



ANGLAIS

“ALL I WANTED WAS TO GET MY MAIL”

5 "I will never forget that Monday morning at the post office," said Andre, a white South African born man living in Namibia. "The place was jam-packed with people. I saw a suspicious bag left unattended nearby. I asked for my mail and left. After driving for about three minutes, I heard a tremendous blast. I later learned that a bomb had exploded a few meters from where I had been standing."

10 " All I wanted was to get my mail," explained Andre; "But to realize later that innocent people, a number of whom I knew, were blown to pieces was a great shock. I still shudder, even though **this** occurred over 25 years ago. At times, I have recollections of the carnage. I later saw and realized how close to death I came."

15 While **you** may never come that close to such an attack, you have likely heard that similar incidents are occurring often around the world. More and more people are resorting to violence, commonly called terrorist acts, to achieve their aim.

20 An investigative journalist found that in 1997 there were only four countries where a sustained campaign of suicide attacks had taken place. But in 2008 this same researcher wrote that "more than thirty countries located on every continent save for Australia and Antarctica have experienced the devastating consequences of suicide attacks." He concluded that such attacks are "executed by more and more organizations, which kill a greater number of people every year."

25 Consider the attack referred to at the outset. The group that took responsibility for planting the bomb considered themselves freedom fighters. They were striving to gain independence from the government that then ruled their country. But what motivates people to do such things to achieve their goals?

Clearly, the issues are complex. Having a better understanding of them will help you realize what has to be achieved if mankind is ever to see an end to such violence.

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I. READING COMPREHENSION (8 marks)

A. Another title for the text could be : (0,5 mark)

- a The globalization of terrorism.
- b Terrorism and suicide attacks 1 : -----
- c Terrorism and development.
- d The fight against terrorism

B. Write true or false after these statements, then justify with relevant passages from the text. (1x3=03 marks)

- 2) Suicide bombing has always been a worldwide phenomenon.

- 3) The motivations of suicide attacks are clear and easy to understand.

- 4) The suicide attack was a response to South African occupation of the country.

C. Find in the text words which approximately mean the same as : (0.5x3 = 1.5 mark)

- 5) not looked after (paragraph 1) :-----
- 6) memories (paragraph 2) :-----
- 7) to try very hard (paragraph 5) :-----

D. What or who do the following words refer to? (0.5 x 2 = 1 mark)

- 8 **this** occurred (line 8) :-----
- 9) While **you** may never come (line 10) :-----

E / Complete the following paragraph meaningfully with words taken from the text.**(0.5x4=2 marks)**

Terror is spreading throughout the world. But many groups consider themselves to be-----10----- not -----11----- because they are fighting against the occupation of their country. But why do people -----12----- to suicide attacks? Whatever their motivations, their actions often result in -----13-----because a lot of people are killed.

II. COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE**(6 marks)****F / DIALOGUE** (2 marks)

Modibo and Toumani are from Mali. They are discussing the attack of their country by terrorist groups and the threat it poses against Sub-Saharan countries. Complete their dialogue meaningfully.

Modibo: You've probably heard of a gas field attack in Algeria last week, -----14-----?

Toumani: Yes, I have. It was reported in the news.

Modibo : Several hostages -----15----- by the terrorists who wanted to show their discontent with the French military intervention in Mali. This shows that it is time Africans set up a common army to secure our countries.

Toumani: You are right, we Africans had better -----16----- charge of the fight against terrorism and not leave it to the Europeans.

Modibo: But it depends-----17----- the political will of our leaders who ought to make of African unity a priority

G / Complete the passage below by giving the right forms of the words between, brackets**(0.5 x 5=2.5 marks)**

Injustice and -----18----- (oppress) can sometimes become ----- 19----- (bear) and lead people to terrorism. But nowadays a lot of terrorist groups engage in violence for -----20-- (religion) reasons. Many people become violent when they are -----21----- (segregation) on the basis of their race, religion or -----22----- (nation).

H / just after the accident mentioned in the text, Andre declared to the press:

"I will never forget this day"

"All I wanted was to get my mail and join friends who were waiting for me "

"This is another illustration of how cruel human beings can be"

A few days after the tragic accident, Bob, one of the journalists reports the story to his wife:

That man was so upset. He told us that he -----.

He added that all he wanted was to get -----.

He concluded by saying that -----.

III. WRITING (6 marks)**Topic 1**

Do you agree with those who say that terrorists are just bandits and drug traffickers ? Give your reasons.

Topic 2

Complete this discussion between Rama and Ousmane about terrorism.

Ousmane : Don't be naive. A world without terrorism is not possible.

Rama : I don't agree with you. I think-----