a sharp sound like that of a snake
e) members of the same family
f) to talk foolishly
g) far
h) soul
i) in disdain, in lassitude.

B/ Read the text again and say whether these statements are True or False. Justify your answers by indicating the line number.

Example: 9 – True (L 19)

- 1- Obi was back from Europe
- 2- Obi spent more than four years in England.
- 3- Obi had a job in England.
- 4- The villagers welcomed Obi warmly.
- 5- Obi travelled by boat.
- 6- Only Obi and his father sat in the big parlour.
- 7- Obi's father accepted his kinsmen to break the kola-nut in his house.
- 8- One of the men went to sit outside to show his disapproval.
- 9- According to one of the men Europe is compared to the Land of spirits.

PART TWO: WRITING (6 points)

Choose only one of the two tasks.

TASK A:

Obi has just come back from England. You ask him questions about his stay.

- YOU :** Welcome home, Obi.
- OBI :** Thanks, Brother.
- YOU :** (1)
- OBI :** I spent four years there.
- YOU :** (2)
- OBI :** I went there to continue my studies.
- YOU :** (3)
- OBI :** I studied computer science.
- YOU :** (4)
- OBI :** People in England are very nice.
- YOU :** (5)
- OBI :** I didn't stay there because I think my place is here in my country with my people.
- YOU :** (6)
- OBI :** Well, for the time being, I'm going to have a rest. Then I'll go back Lagos where I'll join my post.
- YOU :** (7)
- OBI :** Don't mention it and see you later.

TASK B:

In a letter one of your cousin tells you that he wants to go to Europe. Write him back to convince him to stay here in your country. You must insist on the difficult living conditions in Europe and the problem of integration.

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PART THREE : LANGUAGE IN USE (6 points)

A/ Choose the best answer.

Example: 7 - took

- 1- Can you say that (still / again)?
- 2- I wish Peter (passed / would pass) his exam next June.
- 3- We saw the boys (throw / throwing) stones at the bus.
- 4- Alima was the one who broke the glasses; (however / therefore / in addition) she should be sacked.
- 5- Nobody came to our rescue, (did they / didn't they / did he) ?
- 6- The old Lady has been living in this flat (for / since / ago) six years.
- 7- The man (took / takes / has taken) our papers an hour ago.

B/ Rewrite the following sentences starting with the underlined words. Write your answer like in the example.

Example: B1 – a big crisis is being faced by children.

1. Children are facing a big crisis.
2. Soldiers attacked villages in the South.
3. The police had arrested all the gangsters.
4. The adults should help the children.
5. The pupils must follow the school rules.
6. The government is providing some job opportunities.
7. The headmaster rewarded the best students.

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