



ANGLAIS

Mobile phones have been changing the lives of Africans all over the continent more than any other invention before. There are more people using mobile phones in Africa than in Europe and America combined. In fact, mobile phones are growing fast on **the whole continent**, especially in regions south of the Sahara desert. Today, there are 600 million mobile phone users in Africa.

5 Mobile phones provide a wide variety of services that citizens, especially in rural areas, wouldn't have. They offer education in places where **it** is hard to get. Mobile phones are used for farming projects where farmers can get information on crop prices. Health websites tell villagers what to do in case of emergencies when no doctor is available or far away. People even use mobile phones for entertainment in areas where there is no TV. Mobile banking has become widespread
10 across Africa because many Africans don't have their own bank account. Over 60 million use mobiles to transfer and receive money quickly and at a low cost. Mobile phones are helping people set up businesses and make money, thus raising the continent's overall income. Through mobile phones, more people in Africa have access to the internet than to clean water or sanitation.

In the last ten years, the number of mobile phone users in Africa has increased greatly. While in
15 the early days people focused on sending messages and talking to relatives, the internet is the main service that is used today. **It** has become an absolute necessity and, in many places, has replaced the desktop PC. In Nigeria, for example, there are more mobile phone users than PC-Internet users. Especially, Kenya is strongly connected to mobile phones. The country is also called *The Silicon Savanna* because 92 % of all Kenyans go online through mobiles.

20 While most people are buying cheap, low-end phones, smartphones with internet access are becoming popular too. For phone makers, Africa is the market of the future. Blackberry, for example, are stagnating in Europe and the USA but making a lot of profit in Third World countries.

Adapted from <https://www.english-online-at/news-articles/technology/mobile-phones-change-people-lives-in-africa.htm>

I. READING COMPREHENSION (08 marks)

A) Only 4 of the 6 statements listed in the box are confirmed in paragraph 1. Indicate which. (02 marks)

- a) More phones are sold in Africa than in any continent.
- b) There is no region in Africa where phones are unpopular.
- c) Europeans use more mobile phones than Americans do.
- d) Sub-Saharan Africa is the place where the most phones are used.
- e) More than half-a-billion phones are currently in use on the continent.
- f) Phones are the top-impact technology in Africa.

☞ The 4 statements confirmed in paragraph 1 are:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

B) Read paragraph 2 and list 6 roles that mobile phones play in the lives of Africans. (03 marks)

5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

C) Read paragraphs 3-4 and choose option a), b), or c) to answer questions 11-12-13. (01.5 marks)

11. In the last 10 years, the number of mobile phone users in Africa has...
 - a) been multiplied by the million
 - b) become considerably more important
 - c) significantly changed how people send messages
12. It is possible to do many things with mobile phones but the most used function in Africa is...
 - a) sending messages
 - b) talking to relatives
 - c) browsing the internet
13. The *Blackberry* company now has its largest number of clients in countries located in...
 - a) Europe
 - b) America
 - c) the Third World

D) Indicate WHAT the following words or expressions refer to in the text. (01.5 marks)

14. "the whole continent" (Line 3): ☞ _____
15. "it" (Line 6): ☞ _____
16. "it" (Line 16): ☞ _____

II. LINGUISTIC and COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE (07 marks)

E) Complete the following statements meaningfully, in your own words. (02 marks)

17. There are more Samsung phone users than iPhone users because _____
18. One of the negative effects of mobile phone use on the Senegalese society is _____
19. Without smartphones, today's transactions would be _____
20. By definition, phone addiction is _____

F) Choose the correct option from the 3 suggestions in parentheses to complete this article extract. (02 marks)

According to the *International Telecommunication Union*, Africa is the first continent to have more mobile phone users than fixed-line owners. In most parts of the continent, projects for connecting telephone wires are still not economically (21) _____ (*cost-effective* ☿ *trademarked* ☿ *refundable*). Africa has also become the world's fastest-growing mobile phone (22) _____ (*market* ☿ *asset* ☿ *maker*). Over the past 5 years, mobile phone use in this part of the world has increased at an annual (23) _____ (*capital* ☿ *revenue* ☿ *rate*) of 65%, which is twice the global average. Of course, this is very good news for telecom (24) _____ (*cashiers* ☿ *investors* ☿ *consultants*) in Africa.

Adapted from www.africa-business.com/features/mobile_phones_africa.html

G) Rama Ndoye wants to buy a new phone. She is talking to Joe Correa, a sales representative at a local Tech shop. Complete their conversation meaningfully. (03 marks)

Joe: Hi, Ma'am! How can I help you?

Rama: Hello. I would like to buy a new phone. I heard there is a discount on new models, right?

Joe: Correct! And what type (25) _____ you like?

Rama: Well, I'm using a basic phone right now. So, I guess I need something more sophisticated.

Joe: I see. Do (26) _____ a smartphone?

Rama: Yes. I would like to be able to check emails, surf the internet and (27) _____

Joe: Great! I think we can find you something. We have many offers to choose from. Take a look at this model, for example. It has many features and it costs CFA90,000 only.

Rama: Oops! That's too much for me. Can I (28) _____ ?

Joe: Of course. How about this one? It is also a smartphone and it costs much less than the first one. If you don't like it either, I can (29) _____

Rama: It looks pretty good... I think I'll take it. Does it come with a warranty?

Joe: Yes, Ma'am. Like all our products. If it (30) _____ within one year, we will replace it with a new phone, for free.

Rama: Nice, I want it! I can see the price is CFA60,000 only. Thanks so much!

Joe: Happy to help, Ma'am. Congratulations!

Adapted from www.skessl.com/conversation/practice/buying-cell-phone

III. **WRITING:** Choose **ONE** topic and write 100-150 words about it. (05 marks)

Topic 1: Some people believe that mobile phones have become an absolute necessity for doing business. In which ways do you think that mobile phones can be useful, if not indispensable, to business people? Give concrete examples.

Topic 2: Niokhor Faye, President of the association *Save Our Kids* is writing a letter to Kéba Diémé, Director of CSS – the Cyber Security Services in Senegal to protest again the dangers to which children are exposed on the internet. Use the prompts given to complete his letter meaningfully.

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Tuesday, July 26, 2022

*Kéba Diémé, Director
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RE: Regarding the dangers children are exposed to online.

Dear Sir,

I am the President of the association "Save Our Kids" and I am writing this letter to _____

I understand that it is very difficult to protect all children from cyber criminals and I am also aware that your services are working hard to improve security for all internet users in the country. However, I strongly believe that you can do a lot more to dissuade pedophiles from abusing our children online. For example, you can _____

Moreover, with my associates at "Save Our Kids", we are planning an awareness-raising campaign nationwide to meet at least 500,000 children and parents and inform them about the new techniques that criminals use online to exploit innocent victims. We would like your services to join our team on that occasion. Your contribution can consist, for example, in _____

I hope you will give every possible attention to our concerns about lack of security for all internet users, especially for children.

