

**LANGUE VIVANTE I****Epreuve du 2<sup>ème</sup> groupe****ANGLAIS**

One morning a young black man turned up at school. Ben was excited when the secretary told him about it during the interval. A messenger from Stanley ? A new breakthrough ? But it turned out the youth, Henry Maphuna, had come on entirely different business. Something very personal. He'd heard, he said, that Ben was helping people in trouble. And something had happened to his sister.

As it was near the end of the interval, Ben asked him to come round to his house in the afternoon. Arriving home at two o'clock, he found Henry already waiting. Susan : "One of your fans wanting to see you". A pleasant young fellow, thin, intelligent, polite, and quite sure of what he wanted. Not very well dressed for such a cool day. Shirt and shorts, bare feet. "Tell me about your sister", said Ben.

For the last three years the girl, Patience, had been working for a rich English couple in Lower Houghton. On the whole they'd been kind and considerate, but she'd soon discovered that whenever the lady was out, the husband would find a pretext to be near her. Nothing serious : a smile, a few suggestive remarks perhaps, no more. But two months ago, the wife had to go to hospital. While Patience was tidying up in the bathroom, her employer made his appearance and started chatting her up ; when she resisted his efforts to caress her, he knocked her down, locked the door and raped her. Afterwards he was suddenly overcome by remorse and offered her twenty rand to keep quiet. She was in such a state that all she could think of was to run home. Only the next day did she allow Henry to take her to the police station where she produced the twenty rand and laid a charge. From there she went to a doctor.

Her employer was summoned and arrested. A fortnight before the trial, the man had driven to the Maphuna's home in Alexandra and offered them a substantial amount to withdraw the charge. But Patience had refused to listen to his slobbering pleas. She'd been engaged to be married, but after what had happened her fiancé had broken it off ; the only satisfaction she could still hope for was for justice to be done.

It had seemed a mere formality. But in court the employer told a wholly different story, about how he and his wife had had trouble with Patience from the beginning ; about a constant string of black boyfriends pestering her during working hours ; on one occasion, he said, they'd even trapped her with a lover in their own bedroom. And while his wife had been in hospital things had gone from bad to worse, with Patience following him about the house and soliciting him, with the result that he'd been forced to sack her, paying her a fortnight's notice money – the twenty rand produced in court. In a hysterical outburst she'd started tearing her own clothes, swearing she'd be revenged by accusing him of rape etc. Under oath his wife corroborated his evidence on Patience's general behaviour. There were no other witnesses. The man was found not guilty and the regional magistrate severely reprimanded Patience.

Source : *A Dry White Season* by André Brink

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**I. COMPREHENSION (8 marks)**

**A. Circle the correct answer (0.5 x 2 = 1 mark)**

- 1. **The text is an extract from :**  
 a. a magazine      b. a theatre play      c. a novel      d. a newspaper
- 2. **The main theme is :**  
 a. A quarrel between a housemaid and her female employer  
 b. Injustice due to racial discrimination  
 c. a rape case between a teacher and her student  
 d. the illegal dismissal of a servant

**B. There are five incorrect pieces of information in the following summary. Pick them out and write down the correct phrases or sentences, quoting from the text. The first one is given as an example. (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)**

One day, a young man, named Henry Maphuna and whose race is not disclosed in the text, turned up at a school. He wanted to see Ben and his wife. He wished to get help from Ben about his sister’s trouble with her white boss. Her name was Patience. She had worked as a housemaid for a wealthy English couple for three years before being seduced by her employer. The man explained to Ben how the husband profited from the absences of his wife to pay court to his sister. Even though the latter accepted to flirt with him, she refused to make it in bed. But he ended up raping her. As a result, the girl lodged a complaint against the husband. Although the man to whom she was engaged didn’t take it hard, Patience wanted justice to be done. But surprisingly, the magistrate decided against her and the accused was acquitted of the rape charge. To cap it all, she was severely scolded.

Mistakes	Correct phrases or sentences in the text
Whose race is not disclosed	Young black man
3. ....	.....
4. ....	.....
5. ....	.....
6. ....	.....

**C. Complete the following sentences meaningfully without copying the text (0.5 x 3 = 1.5 mark)**

- 7. Although Patience rejected the man’s advances,.....
- 8. The husband made an attempt to buy Patience’s silence, but.....
- 9. If the girl had not been black,.....

**D. Find in the indicated paragraph of the text words or phrases that match the following definitions (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)**

- 10. Careful not to hurt other people’s feelings (paragraph 3) .....
- 11. Talking flirtatiously (paragraph 3) .....
- 12. Troubling someone with persistent requests or interruptions (paragraph 5).....
- 13. People who are present when an event takes place (paragraph 5) .....

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**E. What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text ? (0.5 x 3 = 1.5 marks)**

- 14. had broken it off : .....
- 15. They'd even trapped her : .....
- 16. It had seemed a mere formality : .....

**II. COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE (6 marks)**

**F. Fill in this dialogue with the correct forms of verbs in the box. (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)**

To reject – to give – to throw – to reprimand

**A :** This case is a disgrace ! The girl .....a fair trial !  
17.

**B :** What happened ?

**A :** The evidence produced in court was..... . To make things worse, the girl  
18.  
was..... ! Can you believe it ?  
19.

**C :** I'm not surprised. I knew the case would be.....out of court. It's a white man's  
20.  
world !

**G. Fill in the gaps with the suitable form of the words in bracket (0.5 x 3 = 1.5 marks)**

The verdict that the magistrate gave was quite ..... (fair). Eventually, the  
21.  
..... (rape) was set free while the plaintiff was left horrified by  
22.  
such a blatant case of ..... (justice)  
23.

**H. Feeling after the trial (2.5 marks)**

- 24. Describe Patience's feeling after the trial in one word : .....(0.5 mark)
- 25. Describe the employer's feeling after the trial in one word : .....(0.5 mark)
- 26. Compare both feelings in one sentence : .....(1.5 marks)  
.....  
.....

**III. WRITING Choose one topic and write about 150 words (6 marks)**

**Topic 1** : What is the importance of a fair administration of justice in a country ?

**Topic 2** : Nowadays, there are more and more cases of rape in our society. What do you think are the causes of this phenomenon and what can be done to put an end to it ?