

BEPC
SESSION 2016
ZONE : III

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 numéroter ses réponses conformément à la numérotation du sujet.*

PART ONE : READING COMPREHENSION (8 points)

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

OBI'S MONEY TROUBLES

The day Mr Green sold his car to Obi, he spoke to him in a friendly way.

"Remember", Mr Green said, "you will have to pay the insurance every year. A day will come when you have to find the money to pay the insurance".

5 But Obi had forgotten about the insurance until the day came one year later. He had to pay 125,000 F CFA but he had only 45,000 F CFA in the bank. He would have to go to the bank manager and ask for a loan.

"No one can say that I have spent my money badly", Obi said to himself. "My mother was very ill. She had to go to hospital. I had to send 90,000 F CFA home last month. If I had not sent that money home, I could have paid the insurance".

10 The members of UPU ⁽¹⁾ had helped Obi to become a senior civil servant. He now had a high salary and he was given some money to buy a car but he was not given money to pay for the insurance. A senior civil servant cannot live like a poor villager in Umuofia.

Obi got a loan from the bank. He could pay for the insurance but he did not because there were other things to pay for. He would have to replace the broken windscreen of his car.

15 Then, he would have to pay his electricity and water bills.

Adapted from No Longer at Ease,
 Chinua ACHEBE, Heinemann, 1981

(1)UPU: Umuofia Progressive Union

COMPREHENSION CHECK

A-Vocabulary check: The words or phrases in column A are from the text. Match each of them with its synonym or definition in column B. One word or phrase in column B is not concerned. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 1 – d

COLUMN A

- 1- friendly (L.1)
- 2- insurance (L.2)
- 3- manager (L.6)
- 4- loan (L.6)
- 5- badly (L.7)
- 6- civil servant (L.10)
- 7- high (L.11)
- 8- windscreen (L.14)
- 9- bills (L.15)

COLUMN B

- a- money paid to protect cars, houses
- b- money paid for electricity, water, etc...
- c- big
- d- nice
- e- in a wrong manner
- f- money you ask from the bank to pay back
- g- somebody who works in the administration
- h- director
- i- large piece of glass in front of a car
- j- friendship

B-Comprehension questions: Read the text again and answer each of the following questions in 2 lines maximum.

- 1- What did Mr Green tell Obi when Obi bought his car?
- 2- Why did Obi send money home last month?
- 3- How did Obi become a senior civil servant?
- 4- Why couldn't Obi pay for his insurance?

PART TWO LANGUAGE IN USE (6 points)

Task1: The text below is about Obi's money problems. Complete it with the appropriate words from the box to make it meaningful. One word in the box is not concerned. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 1 - on

to – at – for – on – from

Obi has some problems. Last month, he spent his salary ...1... many things. First, he paid ...2... the petrol bill of his car. Then, he sent money ...3...his parents in the village. He also helped his girl friend Clara to pay for her school fees. And now, he has no money left. He does not want people to laugh ...4...him; so he has reduced his expenses.

Task2: In the paragraph below, Obi's uncle Okocha is giving him some advice about his money problems. Choose the appropriate verb tense or form between brackets to complete the paragraph to make it meaningful. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 1 – had followed

Uncle Okocha said to Obi: "You must listen to people when they talk to you. If you 1 (followed - had followed - had been following) Mr Green's advice, you wouldn't have been in this situation. You should learn how 2 (saved - to save - have saved) money. You don't have any child now. But in a few years, I am sure you 3 (have – had - will have) a family. You 4 (were obliged - will be obliged - would be obliged) to feed them. I advise you to plan your expenses very carefully to avoid such a situation next time".

PART THREE : WRITING (6 points)

TOPIC

Johnson's wife was sick. He went to see his friend Peter to ask for help.

Fill in Johnson's parts to complete their dialogue. It will be published in your English Club Magazine.

Johnson: Good morning, Peter!

Peter: Good morning, Johnson. How are you?

Johnson: I'm not well today.

Peter: What's the matter?

Johnson:(1).....

Peter: What's the problem with your wife?

Johnson:(2).....

Peter: Sick! Where's she now?

Johnson:(3).....

Peter: When did you take her to hospital?

Johnson:(4).....

Peter: So, what can I do to help you?

Johnson:(5).....

Peter: I can't have 25,000 FCFA now, but I can lend you 15,000 FCFA

Johnson:(6).....

Peter: You're welcome. Good luck!