



LANGUE VIVANTE II

Epreuve du 2^{ème} groupe

ANGLAIS

Nile Basin countries co-operate in water-sharing treaty

The threat that the wars of the 21st century will be fought over water may be receding, at least in East Africa.

The abundant waters of the longest river in the world, the Nile, could be about to be shared more equitably among the 10 African countries within its Basin : Burundi, the Democratic
5 Republic of Congo, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda.

A March conference in Kenya under the auspices of the Nile Basin Initiative, an organization that promotes sustainable use of the Nile for development, is to be followed by an accord in the Ugandan capital of Kampala in May.

'We are living in a world where transboundary waters have to be shared,' said Kenya's Water
10 Resources Minister, Martha Karua. Her Tanzanian counterpart, Edward Lowassa, agreed :
'We do not recognize what happened in the past. We want equitable and reasonable use of the Nile waters for mutual benefits in all the riparian* states.' Previous accords were weighted* in favour of Sudan and Egypt and the latter's economy depends extensively on water from the Nile. Cairo now appears to have softened its stance : 'Whatever decisions that
15 are spelt out in the framework Egypt will accept,' said the country's Minister for Water Resources and Irrigation, Mahmoud Abu-Zeid.

Kenyan Vice-President Moody Awori summed up the new co-operative mood thus : 'The Nile is the most important single asset that is shared by all the 10 countries that lie within its basin. As such, the Nile River is not the property of any one state.'

20 The new treaty could be used to alleviate poverty and hunger within the region, enhancing the living standards of 300 million people who live in the basin. Nile related projects are already underway. Kenya has started a water management project near Lake Victoria, which supplies water to the Nile, to improve agriculture in the region. Tanzania has launched a \$27.6 million project to supply water to the famine-stricken Shinyanga region in the north.

25 'Will it be right for the people of Shinyanga to continue walking for over 25 kilometers looking for water when the Nile is just a step away ?' asked Lowassa.

***riparian** : riverain - ***weighted** : arbitré (s)

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I. TEXT COMPREHENSION (8 marks)

A. Say whether these statements are True (T) or False (F) and justify your choice by quoting relevant passages from the text (4 marks)

1. Wars over water will be inevitably fought all over the world in the 21st century.
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2. The conference for finding an accord was held in Kampala.
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3. Only Sudan and Egypt could use the Nile in Kampala.
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4. Kenyan vice-president deplored the former sharing terms of the river.
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B. Find synonyms to the following words in the text referring to the respective paragraphs. (1,5 marks)

5. initiatives : _____ (p.3)	8. position : _____ (p 4)
6. colleague : _____ (p 4)	9 property : _____ (p 5)
7. former : _____ (p 4)	10. decrease : _____ (p 6)

C. What do the following words refer to in the text ? (0,5 mark)

11. the latter (line 13)
12. which (line 22)

D. Fill in the chart with elements from the text (2 marks)

Nile Basin Water sharing- treaty	13. Number of riparian states :	
	Conference	14. month : 15. organizers :and the..... 16. discussions : about an.....sharing of the waters
	Perspectives	17. an.....to be signed in..... 18. the development of.....in Kenya 19. water.....in Tanzania

II. LINGUISTIC COMPETENCE (6 marks)

A. This is an extract of the conversation between two people talking about how best to share the waters of a common river. The questions are jumbled. Put them in the right order. (2 marks)

- Ngor : share / countries / the river / How many ?
(20)
- Malick : Eight countries.
Ngor : meet / How often / they / do ?
(21)
- Malick : Twice a year
Ngor : organization / this / When / they / set up / did ?
(22)
- Malick : Ten years ago.
Ngor : managing committee / Is / working / at the moment / the ?
(23)
- Malick : Yes, it is.

LANGUE VIVANTE II**Epreuve du 2^{ème} groupe****B. Choose the right words from the box below to complete this passage (3 marks)**

Equitable sharing of river waters has often caused conflicts.avoid risks,
 delegates of riparian countries often meet., more efforts must be made for
 a quick solution., a war may break out at any time.

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otherwise – in order to – however – for

C. Fill in the gaps adding the right prefix or suffix to the words (1 mark)

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27. The project failed as a result of the Minister's..... (management)
 28. You have to.....this conference room. (large). It can't hold many people.
 29. Building a bridge over the River Gambia is..... (do)
 30. It's.....to wait until the end of the summit. (necessary) ; the main issues have already been tackled.

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

1. According to the author, the wars of the 21st century may be fought over water. Comment on this opinion and support your arguments with examples.
2. How can both the River Senegal and the River Gambia be factors of development for the countries of the sub-region ?

LANGUE VIVANTE IIANSWER KEYI. TEXT COMPREHENSION

(8 marks)

A. True or False statements

(4 marks : 4 x 1 mark)

1. **False** : line 1 of the text or “the threat (...) may be receding in East Africa”.
2. **False** : It “is to be followed by an accord in the Ugandan capital of Kampala in May”
3. **False** : “Previous accords were weighted in favour of Sudan and Egypt”.
4. **True** : “(...) the Nile is not the property of any one state”.

B; Vocabulary

(1.5 marks : 6 x 0.25 mark)

5. auspices	8. stance
6. counterpart	9. asset
7. previous	10. alleviate

C. Referencing

(0.5 mark : 2 x 0.25 mark)

11. **Egypt**
12. **A water management project** (near Lake Victoria)

D. Information transfer :

(2 marks)

13. ten (10)
14. March
15. Kenya & the Nile Basin Initiative
16. equitable
17. accord Kampala / May
18. agriculture
19. supply

II. LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE

(6 marks)

A. Questions

(2 marks : 4 x 0.5 mark)

20. How many countries share the river ?
21. How often do they meet ?
22. When did they set up this organization ?
23. Is the managing committee working at the moment ?

B. Connectors

(3 marks 3 x 1 mark)

24. In order to.
25. However.
26. Otherwise.

C. Derivation :

(1 mark : 4 x 0.25 mark)

27. **mismanagement.**
28. **enlarge.**
29. **doable/undoable.**
30. **unnecessary.**

III. WRITING (6 marks)

Grade according to the following criteria : understanding of topic (1 mark) – relevance of ideas (1 mark) – coherence (1 mark) – originality of ideas (1 mark) – clarity of ideas (1 mark) – accuracy (1 mark)