



Level : 7<sup>th</sup> form (C/D)

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**ENGLISH TEST N°1**

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**PART ONE: READING**

Read the text below and do all the tasks that follow.

**In search of a better life – a migrant's story**

My name is Sanga. I'm 26 years old. I come from a small village in Nigeria. Two years ago, I tried to reach the Canary Islands but I was caught and deported back to Nigeria. Now I'm on my way to try again.

5 My childhood in Nigeria was hard. My father died when my brothers and I were still very young, and my mother didn't have a job. We were very poor and she had to struggle every day to find enough food for all of us. I realized that if I wanted to escape poverty and improve life for myself and my family, I had no choice: I had to leave Nigeria, even if it meant leaving my home and family. I had to find a good job somewhere to be able to send money back to them.

10 I left in 2009. After I had travelled through Niger Republic, Libya, and Algeria, I finally reached Morocco. On the way, I found jobs wherever I could, in cafés, restaurants or barber shops. I was caught by the police several times. One day, they beat my legs so badly that I couldn't walk for almost a week. When a friend of mine told me about a man who could help us get to the Canaries, I agreed to join him on the journey.

15 I had to give the man 350 euros. He took us into the desert where other Africans were already waiting. On July 20<sup>th</sup> 2012, we boarded the boats. There were two boats, each carrying around thirty people. The sea was rough and after a few hours, lot of us started vomiting. I was feeling really sick and started to believe I would never make it alive. We had been sailing for a few hours, when a huge wave hit the boat, and water started pouring in.  
20 Everyone was screaming. The boat started to sink. Luckily, we were rescued by a police boat that was patrolling the coast. If they hadn't found us, I think we would all have died at sea. The police picked us up, sent us to a detention camp and I was deported back to Nigeria. As for the people in the other boat, I have no idea what happened to them.

25 In Nigeria, I started saving money again, and after a few months left for the second time. With a friend, I went to Benin, through Togo, Burkina Faso, and Mali to Algeria. As we were looking for someone to help us cross the desert, we were caught by the Algerian police and sent back to Mali. From there, I finally managed to travel back to Morocco. I've been working in Morocco for six months now, saving money.

Whenever I get another chance, I shall try again.

Extracted from "Far Ahead" Tle, on page 12.

**COMPREHENSION CHECK** (8 points)

**A. Vocabulary**

Find in the text the words or expressions that mean the same as the ones given below.  
Write your answers like in the example.

**Example: 1 - deported**

1 . sent (Line 2)	6 .enter deeply into the water (Line 20)
2 . fight (Line 5)	7 . saved (Line 20)
3 . ameliorate (Line 6)	8 . went (Line 24)
4 . travel (Line 14)	9 . seeking (Line 26)
5 . enormous (Line 19)	

**B. Comprehension**

Read the text once again and then choose the correct answers for the following questions.

Write your answers like in the example.

**Example: 1. C**

1. Why was Sanga's childhood hard?

- A. His parents died when he was young. B. His father didn't have a job.  
C. His mother brought him and his brothers up alone. D. Unemployment was high.

2. Why did Sanga decide to leave his homeland?

- A. In order to study. B. Because of civil war.  
C. Because he couldn't get a job. D. To get his family out of poverty.

3. Where does Sanga want to go ultimately?

- A. To Spain. B. To the UK.  
C. To the Canary Island. D. To France.

4. What happened during the crossing to the Canaries?

- A .There was a storm and Sanga's boat sank. B .The boat was intercepted by police.  
C .Both boats sank in heavy seas. D .His boat turned back because of heavy seas.

5. What did Sanga do when he was deported back to Nigeria?

- A .He found work and settled down. B .He didn't know what to do.  
C .He decided to save up and try again. D .He travelled back to Morocco.

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

**A.**

**Complete the sentences with the verbs and tenses given.**

**Write your answers like in the example. Example: 1- had tried**

- 1 .Sanga ( to try) two times to cross the seas. (past perfect)
- 2 .Migrants (to look) for ways to overcome misery and poverty. (present perfect continuous)
- 3 .The police (to arrest) all the illegal migrants. (past simple)
- 4 .Before he reached Morocco he (to cross) three countries. (past perfect)
- 5 .The captain (to transport) migrants for several years. (past perfect continuous)
- 6 .The migrant (to travel) in small boats. (present perfect)
- 7 .Nowadays, migration (to become) a worldwide problem. (present perfect)

**B.**

**Write passive sentences with the verbs and tenses in brackets.**

**Write your answers like in the example. Example: 1 – were deported**

- 1 .Some migrants (deport) immediately. (past simple)
- 2 .Sanga (capture) by the police. (past perfect)
- 3 .Migrants (interrogate) by border guards. (past continuous)
- 4 .All the illegal migrants (catch) by police. (past simple)
- 5 .Temporary ID papers (give) to each migrant. (present simple)
- 6 .African continent (abandon) by many young people.(present continuous)
- 7 .Ivorian young men (attract) by migration too.(present simple)

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

**Task:**

Below is a quotation from an article on African youth migration to Europe:

*“Almost every day, we hear or watch news of groups of young people, men, women and even children trying to cross the seas and migrate to European countries...”*

According to you, what should African governments do to stop this migratory flow?

Write a 20-line paragraph about what African governments should do to solve this problem.

GOOD LUCK!