



LANGUE VIVANTE II

Epreuve du 1^{er} groupe

ANGLAIS

Before the Covid-19 pandemic, Senegal and The Gambia had successfully stabilized their economies. Unfortunately, by February-March 2020, the "**Great Evil**" started weakening even the solid economies.

5 As a result of this unprecedented health and economic crisis, increasing food prices across African sub-Saharan countries dominated the news. Vendors in Serekunda Central Market and in Marché Tilène in Dakar continued to amplify voices against this sudden rise. In the past six months, both countries experienced high inflation on cooking oil, rice and sugar, affecting all consumers.

10 Despite the measures taken by The Gambia and Senegal Trade Directors and their respective Ministers to minimize prices rises, less privileged people continued to lament about the situation, expressing dissatisfaction and uncertainty for their daily survival. Most African people are suffering from **the problem** and calling upon their governments to take vigorous actions. Malick Ndiaye, a well-known economist in Dakar, states: "The authorities have taken actions by supporting basic food commodities," but is it sufficient?

15 Modu Taal, a trader at Serekunda Market, says: "Let them help us more and reduce the prices because now, a twenty-litre can of cooking oil is over two thousand dalasi (about twenty thousand CFA francs). People can't afford it. If the Government doesn't react, we will starve to death." Sokhna Gaye, a street vendor in Tilène, Dakar, complains and pleads with the Government to support **them**: "It is very hard for us and we're breadwinners! We're making no profits at all! Our kids go to school and they need cash for lunch."

20 Amid all these cries from citizens, decision-makers in Sub-Saharan countries are here to take actions about the daily search of food commodities. So, they should help the increasing number of indigents to survive. For this to happen, some experts think there should be more investments in key sectors like agriculture and energy.

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I. READING COMPREHENSION (8 marks)

A. Choose the best answer: a, b or c. (2 marks)

- 1. In this text, Africans continue to lament about:
 - a. Covid-19 deaths
 - b. high cost of living
 - c. good governance
- 2. By supporting the basic food commodities, governments want to help:
 - a. vendors only
 - b. customers only
 - c. both vendors and customers
- 3. The word "**indigents**" in parag.5 means:
 - a. poor
 - b. rich
 - c. intelligent
- 4. "**breadwinners**" in parag.4 means people whose role is to:
 - a. make bread
 - b. feed their families
 - c. win bread in competitions

B. Complete this statement by referring to the text. (1.5 marks)

Three (3) food products that are mostly impacted by rising prices are:

- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

C. Who or what do the following terms refer to in the text? (1.5 marks)

- 8. the "Great Evil" (parag.1):
- 9. the problem (parag.3):
- 10. them (parag.4):

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D. Fill in the table with missing information about of the people mentioned in the text: **names, professions and opinions about the crisis:** (3 marks)

Names	Professions	Opinions about the situation
Modu TAAL	11.	12.
13.	street vendor	14.
Malick NDIAYE	15.	16.

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

E. Ali, a second-hand clothes seller who works in Serekunda market is talking with his friend Modu a trader in Marché Tilène, about the expensive prices of food commodities. Complete the conversation meaningfully: (2 marks)

Ali: Hello, Modou! How are you?

Modu: Fine, thanks!

Ali: How is it going? Hope you're well! (17)

Modu: Not very well, brother. With rising prices, business is bad!

Ali: That's true, my dear! But I think life is (hard) here than in Senegal. (18)

Modu: You're telling me! Here, we hardly sell anything.

Ali: That's why sometimes I am thinking about emigrating!

Modu: Are you out of your mind? You have no visa!

Ali: Not at all! But I'm serious!

Modu: Never do that! It's too risky. If I were you, I (19)

F. Fill in the blanks with the right words in brackets in the correct forms. (2 marks)

Thanks to the new government policy in agriculture, people are optimistic that (20)..... (poor) will be eradicated very soon. A substantial financial (21)..... (invest) must be made in agriculture to reduce the cost of basic food commodities. We, Africans, should also be patriotic enough to eat what we produce (22)..... (local). If not, there won't be any (23)..... (sustain) development in the continent.

G. Match each statement with the notion it expresses. (2 marks)
 Recommendation – Purpose – Deduction – Contrast – Regret

Statements	Notions
If only Africans valued their natural resources! We wouldn't complain!	24.
You must be very hungry and weak, as you have not eaten anything for two days!	25.
African authorities should give more help to the many indigents in the continent.	26.
The Minister of Trade is meeting with traders in order to find solutions.	27.

III. **WRITING: Choose one (1) topic only and write about 100-150 words.** (6 marks)

TOPIC 1: You live in a town where traders and shopkeepers often raise the prices of basic commodities fixed by the authorities. Write a letter to the local Governor to denounce this situation and propose some solutions.

TOPIC 2: An old man and a young man are discussing the differences between old times (when life was easier because people used to live as simply as possible) and modern times (when life is getting harder and harder because people need more). Write down their dialogue.

LANGUE VIVANTE IIANSWER KEY**I. READING COMPREHENSION****(8 marks)****A. Multiple choices:****(0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)**

1. b. high cost of life
2. c. both vendors and customers
3. a. poor
4. b. feed their families

B. Completing words from text:**(0.5 x 3 = 1.5 marks)**

5. cooking oil
6. rice
7. sugar

C. Contextual reference:**(0.5 x 3 = 1.5 marks)**

8. Covid-19 pandemic
9. Price rises
10. Sokhna Gaye and other street vendors

D. Matching opinions with names and professions:**(0.5 x 6 = 3 marks)**

11. Trader
12. Let them help us more and reduce the prices
13. Sokhna Gaye
14. Pleads with the Government to support
15. Economist
16. Is government support sufficient?

II. LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE**(6 marks)****E. Dialogue completion:****(0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)**

17. doing
18. harder
19. meaningful and grammatically correct answers

F. Word formation:**(0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)**

20. poverty
21. investment
22. locally
23. sustainable

G. Matching statements with notions:**(0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)**

24. Regret
25. Deduction
26. Recommendation
27. Purpose

III. WRITING**(6 marks)**

Understanding:	2 marks
Relevance:	1 mark
Accuracy:	1 mark
Organization:	1 mark
Originality:	1 mark