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LANGUE VIVANTE 2 : ANGLAIS

Séries A1- A2

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

Do all the activities of this examination paper on your answer sheet.

PART ONE : READING

40%

Read the text below and do the tasks that follow.

Population policy in sub-Saharan Africa

The past few years have witnessed a remarkable change in the perception of population activities in African countries. Effort in data collection and analysis gave governments a firmer grasp of various population-related problems and they began to enact policy measures. According to the United Nations Fifth Population inquiry, all countries in the region are concerned with the high levels of mortality and morbidity; most consider the geographical distribution of their population unacceptable; and the majority considers the fertility level too high. Several countries that, ten years ago declared themselves satisfied with the high fertility level have in recent years expressed concern at the continuation of high levels.

Despite the progress made in the perception of population by African governments and the substantial assistance provided by UNFPA to initiate and implement program activities several problems still need action. Population remains a sensitive issue in many areas, even in countries that launched initiatives in the field. The need for more awareness and better understanding of population matters persists, not only among the officials of all branches of government but also among parliamentarians, local officials, religious leaders, professional groups, community leaders and people at the grass-root level.

Population-oriented research on key issues- population distribution and migration, mortality, population growth, fertility and women's participation in development- has been less developed than expected, given the wealth of information amassed in data collection efforts. With a few exceptions, such as Kenya and Mauritius, the countries of the region do not have a well-defined national population policy. Furthermore, an understanding of the process of policy formation and the role of policies in programme development is completely lacking in most countries. Beyond the mention of population size and growth in national development plans, population is not yet an integral part of the development process. As a consequence, a strong political and financial commitment to populations is often absent in many countries despite the growing awareness of governments of the need to address dislocations resulting from population trends.

By Collins Powell, UN population adviser.

A- Vocabulary

Match each word from column A with its meaning or definition in column B. One option in column B is not concerned. Write your answer like in the example.

Example: 1. e

A	B
1. witnessed (L1)	a. subject, topic
2. data (L2)	b. dedication, devotion
3. grasp (L3)	c. missing, being in deficiency
4. enact (L3)	d. perform something in real life
5. inquiry (L4)	e. seen
6. provided (L10)	f. understanding
7. implement (L10)	g. offered, given
8. issue (L11)	h. policy
9. awareness (L12)	i. carry out, fulfill or perform
10. lacking (L21)	j. consciousness
11. commitment (L24)	k. pieces of information or facts obtained by observation
	l. study, investigation

B- Comprehension

Read the following statements and say if they are **true** or **false** from your understanding of the text. Write **T** for true and **F** for false. Justify your answers by indicating the lines.

Example: 1- F, L1

- 1- Population issues remain the same in sub-Saharan countries.
- 2- For the UNFPA, many nations are concerned with mortality and morbidity.
- 3- The majority do not agree with the way their population is scattered.
- 4- With the help of the UNFPA, all the troubles of population have been addressed..
- 5- The grasp of population issues still remain at all social rank.
- 6- The investigation in population issues has given all the result expected.
- 7- Kenya and Mauritius have a well-defined national policy.
- 8- A great number of nations have an insufficient comprehension of the policies of population.
- 9- Government talk about population in their programs.
- 10- Population size and growth are parts of development plans in a great number of countries.
11. Governments are informed about population issues.

PART THREE: LANGUAGE IN USE**(30%)****Task 1**

Here are some statements on population growth. Select the correct preposition to makes them meaningful. Write your answer like in the example.

Example: 1. *of*

1. Most Africans are not ashamed (on, of, with, by) having a large family.
2. Most rural African women are not aware (on, without, by, of) family planning methods.
3. Most African women are confronted (to, with, about, for) multi pregnancies.
4. In traditional Africa, a man can be married (with, to, by, for) several wives.
5. Let's not be pessimistic (on, about, for, with) family planning in Africa.
6. African women should be careful (on, for, about, without) their bearing several pregnancies.
7. New generation is conscious (on, with, for, of) the drawbacks of having a lot of children.
8. Young people should be ready (for, by, with, on) the challenge of family planning.
9. Having several children is typical (of, for, with, by) rural African populations.
10. Most African classrooms are crowded (by, with, at, on) students.
11. Rural population are often thankful (at, to, with, in) Non Governmental Organisations.

TASK 2

Here are some other statements on population in Africa. Re-write each of them starting by the underlined words.

Example: 1. *Family planning should be applied by African women.*

1. African women should apply family planning.
2. Some Africans have applied family planning.
3. The state has built new schools due to population increase.
4. People will apply family planning if they understand its importance.
5. In the past wars and starvation claimed the lives of thousands of Africans.
6. Vaccinations have saved the lives of thousands of African children.

PART TWO : WRITING**(30%)**

Do **only one** of the following tasks in not more than 25 lines.

Task A:

In order to draw the world's attention on the fast growth of the African population, write an article to be published in *The Gardian*, a British newspaper. In your article:

- talk about the fast growth of the African population,
- mention the problems that growth leads to,
- suggest some measures to those problems.

Task B:

As an expert in population control policies, you are sent to a Liberian village to give a talk to the local inhabitants about the importance of family planning and its methods. Write your speech you will deliver.