



LANGUE VIVANTE II

Epreuve du 2^{ème} groupe

ANGLAIS

Adolescence – even under the best circumstances – can be a turbulent time. During puberty, young ones are assaulted by new feelings and emotions. They face daily pressures from teachers and **peers**. They are exposed to the relentless influence of TV, movies, the music industry, and the Internet. A United Nations report thus describes adolescence as “a
5 period of transition commonly characterized by stress and anxiety”.

Unfortunately, young ones are often too inexperienced to handle stress and anxiety in a positive way. Without proper guidance, **they** can easily fall into destructive forms of behaviour. For example, the UN report says : “Research shows **the onset of drug abuse** often occurs during adolescence or young adulthood”. **The same** can be said for other forms
10 of misbehaviour, such as violence and promiscuous sex.

Parents who dismiss such things as happening only among “the poor” or certain ethnic groups often prove to be sadly mistaken. The problems young ones are experiencing today cut across economic, social, and racial lines. “If you think ‘juvenile delinquent’ only means a 17-year-old minority male from the inner city whose impoverished mother is on welfare, you
15 haven’t been paying attention lately”, writes author Scott Walter. “Today’s problem child can be white, he can live in a middle-to upper-middle-class home, he can just be under (far under) age 16, and he can just as easily be **a she**”.

Why, though, are so many young ones at risk? Did not youths of past generations also face challenges and temptations? Yes, but we live in a period that the Bible describes as
20 “critical times hard to deal with”. There are circumstances and pressures affecting youths that are unique to this particular time of history...

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I. COMPREHENSION (07,5 points)

A. Multiple choice : choose the right answer

(01,5 pt : 0,5 pt each)

1) **The most suitable title for this text is :**

- a. Young people and drugs.
- b. The pressures facing today's youths.
- c. Adolescence and early pregnancies.

2) **“peers”, in the text, means :**

- a. People who are the same age.
- b. People who are from different age groups.
- c. People who are addicted to drugs.

3) **“... the onset of drug abuse...” means :**

- a. The use of drugs.
- b. The addiction to different drugs.
- c. The beginning of drug abuse.

B. Contextual reference : What do the underlined words in the indicated paragraph refer to? (01,5 pt : 0,5 for each)

4) **“The same can be said for...” (paragraph 2) :** _____

5) **“... and he can just as easily be a she”. (paragraph 3) :** _____

6) **“...they can easily fall into...” (paragraph 2) :** _____

C. True/False : justify by quoting the text (03 points : 01 point each)

7) There is no link between teenagers and means of communication.

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8) Immature young people find it hard to deal with stress and anxiety.

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9) Drug abuse, violence and promiscuity are caused only by poverty.

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D. Fill in the passage with words from the text (01,5 point : 0,5 point each)

Today's adolescents face multiple (10) _____ from school, their mates and society. Violence, drugs and promiscuity are some sorts of (11) _____ among young people. It is during the period of (12) _____ that they are newly marked by some feelings and emotions.

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E Find the questions corresponding to the underlined words (0,5 each)

13) Young ones can't handle stress and anxiety.

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14) Teenagers behave badly now.

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F Word derivation : Transform the words in parentheses and use each one to fill in the gaps (01,5 point : 0,5 point each)

15) Nowadays, teenagers often experience _____ problems. (emotion)

16) _____ brings about social and economic plights. (poor)

17) TV, films and the internet _____ cultures and values. (destructive)

G Blank-Filling : Put the verbs in brackets in the correct form or tense (02 points : 0,5 point each)

18) Young people _____ educational problems, wouldn't they?
(to experience)

19) She enjoyed _____ to music. (to listen)

20) It's high time we _____ solutions to the issue. (to find)

21) If he _____ the doctor, he would have given up drugs. (to see)

H Sentence Reformulation : Rewrite these sentences starting as indicated (02 points : 0,5 point each)

22) "Research shows that the onset of drug abuse often occurs in adolescence".

- He said _____

23) I am sorry I don't have much information on contraceptives.

- I wish I _____

24) Young ones are assaulted by new feelings and emotions.

- New feelings and emotions _____

25) If they don't watch TV, teenagers won't be influenced.

- Unless they _____

III. ESSAY WRITING : Choose one of these topics (06 points)

1. Juvenile delinquency : what do you think the solutions are?

2. Young people are under the influence of television, films and the Internet.
Comment on this statement.

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1. : b

2. : a

3. : c

B. Contextual reference (01,5 point)

4. (« Research shows that) the onset of drug abuse...young adulthood ».

5. "Today's problem child"

6. "young ones"

C. True / False : Justifications (03 points)

7. False : "They are exposed to the relentless...and the Internet". (l3-4)

8. true : "...young ones are often too inexperienced to handle stress..." (l 7-8)

9. False : "the problems young ones are experiencing...racial lines" (l 14-15)

D. Cloze (01,5 point)

10. pressures

11. misbehaviour

12. puberty

II. LINGUISTIC COMPETENCE (06,5 points)**E Asking questions (01 point)**

13 What can't young people handle?

14 How do teenagers behave now?

F Word derivation (01,5 point)

15. emotional

16. Poverty

17 destroy

G Blank filling (02 points)

18. Would experience

19. Listening

20. found

21.had seen

H Sentence reformulation (02 points)

22. He said that research showed the onset of drug abuse often occurred in adolescence.

23. I wish I had much information on contraceptives.

24. New feelings and emotions assault young ones.

25. Unless they watch TV, teenagers won't be influenced.

III. ESSAY WRITING (06 points)**IV. Ideas relevant to topic (2pts)- Cohesion and coherence (2pts)
Accuracy(2pts)**