



LANGUE VIVANTE II

Epreuve du 1^{er} groupe

ANGLAIS

NEW technologies, innovative farmers; small booms in food production – is this really African agriculture we're talking about?

5 Absolutely, say the government ministers, researchers, farmers, development practitioners, and private sector representatives who issued the Pretoria Statement on the Future of African Agriculture at the conclusion of the conference "Successes in African Agriculture : Building for the Future", held in South Africa on 1-3 December 2003.

The shortcomings of African agriculture are well known, but its successes have received less attention and analysis.

10 In recent years farmers in Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe have begun exporting large amounts of fresh vegetables and cut flowers. Small farmers in Kenya have created a boom in milk production.

15 Across Africa, farmers, many of them women, have banded together to accomplish things that they could not do individually – constructing dikes to capture water and preserve topsoil, managing local fishing rights to prevent over – fishing and managing grazing rights and water access.

20 "The goal was to learn, exchange, and disseminate lessons from past successes – such as dairying in Kenya and cassava production in Nigeria – to identify processes and technologies that countries can replicate and expand", explained Steve Haggblade, a consultant who led the study by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) on which the conference was based.

Conference participants identified promising opportunities for sustained agricultural growth : innovative soil and water conservation measures, replication of breeding and processing successes, marketing and information systems, vertical supply chains, and regional cooperation in trade and agricultural technology.

25 "NEPAD has prioritized agriculture as the key sector that will stimulate economic growth in Africa. NEPAD will place these conference findings before African Ministers of Agriculture and initiate partnerships to help replicate and scale up past achievements", said Prof. Wiseman Nkuhlu, chair of the NEPAD Steering Committee, which co-organised the conference with IFPRI, Capacity Building International, Germany (In Went), and the
30 Technical Center for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA)

Good governance and sustained funding for agricultural research and extension are fundamental prerequisites for a thriving agriculture sector, the conference participants concluded. But these successful experiences represent seeds of hope and are signals of Africa's potential.

35 Success is not only possible ; in many places, it's already happening.

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I. READING COMPREHENSION (08 marks)

A. Multiple choice : which of these titles is the best for the text ? (01 mark)

- a) Promoting African agriculture
- b) Good governance
- c) African agriculture in crisis
- d) Women in agriculture

B. Sequencing : reorder these ideas in the order they appear in the text (02 marks)

- a) The successes of African agriculture 1.
- b) The objectives of the survey 2.
- c) Identifying possibilities 3.
- d) Unexpected achievements 4.

C. State whether the sentences are true or false? Justify your answer by quoting relevant passages from the text (02 marks)

- 1. Over the last years, Kenya has been importing a lot of agricultural products.
.....
- 2. Everybody knows about the failures of African agriculture.
.....

D. VOCABULARY IN CONTEXT : Find in the indicated lines words which are closest in meaning to the following (02 marks)

- 1. failures(from l.1 to l.8).....
- 2. a rise (from l.9 to l.15).....
- 3. possibilities (from l.16 to l.24)
- 4. boost (from l.25 to l.35).....

E. Referencing : What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text. (01 mark)

- 1. its (success have received).....
- 2. they (could not do).....

II. LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE (06 marks)

A. Rewrite the sentences without changing their meanings. Use the prompts provided (03 marks)

- 1. a) It is reported that African farmers have been doing well.
b) African.....
- 2. a) “NEPAD has prioritized agriculture as the key sector that will stimulate economic growth”, the President had declared.
b) The President had declared.....
- 3. a) I would like to see our economy do well.
b) I wish.....

ANSWER KEY

I. (08 marks)

A. a.

B. Sequencing

1 d

2 a

3 b

3 c

(01 mark)

(02 marks : 0,5 each)

C. 02 marks (01 each sentence)

1. False : "In recent years farmers in Kenya (...) have begun exporting...."

2. True : "The shortcomings of African agriculture are well – known".

D. 02 marks (0,5 each answer)

1. shortcomings

2. boom

3. opportunities

4. stimulate.

E. 01 mark (0,5 each answer)

1 African agriculture

2. African farmers / Women

II. (06 marks)

A. (03 marks : 01 each answer)

1. b African farmers are reported to have been doing well

2. b The President had declared (that) NEPAD had prioritized agriculture as the sector that would stimulate economic growth.

3. b I wish our economy did well.

Or / I wish I saw our economy do well.

B. 01,5 mark (0,5 each answer)

1. a. Whose experts have been meeting for one week ?

b. How long have your / our experts been meeting ?

2. What are they looking forward to building ?

C. 01,5 mark (0,5 each answer)

1. responsibility

2. advancement

3. achievement

III. ESSAY (06 marks)

- Ideas
- Coherence
- Organisation (paragraph)
- Grammar / vocabulary