

BEPC BLANC
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Coefficient : 1

ÉPREUVE D'ANGLAIS

Cette épreuve comporte 2 pages numérotées 1/2 et 2/2

PART ONE: READING COMPREHENSION (8 Points)

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

In the past decade, the Government of Burundi has embarked on ensuring the participation of women in Burundi's public life. Around 30 percent of women are now involved in public service at the top level in the country.

Since the introduction of free primary education in 2005, the Government of Burundi, with the support of UNICEF and other technical and financial partners has made significant progress in achieving gender parity at the primary school level. Nonetheless, as children moving towards the higher educational ladder, girls are much underrepresented. Currently, the secondary enrolment ratio for girls is 15 percent, compared to 21 percent for boys.

As emphasized throughout the 2011 campaign, education brings a multitude of benefits to girls, women, their family, community and ultimately to their country. Educating girls is the most effective tool to reduce infant and maternal mortality, and to combat HIV/AIDS, child trafficking, exploitation and violence of which they are the silent victims.

The "education for all" week is celebrated across the world. In Burundi the activities included: community dialogue on girl's rights to education, the importance of female literacy, sport and cultural activities; expert panels; and the dissemination of education materials.

Adapted from the internet, Google, 5 May 2011

A- VOCABULARY CHECK

The words in **column A** are from the text. Match each of them with its synonym or definition in **column B**. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 9 – g

Column A	Column B
1. Significant (Line 5)	a- ability to read and write
2. Achieving (Line 6)	b- spread, access
3. Parity (Line 6)	c- accomplishing
4. Currently (Line 9)	d- important, considerable
5. Ultimately (Line 11)	e- trading immorally
6. Trafficking (Line 12)	f- at the present time, now
7. Literacy (Line 15)	g- school things
8. Dissemination (Line 16)	h- in the end, finally
9. Materials (Line 16)	i- equality

B- COMPREHENSION CHECK

Decide whether the following statements are true or false. Write **(T)** for true and **(F)** for false. Then justify your answers by the lines. Write your answer like in the example.

Example: 5 – T (Line 14)

- 1- In the Past decade 30 percent of women in Burundi participated in public service at the top level.
- 2- The government of Burundi has made alone significant progress in achieving gender parity.
- 3- Currently the secondary enrolment ratio for girls is similar to the boys' ratio enrolment.
- 4- Educating girls is an effective means to fight against HIV/AIDS.
- 5- The Education for All Action week is a worldwide celebration.

PART TWO: LANGUAGE IN USE (6pts)

Activity 1: Choose the best alternative from the words in brackets. **(3 pts)**

Example: 4 – a

A well-educated woman ...1..... (**good - better - gooder**) understands the issue of family2.....(**plan - planning - planes**) and.....3.....(**must - can - should**) manage households resources in.....4..... (**the - a - at**) more efficient way.

Activity 2: Put the verbs in brackets in the right tense **(3pts)**

Example: 1 – is

Today is Friday 16th. It (**be**) 1 **is**my mother's birthday. All the family members are celebrating it. Yesterday morning I (**go**)2..... down Town to get a present for mum. I wanted to buy a dress, but I (**not find**)3..... any .So I bought a lovely watch.

Now all the family members (**be**).....4.....at home. They (**sit**)5..... in the living-room. They (**dance**).....6....., and (**listen**)7.....to music.

PART THREE: WRITING (6pts)

8 May is the celebration day of women. As the students' president of your school, write a paragraph of **10 to 12 lines** about **the importance of girls' schooling in Africa**. Your paragraph will be published in your school English Club magazine. In your writing, you can:

- Show how education can help women in the field of job security.
- Mention its importance in the fight against early pregnancy and endemic diseases.
- Show how educating women can save our nations.