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EPREUVE:

ANGLAIS LANGUE VIVANTE I

Do all the activities of all this examination on your answer sheets by reading and following carefully the instructions given.

PART ONE: READING (40 %)

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

Nigeria's Islamist Insurgency

Boko Haram is an Islamist extremist group responsible for dozens of massacres of civilians and the abduction of more than 500 women and girls in its five-year insurgency in Nigeria.

When a suicide bomber dressed as a student infiltrated a high school in northern Nigeria on Monday and detonated explosives in a backpack, killing almost 50 students and teachers, suspicion quickly focused on Boko Haram, which had carried out similar attacks in that part of the country.

The militant group had stepped up its onslaught since the Nigerian authorities announced a cease-fire last month and the possible negotiated release of more than 250 schoolgirls kidnapped in April. In fact, the Boko Haram leader, Abubakar Shekau, said in a videotaped message that there would be no cease-fire and that the schoolgirls kidnapped by his group would not be returned.

10 "All of them have accepted Islam and are now married," he was quoted as saying. "Anybody that said plans are underway for the release of the girls is just daydreaming."

The deadly bombings and brazen kidnappings are the hallmarks of the insurgent group, which has terrorized local populations and regularly engages the Nigerian military in bloody combat. It aims to destabilize and ultimately overthrow the government, then establish an Islamic caliphate in its place.

- 15 The day after the government's announcement of a cease-fire deal in October, at least 60 young women were reported to have been kidnapped by militants in Adamawa State, just south of the Boko Haram stronghold near Maiduguri. Numerous other attacks that followed have been attributed to the Boko Haram militants.
- Such official announcements have been greeted with broad skepticism in Nigeria, where the government has regularly promised a resolution to an insurgency now in its sixth year. The Nigerian government and the military have been roundly criticized for failing to stop Boko Haram, which was founded in Maiduguri in 2002 by the Muslim cleric Mohammed Yusuf. Boko Haram was largely contained to the northern part of the country in the beginning, before expanding its reach with the help of Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, the terrorist organization's affiliate in West Africa.
- 25 Clashes between Muslims and Christians, common in Nigeria, radicalized the group, as did frictions with local authorities that escalated into retaliatory attacks. After the group's founder was killed by the Nigerian police in 2009, his followers went underground, swearing vengeance.

Adapted from New York Time.com; articles on Boko Haram, Internet

COMPREHENSION CHECK

A-VOCABULARY

Match the words in box A with their synonyms or definitions in box B. One item in box B is not concerned. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 3-Carried out = h-executed

BOX A		BOXB
1-Abduction(L2)		a-fortress or a position which is strongly defended
2-Insurgency(L2)		b-furious attack
3-Carried out(L5)		c-typical characteristics or features
4-Stepped up(L6)		d-shameless
5-Onslaught(L6)		e-kidnapping
6-Brazen(L12)		f-severely
7-Hallmarks(L12)		g-rebellion
8-Stronghold(L17)		h-executed
9-Skepticism(19)		i-disagreements
10-Roundly(L21)		j-increased the rate
11-Frictions(L25)		k-criticism
	V	l-doubt

B-COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

Give shorts answers to the questions according to the text (two lines maximum).

- 1-Is Boko Haram, the islamist extremist group, a criminal organization? Justify your answer.
- 2-Why did people accuse the Boko Haram group for the murder of the students and their teachers?
- 3-Did the Boko Haram group respect the cease-fire? How do you know?
- 4-Did the Islamists continue to fight or stop fighting after the cease-fire? Justify your answer.
- 5-What is meant in "Anybody that said plans are underway for the release of the girls is just daydreaming."?
- 6-What objectives do the Islamists aim at in fighting the Nigerian government?
- 7-Should the Nigerian government have talks with these extremists? Explain why.
- 8-Did Nigerians believe in the cease-fire? Why or why not?
- 9-What were the authorities and militaries blamed for?
- 10-What brought about the creation of this rebellious movement?

PART TWO: WRITING (40 %)

Do one of the two tasks below.(20-25 lines)

TASK A

Your English Club Magazine is organizing an essay writing competition on the following topic: "Write an article about terrorism in the world."

In your article, you should:

- tell what terrorism means;
- give the reasons why there is terrorism in the world;
- suggest some solutions to reduce this phenomenon;

TASK B

Write a letter to the secretary general of the UN about what must be done to push the Boko Haram extremist back from AFRICA. The best letter will be published in the English Club Magazine of your school.

PART THREE: LANGUAGE IN USE (20 %)

A-Choose the right answer to fill in the gaps in each sentence. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 11-are
1-The woman her dress in the kitchen yesterday.
A. stained B. was staining C. has stained 2-Mercy has failed the test. This is the first time this
A. happened B. has happened C. had happened 3-You look very tired, you too hard these days.
A. will work B. have been working C. worked 4-Whatwith the money I have given you?
A. have you done B. did you do C. do you do 5-By next year, we here for 2 years.
A. have stayed B. will stay C. will have stayed. 6-I in Paris for ten years. Now, I am no longer.
A. lived B. have lived C. live 7-The British the Cayman Islands.
A. discovered B. have discovered C. had discovered 8-He was afraid because he on a plane.
A. hasn't travelled B. didn't travel C. hadn't travelled 9-Did you visit the zoo when you in the town last year?
A. had stay B. have stayed C. were staying 10-All the machines are working well. There no problems.
A. were B. are C. have been
11-Posters of this nature distasteful.
A is B are C were

B-Fill in the blanks in each sentence with the appropriate proposition. Write	e your answer like in the
example. Example: 1- for	

1.	The Johnsons are going away on month.
2.	Will you attend our party Sunday?
3.	The bar is especially crowded night.
4.	I have read all the novels Graham Green.
5.	Henry went to see every room the house.
6.	My grand father died 1964 the age of 75.
7.	I should part friendly circumstances
8.	this time tomorrow, we will be at Tiassalé.
9.	Our room is the 4 th floor.
10	The gateman was very hostile me.