

LANGUE VIVANTE IIEpreuve du 1<sup>er</sup> groupeANGLAISEMPTY SEAS : EUROPE TAKES AFRICA'S FISH, AND BOATLOADS OF MIGRANTS FOLLOW

1 **Kayar, Senegal** - Alé Ndoye, the son and grandson of fishermen in this northern Senegalese  
2 village, said that for the past six years he caught barely enough fish to buy fuel for his boat. So he jumped  
3 at the chance for a new beginning. He volunteered to captain a wooden canoe full of 87 Africans to the  
4 Canary Islands in the hope of making their way illegally to Europe.

5 The 2006 voyage ended badly. He and his passengers were arrested and deported. His cousin died  
6 on a similar mission not long afterward.

7 Last year, roughly 31,000 Africans tried to reach the Canary Islands, a prime transit point to  
8 Europe, in more than 900 boats. About 6,000 died or disappeared, according to one estimate cited by the  
9 United Nations...

10 Many scientists agree. A vast flotilla of industrial ships from the European Union, China, Russia  
11 and elsewhere, together with an abundance of local boats have so thoroughly scoured northwest Africa's  
12 ocean that major fish populations and habitat have been devastated....

13 "The sea is being emptied "said Moctar BA, a consultant who once led research programs for  
14 Mauritania and West Africa...

15 In 2002 a scientific report commissioned by the European Union stated that the biomass of  
16 important species had declined by three fourths in 15 years, a finding the author said should " cause  
17 significant alarm"...

18 "Before, my whole family could live on what we caught in one pirogue" said Ndiaye Diouf, 28,  
19 whose Senegalese family sold their pirogue \$500(dollars) to pay for an illegal and ultimately unsuccessful  
20 voyage to Spain. Now even five pirogues would not be enough."

21 Overfishing is hardly limited to African waters. Worldwide, the United Nations Food and  
22 Agriculture Organization estimates that 75 percent of fish stocks are overfished or fished to their  
23 maximum...

24 Sid Ahmed Ould Abeid who leads a Mauritanian association of small fishermen said:

25 "The E.U has the money, so it has the power ... We can't compete with the European Union".

26 "I don't know a government in the region that can say no. This is good money, and they need it"  
27 said Mr Chavance, a French scientist.

28 In fact, little development has taken place since the European Union signed its first fish deal with  
29 a West African nation in 1979. The huge economic benefits that come from processing and exporting the  
30 catch remain firmly in European hands. Fabiozo Donatello, who heads the European Union unit that  
31 negotiates fishing deals says : "Ultimately, African governments must protect and manage their own  
32 resources".

By Sharon LAFRANIERE  
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**LANGUE VIVANTE II**

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

**A/ Choose the right answer by ticking one letter a, b, c or d. (0.5 marks)**

1. The text is taken from :

- a) a speech
- b) a newspaper
- c) a theatre play
- d) a documentary

**B/ The tone of the text is : (0.5 marks)**

2.  humoristic  tragic  desperation  pathetic.

**C/ Find in the text two (2) expressions which illustrate this tone. (1 mark)**

3.....  
4.....

**D/ Say whether these statements are RIGHT ( R ) or WRONG (W) Tick the appropriate box. Justify your answers by quoting a specific passage from the text. (2 marks)**

5. Overfishing is practised only in Northwest Africa's ocean. R W

6. Most of the profit drawn from overfishing goes to African governments R W

**E / Fill in the blanks with words taken from the text. (one word for each blank) (2marks)**

Despite the alarm given by the International Scientific Community, our governments keep on signing new.....  
 7  
 and more.....  
 8  
 of vital aquatic resources, making our fishermen poorer and poorer, big numbers of people desperately try to go on .....  
 9  
 immigration to Europe. This dramatic phenomenon is extremely harmful and needs to be stopped because it does not contribute to any real sustainable .....  
 10  
 for Africa

**G. Read the text again and complete this table. (2 marks : 0.5 each)**

CHARACTERS	ISSUES RAISED	CONSEQUENCES / RESULTS	SOLUTIONS ENVISAGED
ALE	11 .....	12 .....	Sailing across the ocean
DONATELLO	13 .....	Benefits kept in Europe.	14 .....

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**II. LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE** (06 marks)

**A. Two Senegalese teenagers are discussing the phenomenon of overfishing:  
Complete their conversation. (3 marks)**

15. Alioune : .....?   
Samba : Well, it consists in fishing excessively. In other words, you fish more than you should.

16. Alioune : .....?   
Samba : Because our governments need money.  
No contract, no money ! Yes ! That's it !

17. Alioune : .....?   
Samba : It's the European Union's.  
"They've got the money!"

**B. A journalist of TIME Magazine is interviewing a member of one family in Kayar which sold their pirogue. Formulate his three questions according to these suggested answers. (2 marks)**

18. .... ?(Ndiaye Diouf's)

19. ....?( to pay for an illegal and unsuccessful voyage to Spain)

**C. Complete this passage with the right form of the words in parentheses. (1 mark)**

Over the past few years, there has been a huge number of ..... (die) in the oceans. Consequently  
the spirit of ..... (compete) born from the desire to migrate is dying out.

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**III. WRITING** (06 marks)

**Choose ONE of the following topics and write about 150 to 200 words.**

22. "Ultimately, African governments must protect and manage their own resources". Comment on this statement.

23. Illegal immigration has become a serious problem in Senegal. You Tapha or Maïmouna, write a letter to the Minister of home Affairs to suggest solutions.

LANGUE VIVANTE IIANSWER KEYI. READING COMPREHENSION

(08 marks)

A. Choose the right answer

(0.5 mark)

1. b)

B. The tone of the text is :

(0.5 mark)

2. desperation

C. Two expressions :

(1 mark : 0.5 each)

3. can't compete/the caught bauly enough fish.

4. Before my whole family.....now...could not be enough..

D. Right or Wrong

(1.5 marks : 0.5 each)

5. **Wrong** : "Overfishing is hardly limited to African waters. Worldwide..... maximum."6. **Wrong** : "The huge economic benefits that come from processing and exporting the catch remain firmly in European hands."E. Cloze passage

(1 mark : 0.25 each)

7. deals

8. emptied

9. illegal

10. development

G. Information transfer

(2 marks : 0.5 each)

11. insufficient catch or quantity of fish – inadequate catch or quantity of fish.

12. incapacity to buy fuel – impossibility to buy fuel.

13. fishing deals – little or weak development.

14. protection and management of resources.

II. LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE

(06 marks)

A. Conversation (Suggested questions. Others may be accepted provided they are correct and meaningful)

(1.5 marks : 0.5 each)

15. Alioune : Samba tell me "What's overfishing ?"

Can you tell me what overfishing is ?

16. Alioune : So why do our governments sign / negotiate these awful } fishing deals ?  
bad }

17. Alioune : Whose profit / benefit is it really ?

B. Asking questions

(1.5 marks : 0.5 each)

18. **Whose** family sold their pirogue (500 dollars to pay for an illegal and unsuccessful voyage to Spain) ?19. **Why** did Ndiaye Diouf's family sell their pirogue 500 dollars? / **What** did Ndiaye Diouf's family sell their pirogue **for** ?D. Derivation

(0.5 mark : 0.25 each)

20. deaths

21. competition

III. WRITING

(06 marks)

\* **Understanding of topic** (1 mark)\* **Relevance of ideas** (1 mark)\* **Coherence of text** (1 mark)\* **Originality of ideas** (1 mark)\* **Accuracy** (1 mark)\* **Clarity of ideas** (1 mark)