

BACCALAURÉAT
SESSION 2013

SÉRIE A1 – Coefficient : 4
SÉRIE A2 – Coefficient : 2
Durée : 3 h

ANGLAIS LANGUE VIVANTE 1

SÉRIES : A1 – A2

Cette épreuve comporte trois (03) pages numérotées 1/3, 2/3 et 3/3.

PART ONE : READING 40%

Read the text below and do the tasks that follow.

Race riot

“Blackie bastards”! yelled Kenneth Horsfall at three young Indian men who were leaving a café a few minutes after midnight. “Blackie bastards, keep quiet and go!” he repeated.

Mohammed Rashid shouted at him to stop the abuse and then attacked with his fists. This was the beginning of the incident which triggered off the most serious racial disturbances which have occurred so far in Britain. The date was 27 July 1969.

Horsfall, a nineteen-year-old furniture packer, ran off to get help after exchanging blows with Rashid. A gang of white men rapidly left their homes and came down the hill to meet the Indians. How many there were is uncertain because witnesses' estimates varied. There was a running battle but the Indians – who were three in number with a fourth in the background – were outnumbered and Bhupinder Singh drew a knife which he had taken from another participant, Dian Singh Ball, during a violent argument earlier in the café. It was the only knife among them but it had tragic consequences.

Seeing the knife flash, Horsfall ran off to fight the other two Indians. Singh ran after Horsfall and violently attacked him with the knife. He died in hospital at 2.20 a.m. The blood-letting stopped the fighting and the police arrested the three Indians in nearby streets within a few minutes.

The events which followed that fight are of far greater significance. Kenneth Horsfall's death happened too late for it to be reported in the morning newspapers and the following day was Sunday; there were no evening newspapers. So it was left to word of mouth to spread accounts of the killing around Burley and into other parts of Leeds.

Sunday was a fine, warm day; people were out in their gardens – if they had them – or sat on their doorsteps in the sunshine, all circumstances were conducive to a high circulation of gossip. The versions of how Horsfall died grew more exaggerated as they circulated – one account had it that it was a ritual killing and forty Pakistanis had danced a triumphal war dance around his dead body!

When the public houses opened stories spread like wildfire and as they closed at the end of the lunch period violence was close. But it took another session into action. When the pubs closed at 10.30 people began to gather in Woodsley Road quite near to the scene of the stabbing twenty-three hours earlier. There was talk of “doing the Pakis” – throughout the whole affair people referred to the killers as Pakistanis instead of Indians. Rumour circulated in the town that coach loads of people from other parts of Leeds were coming to help in a big retaliation against the Pakistanis. As the crowd began to move forward – it numbered between 800 and 1,000 strong – there were shouts of “We want a riot” and one woman yelled: “We are going to smash up the Pakistani houses”. Middle-aged women were prominent in the verbal viciousness.

From Understanding ideas, Michael SWAN, Cambridge University Press, 1976, p. 9-10.

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COMPREHENSION CHECK

A. Match the words in box A with their synonyms or meanings in box B.

One item in column B is not concerned. Write your answers like this:

Example: 10. retaliation = a. counter-attack.

A

1. abuse (L. 3)
2. triggered (L. 4)
3. occurred (L. 5)
4. witnesses (L. 8)
5. estimates (L. 8)
6. accounts (L. 18)
7. conducive (L. 21)
8. gossip (L. 21)
9. pubs (L. 25)
10. retaliation (L. 29)
11. smash up (L. 31)

B

- a. counter-attack
- b. bars
- c. stories, reports
- d. break into pieces, crush
- e. favourable
- f. happened
- g. caused
- h. judgment, opinions
- i. small talk, chat
- j. insults
- k. spectators
- l. stab

B. Say whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F) according to the text, then justify your answers with the right lines. Write your answers like this: 1 – F (L. 1).

1. Kenneth shouted at three blackmen.
2. The Indians were the ones who started the insults.
3. The young men started the fight with broken bottles.
4. A gang of white men came to help Horsfall.
5. Witnesses said there were four white teenagers against the Indians.
6. The young Indian men were four in number.
7. Bhupinder Singh killed Horsfall with his fists.
8. The young men stopped the fighting when they saw some blood pouring.
9. The fighting took place one fine Sunday morning.
10. Rumours transformed the incident into ritual sacrifice.
11. Middle-aged women tried to calm down the 800 to 1,000 furious people.

PART TWO: WRITING 40%

Do only one of the following tasks.

Task 1 (20-25 lines):

As the National President of a Non Governmental Organisation (NGO) called "Peace Now", you are asked to deliver a speech at a ceremony organised by the British Embassy in Abidjan. The topic is: "Peace in the world".

Write that speech in which you will speak about:

- the reasons why we should live in peace;
- the advantages a peaceful country offers to its inhabitants.

Task 2 (20-25 lines):

After reading this text about race riot in U.K., write a letter to your American pen-friend to ask him the following questions:

- Do these kinds of ethnic conflicts happen in USA?
- With a black President, do the Whites still discriminate against the Blacks?
- Are the pubs in USA open to all the races?

PART THREE: LANGUAGE IN USE 20%

A. Choose the correct word to make the text below meaningful. Write your answers like this: 1 – at

Mrs Penniman took herself off with whatever air of depreciated merit was (1. at/to/in) her command, and went to Catherine's room where the poor girl (2. is/was/were) closeted. She knew all about her dreadful night, for the two had (3. met/meet/meeting) again, the evening before, after Catherine left her father. Mrs Penniman was (4. in/at/on) the landing of the second floor when her niece came (5. up/above/over) stairs; it was not remarkable that a person of (6. such/so/very) much subtlety should have discovered that Catherine (7. has/had/have) been shut up with the Doctor.

It was still less remarkable that she (8. should/shall/will) have felt an extreme curiosity to learn the result of this interview, and that this sentiment, combined (9. of/for/with) her great amiability and generosity, should have prompted her to regret the sharp words (10. later/late/lately) exchanged between her niece (11. in/and/if) herself.

From Washington Square, Henry JAMES, p. 128.

B. Choose the most appropriate words from the box to fill in the numbered gaps.

Write your answers like this: 12 – cook.

was – wearing – wide – calabash – cook – navel – half – loose – blowing – She – meet – wore – holding
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The people were all sleeping. A man was snoring, and saliva flowing like an okra soup out of his mouth's corner. A woman wearing an accra suit, (1) ... sleep, (2) ... firmly (3) ... her little boy sitting astride her lap. (4) ... was going to Sologa to (5) ... her husband. A fat man with a belly like an oily (6) ..., was breathing like a man (7) ... a fire, with his mouth (8) ... open. He was (9) ... a dark singlet reaching down to only his (10) ... His boasting was gone, taken by sleep. (11) ... least he did not expect those around "to (12) ... his food".

*From The Voice, Gabriel OKARA, p. 58.
(African writers series, 1964)*