

**LANGUE VIVANTE II****ANGLAIS**

Women are not just victims of violence. They have been working actively to gain better mechanisms to protect **themselves**. This has included successfully pushing for adoption of international treaties and instruments, such as the 1979 United Nation Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). That Convention obliges governments to change discriminatory practices and laws, including **those** that permit early marriage, bar women from inheriting property or relegate them to a secondary status.

It entered into force in 1981 and was officially established as a result. In 1992, it affirmed that violence against Women was “violence of their internationally recognized human right” and a “form of discrimination” that “nullified their right to freedom, security and life.”

The Convention asked governments to identify and end customs and practices that perpetuate violence against women. **It** urged them to conduct public education, create safe havens, and institute counselling and rehabilitation programs for victims, sensitize law –enforcement officials and draft relevant laws to protect women against all kinds of violence.

Adapted from <http://www.amnestyusa.org/themes/violence-against-women>

I. COMPREHENSION (8 marks)

A. 1. Choose the most appropriate title for the text. Tick a, b, or c (1 pt)

- a. Violence against women
- b. The prosperity of women in the world
- c. In defense of womens' rights

B. Find in the indicated paragraphs the synonyms of : (1.5 pts)

2. to obtain = _____ (Paragraph 1) 3. segregation = _____(parag. 2)

4. habits = _____(parag. 3)

C. Give the paragraph number corresponding to each idea (2 pts)

IDEAS	Paragraph Numbers
5. The recommendations of the Convention	
6. Successful actions taken by women	

D. The following statements are True. Justify each one with a specific quotation from the text. (2 pts)

7. There are laws that prevent women from inheriting property.

8. Women have been very active

D. What or who do the following words refer to in the text ? (1.5 marks)

9. **themselves** (line 2) = _____

10. **those** (line 5) = _____

11. **it** (line 12) = _____

II. LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE (6 marks)

E. Connect the beginning of the sentences in A to their endings in C using the items in B (2 marks)

A	B	C
12. Women have been victims of violence...	in order	..they don't stop fighting.
13. A few years....	for	...to change discriminatory practices and laws.
14.The UN convention is adopted...	if	...women's conditions started changing.
15. Women's conditions will get better and better....	ago	...a long time now.

12. Women have been victims of violence _____

13. A few years _____

14.The UN convention is adopted _____

15. Women's conditions will get better and better _____

F. This is an extract of an interview between a representative of Women's Association and a journalist. Complete it meaningfully. (2 marks)

Journalist: Women around the world are enjoying more rights ,16 _____ they?

R.O.W: Yes, they are. But we are still 17 _____(suffer – suffered – suffering) from some forms of discriminations.

Journalist: 18 _____ ?

R.O.W: Yes, I can give an example. In some countries women have no right to inherit property.

Journalist: Now, What 19 _____ ?

R.O.W: The solution is to eliminate all forms of discriminations against women and it's up to women to take actions and fight for their own rights.

G.Choose the correct word to complete the passage (2 marks)

A few countries have come to an 20 _____(agree – agreement – agreeing) to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women. Many countries do not 21 _____(collection – collecting- collect) information on the violation of internationally recognized women's rights, which is not 22 _____(norms – normal – normally). Goverments must 23 _____ (took – taken – take) necessary measures to change this situation.

III. WRITING : Choose one topic and write about 150 words on it. (6 mks)

Topic 1 : Violence against women is frequent in our society. Write an article for your school magazine to denounce this phenomenon.

Topic 2 : Fatou is your friend. She is not happy in her marriage because of a violent husband. Write out your conversation about this situation.