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LANGUE VIVANTE 2: 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 texte below and do all the activities that follow it.

TERRORISTS STRIKE HEART OF PARIS.

At least two masked gunmen on Wednesday burst into the Paris offices, a satirical newspaper that had drawn threats for lampooning Islam, killing 12 people in a methodical hail of gunfire, fleeing by car as they battled on the street with police, and setting off a wide manhunt for the killers, who remained free. The terrorist attack, among the worst in postwar France, set the nation on edge and threatened immediately to deepen distrust with France's large Muslim population at a time when fear of Islamic radicalism has become a central concern of security officials across Europe.

President François Hollande called the attack, carried out with automatic weapons and characterized by an unusual degree of military-style precision, an act of extraordinary "barbarism" that was "without a <u>doubt</u>" an act of <u>terrorism</u>. He declared Thursday a national day of <u>mourning</u>.

He also raised the nationwide terrorism alert to its highest status, saying that several terrorist attacks had been <u>thwarted</u> in recent weeks as security <u>officials</u> here and <u>elsewhere</u> in Europe have grown increasingly wary of the return of young citizens who have circulated to Syria and Iraq to fight jihad.

The French authorities <u>locked</u> down some schools, <u>added</u> security at houses of <u>worship</u>, news media offices and transportation centers, and conducted random searches on the Paris metro.

The Paris prosecutor, François Molins, said witnesses described the attackers as screaming, "Allahu Akbar!" or "God is great," during the attack, which the police characterized as a "slaughter."

Corinne Rey, a cartoonist known as "coco," who was at the weekly, told Le Monde that the attackers spoke fluent French and had said they were part of Al Qaeda.

An amateur video of a subsequent gunfight with the police showed the gunmen shouting: "We have avenged the Prophet Muhammad. We have killed Charlie Hebdo!" The video, the source of which could not be verified, also <u>showed</u> the <u>gunmen</u> killing a police officer as he lay <u>wounded</u> on the street.

The victims included some of the country's most revered and iconoclastic cartoonists. The weekly's editorial director had already been receiving light police protection, the police and the prosecutor said. Among those killed was one of the officers <u>assigned</u> to guard the newspaper's offices and its <u>top</u> editor.

As news of the attack spread, an <u>outpouring</u> of grief for mixed with <u>dismay</u> and <u>demonstrations</u> of 25 solidarity for free expression. By the evening, not far from the scene in the east of Paris, a crowd of nearly 1,000 gathered at Place de la Republique – young and old, and various classes – some chanting, "Charlie!" or holding signs reading "We are all Charlie."

Mr. Molin, the <u>prosecutor</u>, said that tow men armed with <u>AK-47s</u> and wearing black <u>hoods</u> had forced their way into the weekly's office at around 11:30 a.m., firing at people in the lobby, before making their 30 way to the newsroom on the second floor, interrupting a news meeting and spraying the assembled journalists with bullets.

Adapted from <u>International New York Times</u>, Thursday, January 8th 2015. Pp1-4, by DAN Bilefsky and MAÏA De La Baume.

COMPREHENSION CHECK

A- VOCABULARY CHECK

Only one of the underlined words in certain line from the text has its synonym given. Find this corresponding word.

Write your answers like in the example.

Example: **L2: informing against = lampooning**.

L5: to worsen =

L9: bereavement =

L11: failed =

L 13: religion =

L16: massacre =

L18: very good =

L21: injured =

L24: chief =

L25: consternation =

L29: sophisticated weapons =

B- COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

Give short answers to the following questions.

- 1- What is Paris in the text?
- 2- What was the target of terrorists?
- 3- Why did the terrorists attack Paris?
- 4- What did that kind of attacks inlove to in France?
- 5- Give two expressions that show the French President's anger.
- 6- Are Frenchmen among the attackers? Justify your answer.
- 7- What is Charlie Hebdo?
- 8- What did French people do after the terrorist attack?
- 9- Give the exact date of that terrorist attack in France.
- 10- After reading the whole text, do you think the world's a family?

PART TWO: LANGUAGE IN USE 20 %

There are mistakes in the following sentences. Correct them by deleting only one word. Write your answers like in the example.

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Example: 1-one.

- 1- In 1966, there were one 3,000 homeless families in England.
- 2- Now more than a million of people are homeless.
- 3- For the many young people, life in the streets is the fulfilment of a dream.
- 4- His introduction to in the gypsies life came through his grandmother.

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- 5- What should been the attitude of society be towards nomadic people?
- 6- Which is school do you attend?
- 7- What's your father's of name?
- 8- How are you do feeling now?
- 9- My father's is name's Mr KAO.
- 10-Ebola is being be fought by W.H.O chief.
- 11- Are you for or against of nomadic people?

PART THREE: WRITING 40 %

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

Task 1

Do newspapers in your country present facts to inform people objectively or are they all biased?

Give strong arguments to support your point of view and illustrate it with clear examples.

Task 2

Your father still refuses to send your sisters to school despite the program of 'free school 'set by the new government. As a model of an educated child, you must write a letter which will be published in Fraternité Matin in order to persuade parents like yours to change their attitude.

The following ideas may help you.

- Talk about the charter of United Nations on human rights
- Women's rights
- The place of women in the modern society
- The benefits of Education.