

LANGUE VIVANTE IEpreuve du 2<sup>ème</sup> groupeANGLAIS

## AIDS IN AFRICA

“All this stuff about AIDS is just a means to promote the white man’s business interest. As everyone knows, condoms really had no market until the AIDS zombie was invented. I don’t know anyone who died of AIDS but of people who died of childbirth complications, tuberculosis and malaria. I am saying AIDS is a fiction all the more since, in my village, when a person from a poor family dies, it's attributed to AIDS, but when death occurs in a wealthy family, **it**'s said to be witchcraft” Pathé said.

Though the pandemic of the HIV virus looms large in Africa, numerous illiterate people harbour such views and even think that an infected person can heal himself by having sexual intercourse with a virgin. The outcome of these unscrupulous thinkings is that Aids explodes throughout the continent like a volcano ravaging people’s lives and ruining their destinies. (...)

(...) The need for efficient measures should lead the African authorities to castigate the criminal behaviour of some people who, knowing fully well they are infected with HIV / AIDS, go around spreading the disease that is death to young innocent victims under the pretext of reckless arguments such as “I don’t want to die alone”. In this regard, they should invite the medical community to initiate ethical discussions towards lifting the medical confidentiality whenever a person who is fully aware that **he** is infected with AIDS eagerly contaminates others, for stories of positive HIV carriers transmitting the virus to others abound in the continent. (...)

(...) The AIDS peril is now corroding the continent. Even the economy is being eaten by **it**. The workforce is weakened, job creation is compromised, profitability is reduced and development efforts imperilled. Families are blown away and tragically, it is the children who shoulder the burden. All over the continent, thousands of kids have to grow up without daddy or mummy. To lose one or both parents is to face a childhood of suffering and pain. That's why **they** end up suffering neglect at the hands of guardians of the community.

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**I. READING COMPREHENSION (08 points)**

A. Background explorations : (01 point)

What do the following abbreviations stand for ?

- 1. AIDS .....
- 2. HIV .....

B. Multiple choice questions : (01 pt = 0,5 x 2)

- 3. As for Pathé, AIDS is a fiction because :
  - a. It only attacks poor people.
  - b. It has no cure.
  - c. It is a capitalistic invention.
  - d. It is a consequence of witchcraft.
- 4. Some people in Africa deliberately contaminate others because :
  - a. They don't know they have the virus.
  - b. They refuse to be the sole victims.
  - c. They consider the virus as an asset to share.
  - d. They are illiterate.

C. Matching Write in the second column the numbers of the paragraphs corresponding to the given titles : (02 pts= 0,5 x 4)

Titles	Paragraph numbers
5. the grim reality	
6. a call for tough measures	
7. wickedness or ignorance	
8. AIDS : a faked reality	

D. Referencing : What or Who do the following words refer to ? (01 pt = 0,25x4)

- 9. It (it's said to be witchcraft) (l. 5) .....
- 10. He (l. 15) .....
- 11. It (l. 17) .....
- 12. They (l. 21) .....

E. Vocabulary in context : Find in the text synonyms for these words. (01,5 pts= 0,5 x 3)

- 13. A strategy (paragraph 1) : .....
- 14. To punish, or denounce severely (paragraph 3) : .....
- 15. A danger (paragraph 4) : .....

F. Sentence completion : Complete the following by referring to the text (01,5 pts = 0,5 x3)

- 16. If Pathé weren't too skeptical, he .....
- 17. Children who lose one or both parents .....
- 18. African authorities should incite medical authorities to lift medical confidentiality since .....

