



Epreuve du 1^{er} groupe

A N G L A I S

The Spread of Bird Flu

Officials in Thailand announced that a 32-year-old woman had been hospitalized with avian influenza and that two members of her family had already died of flu like illness, raising the possibility that these cases might include the first human-to-human transmission of the disease. They cautioned that they had no laboratory confirmation that the two deaths had been caused by avian influenza, popularly
5 known as bird flu, or that the virus had developed the ability to spread from person to person.

The 32-year-old woman is the second confirmed human case of the A (H5N1) strain of avian influenza in Thailand since the resurgence of the disease in July. The woman is the aunt of an 11-year-old girl who died recently. The aunt and niece lived in a village where many fowl had been dying of bird flu. Five chickens living in the home of the aunt and niece had died shortly before the girl fell ill. The case
10 has attracted particular attention because of the death of the girl's mother. The mother lived in Bangkok and came back to visit her daughter in the hospital and attend her funeral, but she is not known to have had contact with sick chickens.

Viral samples had been taken only from the mother, after she died, and it had not proven possible to obtain a genetic sequence of them by conventional means. More sophisticated tests are being
15 performed and the results should become available later. The girl's body was cremated before the importance of her illness was understood. Some samples were taken before cremation and tests are also being conducted on them.

Human-to-human transmission of a new strain of influenza has long ranked at or near the top of nightmares for public health experts, who warn that it could in theory cause a pandemic killing
20 millions of people worldwide. But little is known about how quickly an avian virus can develop the ability to pass easily from person to person. There have been no confirmed human infections with the A (H5N1) avian influenza so far this year, and they have killed 28 people.

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I COMPREHENSION (07 points)

A Give the correct order of the paragraphs of the text using the titles suggested below. (02 points)

- 1) a threat to human kind
- 2) attempt to find out the causes of the victims’ death.
- 3) a family tragedy
- 4) alert about the possible contagion of man by man.

B Say whether the statements are true or false. Justify by quoting a passage from the text. (03 points)

- 5) The Thai health authorities are worried about the situation.
- 6) The girl’s death preceded the mother’s
- 7) The possibility of human to human transmission is clearly established.

C Match these vocabulary items from the text to their definitions (02 points)

Words	Definitions
8. Cautioned	a- Prevalent disease over the whole of a country or continent
9. Resurgence	b- Warned
10. Pandemic	c- coming back
	d- gave a sum of money

II /LINGUISTIC COMPETENCE (07 points)

D Rewrite the following sentences without changing their initial meaning (04 points)

- 11) She got bird flu because she was in contact with sick chickens
If
- 12) They cautioned that they had no laboratory confirmation.
“-----,”they cautioned.
- 13) Human- to- human transmission is more devastating than contagion by sick chickens-----
- 14) What a pity the test results are not yet available.
I wish -----

E Error identification : spot the errors and correct them (02,5points)

- 15) They will cremate the body as soon the doctor will know the cause of the illness.
- 16) They hadn’t had no confirmation.
- 17-18) This is the woman whom has daughter died of bird flu two months ago.
- 19) Several hundreds people has died of bird flu.

F Use the words given in brackets to form words that fit in the blanks (01 point)

- 20) Regular physical exercise can help people stay (health)
- 21) Tuberculosis is an ----- disease (infect)

III/ WRITING (06 points)

Choose one of these topics

- 1) Write a letter to the health officials to suggest ways of avoiding the appearance of bird flu in our country (8 to 12 lines)
- 2) Do you think your country has a good health policy ? Give the reasons for your opinions. (12 to 15 lines)

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ANSWER KEY

I/ (07 points)

A (02 points)

- 1- (ll. 19-23 : killing) paragraph 4
- 2- (ll 14-18) paragraph 3
- 3- (ll 7-13). Paragraph 2
- 4- (ll 1-6) man. Paragraph 1

B (03 points)

- 5- T = “Human-to- human transmission.....word wide” (ll 19-21)
- 6- T= the mother came to attend her funeral (l 12)
- 7-.F= no laboratory -----from person to person. (ll 4-5) or “little is know.
..... so for this year” (ll 21-23)

C (02 points)

- 8-c 9-d 10-a

II (07 points)

- 11 she hadn't had been in contact with sick chickens she wouldn't have got the bird flu.
- 12 “We have no laboratory confirmation”
- 13- Contagion by sick chickens is less devastating than human to human transmission. (or is not so / as devastating us.....)
- 14 – I wish the test results were available.

B/ (02,5 points)

- 15 s soon as the doctor knows.
- 16 ad had no / hadn't had any
- 17 - 18 Whose daughter - died
- 19 several hundred

C/ (01 point)

- 20 – Healthy
- 21wx - Infectious