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**LANGUE VIVANTE I****Epreuve du 2<sup>ème</sup> groupe****ANGLAIS****China-Senegal economic cooperation**

China and the West African country Senegal, where Chinese President arrived on Saturday for a state visit, have witnessed rapid growth in economic relations since **the two sides** resumed diplomatic ties in 2005. Senegal is a small country that heavily relies on agriculture and fishing but is actively seeking industrialization through economic and financial collaboration with

5 China that has benefited both sides.

In 1971, China and Senegal established diplomatic relations. Two years later, they signed trade and economic agreements which lasted for 25 years. These were suspended for 7 years when Senegal resumed relations with Taiwan. In 2005, China and Senegal restored diplomatic ties. In 2014, during Senegalese President's visit to Beijing, the Chinese President proposed to

10 enhance cooperation in economic and trade matters, transportation infrastructure and other fields, increase imports of Senegal's agricultural products, and encourage more Chinese enterprises to invest in **the African nation**.

Since 2005, China has played an important role in providing investment and aid to Senegal and is its largest source of financing. Senegal has also been a hotspot for Chinese investment in

15 West Africa. In 2016, the total contract value of projects undertaken by Chinese enterprises reached 1.04 billion US dollars. Chinese companies in Senegal are mainly engaged in seafood processing, peanut processing and export, and infrastructure construction. Senegal, like most African countries, lags behind in infrastructure, which has been a major obstacle hindering its development. And Chinese companies have been taking part in large infrastructure projects

20 including highways, the railway, the airport, power supply and broadband network service.

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**I. READING COMPREHENSION (8 marks)**

**A. Read paragraphs 1 and 3 then complete the chart below with appropriate information. (0.5 X 5 = 2.5 marks)**

<b>China-Senegal economic cooperation</b>	Two key sectors of the Senegalese Economy	One principal problem to Senegalese Development	Two main domains of China's investment in Senegal
	1. _____ 2. _____	3. _____	4. _____ 5. _____

**B. Both statements are FALSE. Justify them with relevant passages from the text. (1 X 2 = 2 marks)**

6. Since 1971, Senegal and China have never stopped their economic cooperation.

**Justification:** \_\_\_\_\_

7. Chinese President suggested training Senegalese farmers and modernizing the agricultural sector.

**Justification:** \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Find in the indicated paragraphs words similar in meaning to the ones below. (0.5 X 2 = 1 mark)**

8. development = \_\_\_\_\_ (paragraph 1)    9. restarted = \_\_\_\_\_ (paragraph 2)

**D. Match these ideas with their corresponding paragraphs. (0.5 X 3 = 1.5 marks)**

Ideas	Paragraph Numbers
10. Aid and investment	
11. Restarting China –Senegal cooperation	
12. Major events in the economic relations	

**E. What do the following words refer to in the text? (0.5 X 2 = 1 mark)**

13. **the two sides** (paragraph 1): \_\_\_\_\_

14. **the African nation** (paragraph 2) : \_\_\_\_\_

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

**F. Complete this extract of a conversation between a journalist and a Senegalese economic analyst meaningfully. (0.5 X 4 = 2 marks)**

**Journalist:** Thank you ever so much for accepting this invitation.

**Economic analyst:** \_\_\_\_\_! (15)

**Journalist:** A few days ago, I (16) (hear) \_\_\_\_\_ you talking about Senegal-China economic cooperation.

**Economic analyst:** You're quite right!

**Journalist:** Over the past few years, China has played an important role in transportation infrastructures and other fields, \_\_\_\_\_? (17)

**Economic analyst:** I cannot agree more, but we expect more from our collaboration.

**Journalist:** (18) \_\_\_\_\_?

**Economic analyst:** In a word, we can consolidate our economy by asking China to provide us with some technologies in order to ameliorate our industrialization.

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**G. Fill in the blanks with the correct options in brackets. (0.5 X 4 = 2 marks)**

Senegal has engaged in an ambitious plan for an emerging country, which aims at getting a major (19) \_\_\_\_\_ (**economically / economist / economic**) and infrastructural development by the year 2035. It is true that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has been alerting Senegal on how much debt it's taking on, but we have a solid (20) \_\_\_\_\_ (**growth / growing / grow**) and lots of resources. Senegal isn't alone being advised by IMF about (21) \_\_\_\_\_ (**mount / mounted / mounting**) debt, more than a few African countries are believed to have become (22) \_\_\_\_\_ (**signify / significantly / significant**) indebted to China.

**H. Match the notions in the box below with the functions in the table. (0.5 X 4 = 2 marks)**

**Suggestion - Purpose - Condition - Advice - Necessity**

Functions	Notions
23- Senegal shouldn't entirely rely on China to develop its infrastructure construction.	_____
24-Senegal is concerned about developing its industries in order to fight against unemployment.	_____
25-How about financing young farmers' projects?	_____
26-Senegal won't develop unless we invest on key sectors.	_____

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

**TOPIC I:** Omar and Mary are discussing the impacts of Chinese products on the Senegalese economic market. Omar criticizes these products because of their bad quality, whereas Mary appreciates them for their low prices and their beauty. Write out their conversation.

**TOPIC II:** Some people strongly believe that the collaboration between Senegal and China has equally benefited both countries. Do you share this opinion? Develop your ideas in a coherent way.

**ANSWER KEY****I. COMPREHENSION****(8 marks)****A. Chart completion:****(0.5 X 5 = 2.5 marks)**

1. Agriculture 2. Fishing 3. Infrastructure 4. seafood processing 5. peanut processing and export / infrastructure construction

**B. False statements:****(1 X 2 = 2 marks)**

6. "... the two sides resumed diplomatic ties in 2005." / "In 2005, China and Senegal restored diplomatic ties." / "These were suspended for 7 years when Senegal resumed relations with Taiwan. "
7. "... Chinese President proposed to enhance cooperation in economic and trade matters... to invest in the African nation."

**C. Finding synonyms:****(0.5 X 2 = 1 mark)**

8. growth 9. resumed

**D. Matching ideas with their corresponding paragraphs:****(0.5 X 3 = 1.5 marks)**

10. parag. 3 11. parag. 1 12. parag. 2

**E. References:****(0.5 X 2 = 1 mark)**

13. Senegal and China 14. Senegal

**II. LINGUISTIC COMPETENCE:****(6 marks)****F. Dialog completion:****(0.5 X 4 = 2 marks)**

15. Don't mention it / You're welcome / Not at all! **Or any coherent answer**  
 16. heard 17. hasn't it? 18. **Any coherent answer**

**G. Passage completion:****(0.5 X 4 = 2 marks)**

19. economic 20. growth 21. mounting 22. significantly

**H. Notions and functions:****(0.5 X 4 = 2 marks)**

23. advice 24. purpose 25. suggestion 26. condition

**III. WRITING****(6 marks)**

- Topic understanding: **(1 mark)**
- Coherence: **(1 mark)**
- Relevance: **(1 mark)**
- Accuracy: **(1 mark)**
- Originality: **(1 mark)**
- Organization: **(1 mark)**