



LANGUE VIVANTE I

Epreuve du 1^{er} groupe

ANGLAIS

Africa's Female politicians

Africa has continued to achieve great successes in many areas, including economic and social accomplishments; however, for a long time, women in Africa have been left behind. **This** is true especially when it comes to key issues such as politics and development. Unlike their male counterparts, in order to be where they are today, a lot of women politicians in Africa have had to overcome many challenges such as social stigma and economic obstacles. In Africa, it is said that a woman belongs to the kitchen. Nevertheless, successful African women politicians have been trying to change this narrative to prove that women can also succeed in politics and be good leaders.

In most cases, women who venture into politics often have less money than their male peers, and some are even abused based on their body orientation and private lives. Evidence has shown that African female politicians have played a key role in redefining the politics of their respective countries, as well as the entire continent. **This enormous contribution** has gone a long way to shape the political landscape of African nations. For meaningful development to be achieved, women have to be involved since they constitute a majority of the population. They also need to be part of making decisions that directly affect the population.

It is encouraging to see how many women have ventured into politics thanks to increased political awareness, re-awakening, and empowerment of the feminine gender. Despite facing discrimination and humiliation, African women politicians are no longer political spectators. Most of these Africa's female politicians have gone through enormous challenges in order to realize their political achievements. **Many** have also been involved with women empowerment agenda, which is to better the lives of young African girls. Their stories of resilience prove that they have met their political objectives despite having personal challenges, limited resources, and support at their disposal

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I. COMPREHENSION (08 marks)

**A. Refer to paragraphs 1 and 3 and complete the chart below with adequate information.
(0.5 X 5 = 2.5 marks)**

Africa's Female politicians ...	face three obstacles	and two types of achievements
	1. _____	4. _____
2. _____	5. _____	
3. _____		

**B. Find in the indicated paragraphs words similar in meaning to the ones in brackets.
(0.5 X 4 = 2 marks)**

To reach the development goals of international institutions such as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, African societies have often (6) (**surmounted** =) _____ (Parag.1) traditional stigma. In spite of these social (7) (**difficulties**) _____ (Parag.1), some prominent African female figures have managed to become great leaders. Over the past few decades, their role in decision-making has been (8) (**considerable**) _____ (Parag.2). Now there is enough (9) (**proof** =) _____ (Parag.3) that they are fully involved in the political management of their nations.

**C. Statement (10) is False and statement (11) is True. Justify each one with relevant information from the text.
(1 X 2 = 2 marks)**

10. In most African societies, women's participation in politics and economic development has always been encouraged.

Justification: _____

11. Raising Africans' consciousness has contributed a lot to women's involvement in politics.

Justification: _____

D. What do the underlined words in the text refer to? 0.5 X 3 = 1.5 mark)

12. **This** (parag.1): _____

13. **This enormous contribution** (parag.2): _____

14. **Many** (parag.3): _____

II. LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE (06 marks)

**E. Complete the passage below with suitable words derived from the ones in brackets.
(0.5 X 4 = 2 marks)**

Africa's female politicians have achieved significant successes in various areas over the past few years. In spite of (15) _____ (**be**) discriminated, many African women have decided to participate in politics so as to (16) _____ (**power**) the feminine gender. Thanks to their (17) _____ (**commit**), they have managed to change the way they have been perceived. However, they need more (18) _____ (**involve**) in the decision-making processes that directly affect our societies.

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F. Complete this interview between a Journalist and a Female Politician meaningfully. (0.5 X 4 = 2 marks)

Journalist: Thank you Madam for accepting this interview!

Female Politician: (19) _____!

Journalist: We have noticed that you have made significant political advances. (20) How long _____?

Female Politician: Just five years.

Journalist: Amazing! How did you achieve so much in such a short time?

Female Politician: Well, we've been successful thanks to the determination of people who believe (21) _____ (**on-in-against-about**) our struggle.

Journalist: A lot of people still think that women are only fit for domestic chores. And if my memory serves me right, you once expressed a strong desire to become the president of this country, _____? (22)

Female Politician: You are quite right! In fact, I have never hidden my ambition to lead this nation.

G. Match the notions in the box with the functions in the chart. (0.5 X 4 = 2 marks)

Purpose – Comparison – Reproach – Contrast – Necessity

Functions	Notions
23. Unlike their male counterparts, a lot of women politicians in Africa have had to overcome many challenges such as social stigmas and economic setbacks.	_____
24. They also need to be part of making decisions that directly affect the population.	_____
25. Despite being discriminated and humiliated, African women politicians are no longer political spectators.	_____
26. Most of these Africa's female politicians have gone through enormous challenges in order to realize their political achievements.	_____

III. WRITING: (6 marks)

Choose one topic and write about 200 words on it.

TOPIC 1: Nafi, a very committed and ambitious politician is discussing Senegalese female politicians' achievements and successes with her husband Birahim who is completely against female leadership. Write out their dialogue.

TOPIC 2: In Africa, despite the great successes of women in different domains, some people still believe that the right place of a woman is at home. Do you share this opinion? Develop your ideas in a coherent way.