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## LANGUE VIVANTE : ANGLAIS

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

**Do all the activities of this examination paper on your answer sheet.**

### **PART ONE: READING (8 pts)**

**Read the text below and do the tasks that follow it.**

#### **My uncle's plantation**

Ten months after Uncle N'Dabian's death, Climbié and his uncle returned to the field; the bush had taken the whole farm. "I had to start from scratch. You'll see! Ah, my child, there is always work to be done. Every day I struggle against the lianas, the weeds, the thorns\*, against the rain, wind and sun, the insects, the harmful animals, [...] I have to control everything night and day".

**5** Does the wind blow hard? I say to myself: "that wind will make the flowers of the coffee trees fall, and the harvest will be bad. Is the rain early? Then it is hard to burn the fields, hard to grow food crops, and so there is famine. On the other hand, if the rain is too late, there is still a risk of famine because the time for planting may pass. A tree falls. Did it crush my coffee? My cocoa? Your head has to work as hard as your hands. I have to see everything myself, to be sure that it all goes well. To **10** create a plantation is not a joke, my child..."

They had arrived. [...] the coffee trees were moving in the wind, like waves of the sea "Did you notice the difference in that gust of wind just now? [...] It's a wind that announces rain. Look over there. Do you see the heavy cloud on the horizon, just above that big tree?" "yes".

**15** "Well, it always begins rain. Listen! [...] Finally we'll be able to reduce the number of plants and replace the dead ones..."

Adapted from *Climbié* by Bernard Dadié, Editions Heinemann, 1971.

\*thorns=épines

### **COMPREHENSION CHECK**

**A-**The words in column A are from the text. Match each of them with its synonym or definition in column B. One word or expression in column B is not concerned. Write your answers like in the example. **Example: 2-e**

Column A	Column B
1-from scratch (line 2)	a-dangerous
2-struggle (line 3)	b-amusement
3-weeds (line 3 )	c-from the beginning
4-harmful (line 4 )	d-a grey or white mass in the sky that often announces rain
5-harvest (line 6 )	e-fight
6-crush (line 8 )	f-a heavy load carried on the head
7-joke (line 10 )	g-press something
8-gust (line 12 )	h-a sudden strong wind
9-cloud (line 13)	i-activity of cutting and collecting crops from the fields
	j-any wild plants that grow in an unwanted place

**B-**Read the text again and answer the questions below (2 lines maximum)

- 1-When did Climbié and his uncle return to the farm?
- 2-How did they find the farm?
- 3-What can happen when the rain is too early or too late?
- 4-Is it easy to make and supervise a plantation? Why or why not?

### **PART TWO: LANGUAGE IN USE (6pts)**

**A-**The paragraph below is about rural exodus. Fill in the gaps with the words from the box to make it meaningful. Write your answers like in the example. **Example : 1-rural exodus**

Homeless ,hope, hell, rural exodus, disappointed, dropout ,escape
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The massive migration of the population to the urban area is (1)... Most of the (2)...students refuse to live in villages because they (3)... a bright future in the city to (4)... from poverty. Unfortunately, they are (5)...when they face city problems. Furthermore, they stay (6)...all their life because their relatives in the city are not rich enough to take care of them and their own family. City life is a real (7)...for migrants.

**B-**The passage below is about Uncle N'Dabian's daughter. Read it and choose the correct verb forms in brackets to make the text meaningful. Write your answers like in the example.

**Example: 1-has collected**

Adjo's dream is to be an artist and live in the city. She (**1-collects, is collected, has collected**) stamps ever since she (**2-will be, was, is**) a child. She is very proud of her valuable collections. Adjo also enjoys (**3-painting, paints, painted**). Out of all her hobbies, Ado's favourite one is reading. She usually (**4-reading, is reading, reads**) at least two books every week.

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

Your Ghanaian penfriend sends you a letter to invite you for the holidays in his country.

He would like to know the place where you prefer to spend your holidays, in a village or a town (city). Write back to him. In your reply:

- give your preference
- mention the advantages of your choice
- mention some activities you will do during your stay. (12 lines maximum)