

**BEPC**  
**SESSION 2022**  
**ZONE : II**

**Coefficient : 1**  
**Durée : 2 H**

## LANGUE VIVANTE 1 : ANGLAIS

*Cette épreuve comporte deux (02) pages numérotées 1/2 et 2/2.*

*Le candidat est libre de commencer par la composante de son choix.*

*Cependant il devra numéroté ses réponses conformément à la numérotation du sujet.*

### **PART ONE: READING FOR COMPREHENSION (8 points)**

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

#### **OPRAH WANTS TO RETURN TO SCHOOL**

Oprah, 16 years old, was among the girls kidnapped from a secondary girls' school in Zamfara state, Nigeria. She says that despite her horrific ordeal, she wants to return to school- but not until the security situation improves.

5 Speaking to the BBC, the girl described her terror the night when gunmen seized 279 of them and took them into the forest. She described how the loud gunshots woke them up at around 1:00 that night. "We thought it was our teachers that had come to wake us up for morning prayers. But there were gunshots as the men came into our hostel - at which point we were screaming", she said. The gunmen threatened to shoot whoever continued screaming and that terrified the girls further. Then, the captors ordered them to leave the school, shooting into the  
 10 air. After that, they obliged them to go into the forest behind the school.

All the 279 girls that were kidnapped have now been released. Back to her village, Oprah still sees school as her priority. "The experience won't stop my education. I really want to go back to school because I want a bright future - but we need government to deploy permanent security forces to our school before I can have the courage of going back", she said.

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### **COMPREHENSION CHECK**

#### **A Vocabulary check**

Match the words in Column A with their synonyms or definitions in Column B according to the text. One option in Column B is not concerned. Write your answers like in the example.

**Example:** 1. ordeal = j. bad experience

COLUMN A	COLUMN B
1- ordeal (L2)	a- menaced
2- improves (L3)	b- more
3- gunmen (L4)	c- people with arms
4- threatened (L8)	d- liberated
5- screaming (L8)	e- successful
6- further (L9)	f- ameliorates
7- captors (L9)	g- started
8- released (L11)	h- crying loudly
9- bright (L13)	i- kidnappers
	j- bad experience

**B- True / False statements: Decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F). Indicate the lines of the text to justify your answers. Write your answers like in the example.**

**Example: 1-T (L1)**

- 1- Oprah and other girls were kidnapped.
- 2- Oprah wants to go to school even if the security situation does not change.
- 3- The 279 girls were taken to the forest.
- 4- The kidnappers killed the girls who were screaming.
- 5- The captors ordered the girls to return to school.
- 6- The kidnappers liberated some of the girls.
- 7- Oprah has not returned to her village.
- 8- Oprah wants to return to school because she wants to succeed in life.
- 9- Oprah wants the government to reinforce security around her school.

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

**Task 1: In the passage below, Oprah describes what happened to her and the other girls in the forest. Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tenses to make her story meaningful. Write your answers like in the example.**

**Example: 1-travelled**

I will never forget that horrible night. We (1-to travel) for at least 12 hours. After walking a long distance in the darkness of the forest, we were forced to sleep in caves by our captors. By the time we arrived at their camp, we (2-to be) extremely tired. They divided us into groups. There were two big trees with wide caves near a waterway. And they (3-to ask) each group to enter the caves. Our cave (4-to be) too small, but we managed to fit in.

**Task 2: After reading Oprah's story, you decide to report it to your friends. The following sentences are from her. Report each of them like in the example.**

**Example: 1-Oprah said that she wanted to return to school after that ordeal.**

- 1- 'I want to return to school after that ordeal,' Oprah said.
- 2- 'Some gunmen broke into our hostels,' she declared.
- 3- 'We need the government to deploy security forces to the school,' Oprah suggested.
- 4- She claimed, 'The experience will not stop my education'.

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

**Topic (Not more than 12 lines)**

On the International Women's Day, you are asked to write an article to sensitize people on the importance of girls' rights to education. The best article will be published in the next BBC newspaper publication. In your article,

- mention two (2) violations of girls' rights to education;
- give two (2) reasons why it is important to educate girls;
- suggest solutions to preserve girls' rights to education.