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**II. LINGUISTIC COMPETENCE (06 points)**

G. Choose the correct answers a), b), c) or d) : (02 points)

- 19. We are looking forward ..... a remedy against HIV.  
 a) to have                      b) to have had                      c) to having                      d) having
- 20. We wish Ali ..... the AIDS virus from blood transfusion last year.  
 a) didn't catch                      b) hadn't caught                      c) doesn't catch                      d) wouldn't catch
- 21. Had he used condoms, he ..... an HIV positive.  
 a) wouldn't have been                      b) would be                      c) won't have been                      d) shouldn't be
- 22. It is the first time I ..... about AIDS.  
 a) have heard                      b) hear                      c) heard                      d) had heard

H. Rewrite the sentences using the prompts below : (02 pts = 0,5 x 4)

- 23. Even the economy is being eaten by it.  
 It .....
- 24. Pathé is so silly ! That's why he defends such ideas about AIDS.  
 If .....
- 25. Unless authorities take tough measures, the situation will worsen.  
 If .....
- 26. "He doesn't believe in AIDS" ; I regret it.  
 I wish .....

I. Ask the question corresponding to the underlined words (one question in each sentence) (01 pt)

- 27. They should invite the medical community to initiate ethical discussions towards lifting the medical confidentiality.
- 28. "All this stuff about AIDS is just a means to promote the white man's business interest".

J. Reordering : Reorder these jumbled words so as to make a meaningful correct sentence : (01 pt)

29. HIV / be / babies / of / virus / even / victims / may / the. (9 words)

**III. ESSAY Choose one topic and write about 150 words (06 points)**

- 1) In this text, Pathé is arguing that AIDS is a fiction. Do you share his viewpoint? Explain why.
- 2) AIDS is sometimes considered a punishment from God. Do you agree with that ? Why or why not ?

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**ANSWEER KEY**

**I- READING COMPREHENSION**

**(08 pts)**

*A- Background explorations :*

**(01 pt)**

- 1. AIDS = acquired immune deficiency syndrome
- 2. HIV = human immuno-deficiency virus

*B- Multiple choice questions :*

**(01 pt = 0,5 x 2)**

- 3. : **c**) It is a capitalistic invention.
- 4. : **b**) They refuse to be the sole victims.

*C- Matching*

**(02 pts = 0,5 x 4)**

Titles	Paragraph numbers
5. the grim reality	4
6. a call for tough measures	3
7. wickedness or ignorance	2
8. AIDS : a faked reality	1

*D- Referencing*

**(01 pt = 0,25 x 4)**

- 9. It (it's said to be witchcraft)... = death
- 10. He (he is infected by HIV / AIDS = "a person")
- 11. It (even the economy is being eaten by it) AIDS
- 12. They (they end up suffering neglect) =(thousands of) kids

*E- Vocabulary*

**(01,5 pts= 0,5 x 3)**

- 13. a means
- 14. to castigate
- 15. a peril

*F- Sentence completion (possible answers)*

**(01,5 pts = 0,5 x 3)**

- 16. If Pathé weren't too skeptical, he would know that AIDS really exists.
- 17. Children who lose one or both parents suffer a lot are neglected.
- 18. African authorities should incite medical authorities to lift medical confidentiality since some people deliberately contaminate others.

**II- LINGUISTIC COMPETENCE**

**(06 Points = 01,5 pts x 4)**

*G- Choose the correct answers*

**(02 pts)**

- 19. c
- 20. b
- 21. a
- 22. a

*H- Rewrite the sentences using the prompts below*

**(02 pts = 0,5 x 4)**

- 23. It is eating up even the economy
- 24. If Pathé weren't such a silly boy, he wouldn't defend such ideas. (accept wasn't)
- 25. If authorities don't take tough measures, the situation will worsen.
- 26. I wish he believed in AIDS.( or would believe )

*I- Ask the questions corresponding to the underlined words*

**(01 pt = 0,5 pt x 2)**

- 27. What should they invite the medical community to do ?
- 28. Whose business interest is all this stuff about AIDS just a means to promote ?

*J- Reordering*

**(01 pt)**

- 29. Even babies may be victims of the HIV virus. (9 words)

**III- ESSAY WRITING**

: Left to the appreciation of teachers. **(06 pts)**