

BEPC BLANC

LANGUE VIVANTE 1: ANGLAIS

Coefficient : 1

SESSION DE MAI 2023

Durée : 2 h

Cette épreuve comporte (2) pages numérotées 1,2

PART ONE: Reading for comprehension (8pts)

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

Why healthcare experts are so worried ?

While the virus has spread so slowly in Africa than other parts in the world, the spread to rural area is concerning. There are two reasons why health policy experts are worried about the spread of COVID -19 in rural and informal settlements.

- 5 Healthcare systems in most parts of the continent are concentrated in urban centers, while the testing capacity in many countries is still low. The initial steps that the continent took in testing at points of entry and tracing continue to work in its favour. Coupled with its youthful population, the continent has so far managed to avoid the fast spread witnessed in the US and some European countries.

- 10 But the pandemic is now spreading quickly in Africa. It took 98 days to reach the 300000 cases. By the contrast, it has taken just less than 3 weeks to double from 300000 to 600000. There are a couple of ways to explain this. First, some countries have ceased lockdowns. Returning to business as usual without proper mechanisms in place to control the spread of the disease could hamper the progress made so far.

- 15 Another factor is that some countries have increased their testing capacity and are reporting more confirmed cases. The caveat governments need to increase their testing capacity so that there is a clearer picture of just how many people have contracted the virus.

Source : By Anne Mawathe BBC, Africa Health editor.

COMPREHENSION CHECK

A- Vocabulary check :

Find in the text words corresponding to the following meanings or synonyms. The indicated lines may help you. Write your answers like in the example. 1- healthcare

- 1- medical program (title)
- 2- proliferation (L2)
- 3- plan, strategy (L2)
- 4- living places , habitations (L3)
- 5- associated (L7)
- 6- observed (L8)
- 7- quarantines (L12)
- 8- obstruct (L13)
- 9- alert, warning (L15)

B- Comprehension questions

Read the text again and provide short answers to the following questions in not more than 2 lines.

- 1- The text is about
 - a- The cause of COVID-19
 - b- The spread of COVID - 19 in rural areas
 - c- The consequences of COVID -19
- 2- Which part of the continent benefit the most from the healthcare systems?
- 3- Why has the number of cases doubled in Africa?
- 4- What should the authorities do to stop this faster spread of the disease?

PART TWO : LANGUAGE IN USE (6 PTS)

Task 1 : *The paragraph below is about COVID -19 As you read choose the words in the list below to complete the sentences. One option is not concerned*
. Number 1 is an example 1-pandemic

quarantine - blood test - pandemic - loss appetite - outbreak

Covid-19 has spread all around the world killing many people. Though it has spread Worldwide, this (1)..... affects more European than African countries. When you are infected you don't think of rating you have a serious (2)..... .That is why most infectious diseases need a (3).....to confirm what a patient is really suffering from. If the person is contaminated therefore declared positive then he or she is isolated or put in (4)..... to stop the spread through him.

Task 2: *The sentences below are about the prevention of Covid-19. Choose the best option to fill in the gaps. Number 1 is an example 1- is expected.*

- 1- A vaccine for COVID -19 (*expected / is expected / was expected*) very soon.
- 2- In the past two years people thought traditional medicine (*Can / could / could have*) cure COVID-19
- 3- In the coming days, we are sure that a new remedy (*will be / would be / Can be*) found by doctor.
- 4- Two years ago the governments declared that the numbers of contaminated people (*was / were / been*) on the rise.

PART THREE: WRITING (6PTS)

Topic: *(not more than 12 lines)*

After a campaign of sensitization organized by the minister of health and public hygiene at school, You are invited to deliver a speech to instruct your English club members about the pandemic disease COVID -19. In your speech,

- define COVID -19 ;
- give two main reasons that caused its fast spread in your country;
- propose three barriers measures to stop it.