

Épreuve du 2^{ème} groupeANGLAIS

Wherever you go in Senegal, fish is always on the menu. Not only is it an important part of the diet **here**, it's also a crucial way of people making a living. But the local fishermen are now returning home with smaller and smaller catches.

Many people here are pointing fingers at the big, sophisticated foreign boats which are allowed to fish in Senegalese waters. The government says it has taken steps to solve these difficulties and has reduced the number of European boats fishing in Senegal. But that reassurance cuts little ice here.

Abdoul Aziz Dieng has fished all his adult life. Now, though, things look very bad. "There is a real shortage of fish", he says. "All our revenues come from fish. If there is a shortage, it affects all areas of everyday life. Things are very hard and I don't have enough money to look after my family". It's not just the fishermen who are complaining. The women who dry and smoke the fish are also suffering. Codou Diop is one of **them**. She says there has been a real reduction in activity because of the shortage of fish. Not so long ago, they used to sell hundreds of boxes of fish, but now they only sell a few.

But the industry has more than just foreign ships to worry about. Despite the shortage of fish, there is an increasing abundance of fishermen. A lot of people have moved to towns such as Kayar to escape hard times in other sectors, like agriculture. And then there is the poor infrastructure. Many people cannot pay for the refrigeration or transport necessary to sell their fish in more lucrative urban markets. So, paradoxically, some fishermen are obliged to throw fish away – at a time when it is very hard to catch them in the first place.

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I. READING COMPREHENSION: 08 marks

A. Read the text and tick (✓) the correct answer from options a), b) or c).

(01 mark)

1. A good title for this text could be:

- a) *Crisis in the Senegalese Fishery Industry;*
 b) *Solutions to the Shortage of Fish in Senegal;*
 c) *Fishing Problems in Kayar.*

2. "The government says it has taken... But that reassurance cuts little ice here." (L. 5-7) means:

- a. *Despite the government's measures, fishermen are still worried;*
 b. *The government's measures have aggravated the situation;*
 c. *Now the situation is better as a result of the government's measures.*

B. Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE? Justify your answer with a text passage.

(03 marks)

3. The foreign ships are illegally fishing in Senegalese waters.



4. Some farmers are now joining localities where fishing is the predominant activity.



5. Part of the fish already caught is never consumed.



C. The difficulties in the fishery industry are caused by many factors, including the presence of foreign boats. List three (3) other problems that are mentioned in the text. (01.5 marks)

- 6. _____
- 7. _____
- 8. _____

D. Write Codou Diop or Abdoul Aziz Dieng in front of the opinions they express in the text. (01.5 marks)

Codou or Abdoul	Opinions expressed in the text
8.	"Financially speaking, we are totally dependent on fish."
9.	"We do less good business than in the past."
10.	"Fish is more and more difficult to catch."

E. WHAT or WHO do the words underlined in the text refer to? (01 mark)

- 11. "here" (Line 2): _____
- 12. "them" (Line 12): _____

II. LINGUISTIC and COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE : 06 marks

F. In the passage below, choose the correct verb forms to fill in the blanks. (02 marks)

Abdoulaye Diop is a fisherman who lives in Kayar. He said that if the government had **13.** _____ (*consulted/consulting*) them before signing the contracts with European boats, they would have made a few useful amendments. Many of them believe that the government is hiding something. They think that the authorities are not **14.** _____ (*telling/saying*) them the truth about the contracts. Besides, the fishermen reproach the government of **15.** _____ (*never inviting them/inviting them never*) to participate in the negotiations. They wish the authorities **16.** _____ (*give/gave*) them more consideration.

G. In each of the statements listed below, indicate which notion is expressed: "Condition," "Cause," "Advice," "Purpose" or "Contrast": (02 marks)

Statements	Notions
17. The government has reduced the number of foreign boats in order to solve the problem of fish shortage.	
18. The situation will be more complicated unless the government takes appropriate measures.	
19. Despite the shortage of fish, there is an increasing abundance of fishermen.	
20. She says there has been a real reduction in activity because of the shortage of fish.	

H. Reorder these sets of jumbled words into meaningful sentences: (02 marks)

- 21. are getting organized / to the crisis. / to find solutions / Local fishermen
 ☞ _____
- 21. Fishery Industry. / The Government / jobs / has promised / to preserve / in the
 ☞ _____

III. WRITING: 06 marks

Choose ONE topic and write about 100 words.

Topic 1: The numerous problems in the Fishery Industry are killing jobs and destroying families of fishermen. Abdoulaye Diop is the President of a local Fishermen's Organization. He is writing a letter to the Minister of Fishery to protest against the situation and to suggest solutions. Imagine and write Abdoulaye's letter.

Topic 2: Today, in the 21st Century, most Senegalese fishermen are still using traditional, rudimentary equipment. What do you think of such a situation? Propose a few solutions for a more modernized Fishery Industry.