

LANGUE VIVANTE IIEpreuve du 1<sup>er</sup> groupeANGLAIS

Close to one in five people living in towns, cities and megacities around the world do not have access to a safe, basic toilet, according to WaterAid. Some 600 million urban dwellers globally rely on a humiliating and haphazard array of the only services available to them in slums: filthy and crowded communal toilets, or rudimentary pit or bucket latrines that fail to meet minimum standards of hygiene, safety or privacy. A further 100 million people in cities do not even have access to these services and are forced to defecate in the open, using railway tracks, roadsides and even plastic bags dubbed "flying toilets", the report found.

[...] Barbara Frost, WaterAid's chief executive, said: "For the first time in history, more people around the globe are now living in cities. Cities should be a place for sustainable lifestyles offering healthy living, good infrastructure, well-being and economic growth. But the reality is that one person in every five living in a town or city today does not have access to a toilet or good sanitation and many live in poverty in overcrowded, rapidly expanding informal settlements.

"Not only does this lead to a lack of dignity for women and girls and health risks to poor families, this lack of sanitation also threatens the health and security of all city dwellers and leads to pollution of rivers and water sources. This World Toilet Day, we are calling on national leaders to deliver on their promises to meet the UN's global goal six to ensure access to safe water and sanitation. Everyone has the right to affordable access to these basic services that will lead to better lives and drive prosperity". Often, politicians prefer to invest in roads and other visible infrastructure and neglect the dirty issue of sanitation. But good sanitation is the bedrock of public health.

Liberia, one of the three West African countries at the heart of the Ebola epidemic – a disease which originated in a remote rural community in Guinea – is ranked fourth worst in the world for the high proportion – 27 % – of city dwellers practicing open defecation.

India comes top of WaterAid's list of countries with the largest number of urban dwellers without adequate toilets – some 157 million people in total, 41 million of whom defecate in the open. Although the Indian government has prioritized sanitation, the sheer scale of people migrating from rural area to India's cities has meant urban populations are expanding at a faster rate than such basic infrastructure is being built.

China, which also has a massive rate of rural-to-urban migration, is the second worst, with 104 million people without safe sanitation. However, WaterAid also ranks it top of the "most improved" countries for reaching the highest number of people in urban areas with safe, private toilets. The state has managed to build sanitation facilities faster than the pace of new arrivals, providing more than 329 million people since 2000 with urban sanitation systems, outpacing population growth by 9 million, it said.

Africa's biggest economy, Nigeria, is falling furthest behind in providing its rapidly growing urban population with toilets. For every city dweller reached with sanitation since 2000, two were left without, an increase of 31 million people in the last 15 years.

All UN member states have committed to ensuring everyone has access to basic toilets by 2030, one of the sustainable development goals.

**I. READING COMPREHENSION**

**8 marks**

**A. Match the pieces of information in the chart below with the countries referred to.**

**2 marks**

**China – Guinea – India – Nigeria – Liberia**

Pieces of information	Countries
41 million defecate in the open.	1. ....
27% of urban dwellers practice open defecation.	2. ....
Africa's biggest economy falling furthest behind in providing its rapidly growing urban population with toilets.	3. ....
104 million people live without safe sanitation.	4. ....

**B. Find in the indicated paragraphs the equivalents of the words in brackets. 2 marks**

According to WaterAid report, some 600 million city (5. **inhabitants** =) .....  
(**parag. 1**) are obliged to use inadequate toilets to defecate. This issue is often seen in (6.  
**too populated** =) ..... (**parag. 2**) areas; and this (7. **endangers** =)  
..... (**parag. 3**) people's health by causing diarrheal diseases. Therefore,  
drastic measures should be taken against this plague in order to achieve (8. **durable** =)  
..... (**parag. 2**) development.

**C. Are these statements true or false? Justify with relevant passages from the text.**

**2 marks**

9. According to the text, the first cases of Ebola appeared in Liberia. ....

10. China has made little effort in providing its population with adequate sanitation in urban areas. ....

**D. Complete this passage correctly by referring to WaterAid ranking in the text.**

**2 marks**

WaterAid sanitation report has ranked some countries as the worst in the world. (11)  
..... comes first in the list, followed by (12) ..... despite significant efforts  
for better sanitation systems recently. (13) ....., where conditions are declining  
continuously, is third in the list whereas (14) ..... is number four.

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7 marks

## E. Complete this dialogue between Ali and Musa meaningfully.

3 marks

**Ali:** Hello, Musa! How are you?**Musa:** Fine, thanks!**Ali:** You've decided to move to a new flat, .....? (15)**Musa:** That's what I ..... (16. to intend) to do, but I think I'll let it down.**Ali:** So, ..... change your mind? (17)**Musa:** Because there aren't adequate toilets in the flat. Nobody can use them. I'd rather you ..... (18. to help) me find another flat.**Ali:** .....? (19)**Musa:** Nothing special! Just a convenient flat with decent toilets.**Ali:** If I were you I..... (20)

## F. Use the connectors in the list below to complete this passage meaningfully. 2 marks

**due to – unless – yet – as long as – as a result**

We are in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and (21)..... there are many city dwellers who are still obliged to defecate in the open, (22)..... authorities' little concern about this issue. (23)....., diarrheal diseases are killing a lot of people. (24)..... local governments fail to prioritize sanitation, many more lives will be exposed.

## G. Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the words in brackets.

2 marks

In India, the government's (25. **fail**) ..... in its policy to provide urban populations with decent sanitation has been revealed by a recent survey. The rapid (26. **growing**) ..... of cities makes the situation more complex today as most people live in (27. **sanitary**) ..... places. Building adequate toilets can help families live in a more respectable and (28. **health**) ..... environment.

III. WRITING

5 marks

Choose ONE topic and writing about 150-200 words.

**Topic 1:** You are the chairperson of your School Environment Club. On the occasion of the celebration of the World Toilet Day, you deliver a speech to raise awareness on the role of students in keeping toilets clean.

**Topic 2:** Coumba's three-year-old daughter is suffering from a severe diarrheal disease. She is at the hospital and she is talking with the pediatrician. Write out their dialogue.