



LANGUE VIVANTE II

Epreuve du 1^{er} groupe

ANGLAIS

1 Olawale Abosede stood close to four other shy young Nigerian school girls to tell the reporters and camera crews how important it was for them to be educated.

2 Dressed in a red T-shirt, a black shirt and a black pair of shoes, Olawale stood proudly with her classmates from the High School in Ogun state in southwest Nigeria. The five were brought by the Oando Foundation to Lagos to exemplify the value of education in a country with the world's highest proportion of unschooled children.

3 Those less fortunate were back home helping their mothers and other traders of the markets of Ogun state. Those friends back home are some of the 10.5 million Nigerian children who do not attend school. The five girls were brought to Nigeria's former capital by the Oando Foundation which gives them student scholarships to sustain their education pursuits. "Investing in girl education is a smart thing to do", Olawale said. She spoke softly, stumbling over her words as the audience stared wide-eye at her.

4 But not everyone recognizes the relevance of educating the girls. More than half of those millions of Nigeria's children not attending school are girls. And the challenge to get girls in school is greatest in Nigeria's northern states where culture, tradition and the economy bar so many girls from getting a good education. More students start school, but many don't stay to graduate like Olawale and her friends do.

5 "When we now look at retention and completion, then in **those areas** you'll see that girls are still left behind," says Dr. Uwen Esiet. He says more girls are enrolled in primary education, but many don't stay for secondary school. The challenge is keeping **them** in the classroom, says Esiet, who is the director of a youth-focused NGO in Lagos, Action Health Incorporated.

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I. READING COMPREHENSION (8 marks)

A. Fill in the passage below using suitable words from the indicated paragraphs.

(2 marks)

Educating girls is a big (1) (paragraph 5) in the North of Nigeria. That's why the rate of (2) (paragraph 2) young girls is one of the highest in the world. Nevertheless, NGOs like the Oando Foundation help them with (3) (paragraph 3) to support their studies so that they can stay at school long enough to (4) (paragraph 4) from university.

B. Complete the following sentences meaningfully with information from the text.

(3 marks)

- 5. Uneducated young girls from Ogun state
- 6. Although many of them start learning,
- 7. According to Dr Esiet, the biggest challenge in girls' education is

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C. The following statements are **False**. Justify each option by quoting the text. (2 marks)

8. Girls' education is a common concern in Nigeria. **False**

9. Nigeria has made significant progress in girls' education. **False**

D. What or who do the following words refer to in the text? (1 mark)

10. Those areas (paragraph 5):

11. Them (Paragraph 5):

II. **LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE** (6 marks)

E. **Oliah and Jeni are both Nigerians. They are discussing young girls' education in Nigeria. Complete their conversation meaningfully. Do NOT copy the text! (2.5 marks)**

Oliah: Girls play an important role in the development process of a country.

Jeni: Absolutely!

Oliah: So, educating them is more than important, 12.?

Jeni: Of course. But unfortunately, in Nigeria, particularly in the northern states, millions of them are uneducated.

Oliah: How's that?

Jeni: 13

Oliah: It's a pity! The government 14.

Jeni: You are right, Oliah! 15 If they don't, !

F. Fill in the gaps with the right words from the box below. (1.5 mark)

Unless / But / Although / If / Despite

16. the government and NGOs don't help the girls, they will stay at school.

17. many students start school, most of them don't stay.

18. NGOs invest money in girl's education, many of them will not attend school.

G. Complete the passage below with the right form of the words in brackets. (2 mark)

If girls are without any education, society is in 19. (dangerous) and this situation will be very 20. (harm) to social progress.

III. **WRITING**:

Choose ONE of these topics and write about 100 to 150 words. (6 marks)

Topic 1: "If you educate a man, you educate one person. But if you educate a woman, you educate a nation". Do you agree? Why or why not?

Topic 2: Mr. Mbodji is a primary school teacher. He is trying to dissuade one schoolgirl's mother from taking her daughter out of school for domestic work. Write their conversation.