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**ANGLAIS LV II**

Living free from violence is a human right, yet millions of women and girls suffer disproportionately from violence both in peace and in war, at the hands of the state, at home and in the community. Across the globe, women are beaten, raped, mutilated, and killed with impunity. Gender-based violence comes from the failure of governments and societies to recognize the human rights of women. It is rooted in global culture of discrimination, which denies women equal rights with men and legitimizes the appropriation of women's bodies for individual gratification or political ends. Every day, all over the world, women face gender specific persecution including genital mutilation, sexual slavery, forced prostitution, and domestic violence. At least one out of three women worldwide has been beaten, forced into sex, or otherwise abused in her lifetime.

Violence against women encourages discrimination and reinforces it. When women are abused in detention, raped by armed forces or terrorized by violence at home, unequal power relations between men and women are both manifested and enforced. Discrimination accentuates violence against women in terms of race, ethnicity, sexual identity, social status, class, and age. Such multiple forms of discrimination further restrict women's choices, increase their vulnerability to violence, and make it even harder for women to obtain justice.

States have the obligation to prevent, protect against, and punish violence against women whether perpetrated by private or public actors. States must show their leadership and responsibility in protecting individuals from human rights abuses. Yet such violence is often ignored and rarely punished. Too often, no one is held accountable for these crimes. With your help, we can hold states and perpetrators responsible and end this cycle of violence against women.

*Adapted from <https://www.amnestyusa.org/themes/womens-rights/violence-against-women/>*

**I. READING COMPREHENSION: 08 marks**

A) Choose (✓) the correct answer: a), b) or c).

(1 x 1 = 01 mark)

1. A good title for this text could be:

- a) *Men against Women;*
- b) *Violence against Women;*
- c) *Underestimation of Women.*

B) Match each of the following ideas with the corresponding paragraph.

(0.5 x 3 = 01.5 marks)

Ideas	Paragraph numbers
2. Countries' Responsibility to Protect Women	Paragraph n°
3. Women as Victims of Multiple Forms of Violence	Paragraph n°
4. Consequences of Injustice against Women	Paragraph n°

C) Complete this table with appropriate information from the text:

(0.5 x 4 = 02 marks)

Two types of violence against women	Two institutions which don't recognize women's rights
5.	7.
6.	8.

D) Choose (✓) TRUE or FALSE and justify with a specific passage from the text:

(1 x 2 = 02 marks)

9. Violence against women exists everywhere in the world: True

False



10. The majority of countries punish people who violate women's rights: True  False



E) Find synonyms of these words in the indicated paragraphs:

(0.5 x 3 = 01.5 marks)

11. segregation = \_\_\_\_\_ (parag1)

12. to limit = \_\_\_\_\_ (parag2)

13. responsible for = \_\_\_\_\_ (parag3)

**II. LINGUISTIC and COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE: 06 marks**

F) Choose the best options in brackets to fill in the gaps:

(0.5 x 4 = 02 marks)

At the present time, a lot of women (14) \_\_\_\_\_ (*are suffering/suffer/will suffer*) from different types of violence. Last week, for example, a little girl from my village (15) \_\_\_\_\_ (*took/was taken/has taken*) to hospital for treatment after being mutilated.

According to a local feminist association, violence against women (16) \_\_\_\_\_ (*already causes/will already cause/has already caused*) dozens of victims this year. Therefore, according to women's rights activists, the people who commit those crimes (17) \_\_\_\_\_ (*must/might/would*) be imprisoned to dissuade all forms of violence.

G) A woman who is regularly beaten by her violent husband now wants divorce. Her best friend advises her not to do so. Complete this extract of their conversation, meaningfully:

(0.5 x 4 = 02 marks)

Woman: My friend, I've been very enduring with my husband's violence but now, I am fed up!

Friend: What's wrong with him?

Woman: Every day, he (18) \_\_\_\_\_ (*beat*) me brutally for no reason. And I am not his slave. I think I am going to get divorced soon.

Friend: Divorced?! That isn't a good idea, (19) \_\_\_\_\_ it? As a wife and mother, you should be patient and pray to God that he should change, one day. Please, think of your children.

Woman: I do think of my kids! But I cannot keep on (20) \_\_\_\_\_ (*endure*) his cruelty eternally. Also, it's absolutely impossible to give him satisfaction!

Friend: Yeah! But we are in Africa. And here, women must obey their husbands, no matter what.

Woman: I (21) \_\_\_\_\_ suffering from his terrible beatings for 5 years. Enough!

Friend: You are right, but just try to be more courageous. Someday, you will not regret it.

Woman: Ok, I will think it over, my dear. Thank you so much for your advice.

H) Put the words in parentheses in their correct forms:

(0.5 x 4 = 02 marks)

Violence against women is one of the most serious social problems that humanity has to solve today. Many feminist associations are doing their best to (22) \_\_\_\_\_ (*eradication*) the multiple forms of (23) \_\_\_\_\_ (*discriminate*) that women are confronted with. According to these women's rights activists, it is high time all governments (24) \_\_\_\_\_ (*vote*) dissuasive laws against gender-based violence. If the people who perpetrate those crimes know that they will be (25) \_\_\_\_\_ (*severe*) punished for any human right violation, they will stop maltreating women.

**III. WRITING: 06 marks**

Choose **ONE** topic and write about 150 words on it.

**Topic 1**: Violence against women is very banal now in our society. Write a letter to the Minister of Justice to denounce the causes and consequences of this phenomenon. Suggest some solutions to the problem.

**Topic 2**: Fatu, a Senegalese woman, is a victim of domestic violence. She is discussing her situation with her friend, Awa. Write their conversation.