



BP 507 TIASSALE

LANGUE VIVANTE 1 : ANGLAIS

Cette épreuve comporte (03) pages numérotées. 1/3, 2/3, 3/3. Le candidat est libre de commencer par la composante de son choix. Cependant il devra numéroter ses réponses conformément à la numérotation du sujet.

PART ONE. READING COMPREHENSION 40%

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

W.H.O. chief defends efforts to halt Ebola.

Under a stormy sky, on a boat to a G-8 summit meeting, a media-savvy Hong Kong pediatrician named Margaret Chan first met her country's president, Hu Jintao. In a preview of the political maneuvering to come, he told her privately that China was considering backing her for the top post at the World Health Organization. It was Beijing's first bid to place one of its own at the head of an international agency, a signal of China's global rise. And it worked. A few months after, in late 2006, Dr. Chan won enough votes among the organization's 194 member states-by secret ballot, as always-to become its chief.

In what seemed a deft political move, she publicly promised to make Africa, which controls a fourth of those votes, one of her priorities. Mr. Hu, who was aggressively courting the continent for its resources, summed up the agency's importance by invoking what she said was a Chinese saying: "We're all in the same boat," he told her after she took office. Now, Ebola is battering three fragile countries in Africa and with it, the W.H.O.'s standing- in large part, Dr. Chan's critics say, because she let governments around the world steer the agency to fit their own needs, instead of firmly taking the helm as the world's doctor in chief.

Diplomacy is an inevitable, even necessary, part of running the world's main health organization, vital to getting fractious countries to cooperate for the sake of global health, her critics acknowledge. But Dr. Chan, they say, has been too willing to accommodate the wishes of governments, at times reluctant to call them to task and at other times too ready to bow to the demands of donors- even when it puts the world's health at risk. Not until August, after 1,000 Africans had died and Ebola had spread to Nigeria, the continent's most populous country, did Dr. Chan declare the outbreak a global emergency.

"The W.H.O. should have pulled out all the stops and said this is an emergency" much earlier, said Dr. Peter Piot, who discovered the Ebola virus 40 years ago. Dr. Chan's performance during a major health crisis has been attacked before. She was a public health administrator in Hong Kong when SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome, emerged from China and rapidly spread across the world in 2003. A year later, the Hong Kong legislature censured her for not pressing the Chinese government hard enough on the outbreak.

Dr. Chan defended her record on Ebola, saying that she had followed protocol by leaving it to the Africa office to respond in the early months of the virus. She acknowledged that getting a grip on the W.H.O.'s regional offices, which are effectively controlled by local governments, was the most intractable political issue in the organization and that, in hindsight, she wished she had acted a little earlier to "mount a much stronger, more aggressive response."

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COMPREHENSION CHECK

A- VOCABULARY CHECK

In the following groups of words or expressions from the text, only one has its synonyms given in front of them. Find it and write your answers like in the example.

Example: **1- To halt.**

- 1- (Ebola – to halt – efforts): To stop
- 2- (Stormy – boat – summit): Ship
- 3- (Bid – place ballot): Proposal
- 4- (Counting – invoking – saying): visiting regularly
- 5- (Battering – steer – helm): devastating
- 6- (running – fractious – acknowledge): recognize
- 7- (accommodate – reluctant – bow): accept
- 8- (pulled out – much earlier – years ago): removed
- 9- (acute – legislature – outbreak): pain
- 10- (record – respond – intractable – hindsight): after thinking
- 11- (Mount – stronger – response): replay

B- COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

Decide whether the following statements are true or false according to the text. Write (T) for true and (F) for false. Then give the line(s) of the text to justify your choices. Write your answers like in the example: **1 – F (L2)**

- 1- Margaret Chan is the first President of China.
- 2- Dr Chan has been being W.H.O's Director General since ten years ago.
- 3- Africa was regularly visited not for its beauty but for its resources.
- 4- Ebola struck more than three countries in Africa.
- 5- Diplomacy is not important to getting fractious countries.
- 6- Margaret Chan has been reluctant to accommodate governments wishes at times.
- 7- Nigeria is the fourth country struck by Ebola.
- 8- Dr Peter Piot discovered the Ebola virus since 1976.
- 9- Dr Chan's work was criticized by a certain time.
- 10- Dr Chan was controlled by the local governments.
- 11- Margaret Chan was more aggressive rather than being stronger.

PART TWO: LANGUAGE IN USE

20%

Choose from the box the appropriate preposition for each gap.

Write your answers like in the example.

Example: **11 – on.**

About – at – beyond – for – from – in – into – of – out – to – on

- 1- A poor diet often results ill health.
- 2- Poverty sometimes leads crime.
- 3- The new water supply will bring..... an improvement in our health.
- 4- Who is responsible the decision to build a factory here ? **Tournez la page SVP**
- 5- This sum is too complicated for me to work..... in my head.
- 6- What shall I pack these books in? we' ve run out boxes.
- 7- When the war broke out, the school was turned..... a hospital.
- 8- Drive past my house and turn left justit.
- 9- My house is the last one in the road. It's the very end of it.
- 10- He sufferedsevere attacks of anxiety.
- 11- We have to keep on in this way if we want to succeed.

PART THREE: WRITING

40 %

Choose only **one** of the two writing tasks and do it. (25 lines maximum)

Task 1

Each year, your school English club organizes a competition called TBR (Top Brain Reporters). This year the topic is about bush fires which destroy the villages. As a participant, your task is to write the best letter which will be sent to *Fraternité Matin* and will be published tomorrow morning.

The following ideas may help you.

- The causes of bush fires.
- The consequences of bush fires.
- How to avoid bush fires?
- What do you want the authorities to do?

Task 2

Djakis was a very good student. He has left his school bench and he has become so-called hacker now. He always chants: « Money, money! Always money for me! A lot of money! Money forever! Education, no! No and no! No today, no tomorrow! No more school! No forever! »

In an argument essay, state your position on what is said by Djakis.