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LANGUE VIVANTE I**Epreuve du 1^{er} groupe****ANGLAIS****Suicide rate rises among young people**

5 The World Health Organization estimates that every 40 seconds, someone in the world ends their life. It is estimated that the method used for 20 per cent of global suicides is pesticide self-poisoning, most of which occur in rural agricultural areas in low- and middle-income countries. Other common methods of suicide are hanging and firearms. It's often difficult to imagine what led a friend, family member, or celebrity to commit suicide. There may be no warning signs, and you may wonder what clues you might have missed. Often, many factors combine to lead to a decision to commit suicide. It is often an act made during a storm of strong emotions and life stresses rather than after careful consideration.

10 While there are many factors which can influence a person's decision to commit suicide, the most common **one** is that the person has severe depression. A person is feeling great emotional pain but isn't able to see any way to relieve that pain other than ending her own life. Other mental illnesses besides depression can also play a role in suicide. For example, people with schizophrenia or other illnesses that produce psychosis might be hearing voices which command them to kill themselves. Drugs and alcohol can also influence a person who is feeling suicidal, making her more impulsive and likely to act upon her urges than she would be while sober. Use of drugs and alcohol can contribute to the other reasons why people commit suicide, such as the loss of jobs and relationships. As well, the rates of substance and alcohol abuse are higher among people with depression and other psychological disorders.

20 A person who has had a traumatic experience, including childhood sexual abuse, rape, physical abuse, or war trauma, is at a greater risk for suicide, even many years after the trauma. People who decide to commit suicide often state that their loved ones or the world, in general, would be better off without **them**. The person sees herself as a burden to others or feels worthless. A person can become socially isolated for many reasons, including losing friends or a spouse, physical or cerebral illness, social anxiety, retirement, or due to a move to a new location. This can lead to loneliness and other risk factors such as depression and substance abuse.

Adapted from a report By Nancy Schimelpfening/bbcnews.com.

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I- READING COMPREHENSION: (8 marks)

A- Read paragraphs 1 and 2 and complete the chart with relevant information. (0.5 X 4 = 2 marks)

Suicide among young people	Two reasons why people commit suicide	Two methods used to commit suicide
	1. _____ 2. _____	3. _____ 4. _____

B- The following statements are all FALSE. Justify them with specific passages from the text. (1 X 2 = 2 marks)

5. Committing suicide is always a premeditated act.

Justification: _____

6. People who commit suicide think that their death would be a great loss for their families.

Justification: _____

C- Fill in the gaps in this passage with words from the indicated paragraphs. (0.5 X 4 = 2 marks)

Hopelessness has been found in many studies to contribute to the decision to (7) _____ (parag.1) suicide. When people feel that they have lost all hope and they feel unable to change that, it can mask all the good things in their life. This may lead to some psychological disorders such as (8) _____ (parag.2) and social anxiety. They may be facing a social or (9) _____ (parag.3) challenge and see no way out. People with disorder may not be able to see this due to the pessimism and despair that are associated with this mental (10) _____ (parag.3).

D- Find in paragraph 2 the equivalent of the following situation. (1 X 1 = 1 mark)

Situation	Equivalent
11. People with mental illness with hallucinations might be receiving orders to commit suicide.	_____ _____

E- Who or what do the underlined words refer to in the text? (0.5 X 2 = 1 mark)

12. one (parag.2) _____ 13. them (parag.4) _____

II- LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE: (6 marks)

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

According to the World Health Organization, at least a million people are estimated to die(14) _____ (annual) from suicide worldwide. In fact, (15) _____ (suicide) behaviour is a major health concern in many countries. Most people often (16) _____ (explanation) these rising suicide trends by the loss of social cohesion, breakdown of traditional family structure, growing economic instability, unemployment and rising prevalence of depressive (17) _____ (orders).

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G- Match the statements with the functions/notions (N/F) they correspond to. (0.5 X 4 = 2 marks)

Possibility – Despair – Justification – Frequency – Correlation

Statements	N or F
18. People who decide to commit suicide often state that their loved ones or the world, in general, would be better off without them.	
19. The use of drugs and alcohol can contribute to the other reasons why people commit suicide.	
20. The more a person suffers from traumatic experience, social isolation and hopelessness, the greater the risks for suicide.	
21. When people feel that they have lost all hope and there is no way to change the situation, they commit suicide.	

H- Complete meaningfully this extract of an interview between a journalist and a psychologist on suicide. (0.5 X 4 = 2 marks)

Journalist: We have noticed that suicide rates rise among young people. What can make them commit such acts?

Psychologist: In fact, it is often motivated by (22) _____.

Journalist: According to non-specialists, acts of suicides are premeditated!

Psychologist: Putting an end to one's (23) _____ is never easy; that's why victims cannot contemplate it with sound judgement.

Journalist: As a prominent specialist, what advice can you give to avoid committing suicide to unemployed young people who are desperate and socially isolated?

Psychologist: Well, to my mind, (24) _____

III- **WRITING:** Select ONE topic and write about 200 words on it. (6 marks)

TOPIC 1: One of your neighbours has recently lost his job. He has got divorced after a dispute with his wife over financial issues. Now he is rejected by his loved ones. You are giving him/her advice and comfort. Write your conversation.

TOPIC 2: The use of drugs and alcohol can contribute to some of the reasons why people commit suicide. Are you for or against banning these substances? Develop your arguments in a coherent way.