



LANGUE VIVANTE II

Epreuve du 1^{er} groupe

ANGLAIS

Looking beautiful for some people is more important than food. They prefer to appear trendy than care about household pressure. Beauty, they say, is in the eye of the beholder. Every person by nature is beautiful but some people think the way they were created is not enough.

Artificial beauty has been around for years. Every generation comes along with its own fashion. For instance, different make-up styles come and go as women keep changing their natural looks. When you look at some of our elder women, you notice tattoos on their skins, hands, lips and legs, in different designs and colors. That is a form of artificial beauty.

Today, the younger generations do the same to be attractive. However, it is not only women who care about artificial beauty; some young men also **do**. Young men enjoy ear-piercings and earrings, not to mention stylish haircuts to look more handsome. Worst, artificial beauty has become an addiction with the absorption of noxious substances.

It is interesting, however, to note that currently, more people are rediscovering the beauty of natural beauty. I think this is commendable, as **it** will preserve them from the dangerous chemicals used to manufacture most beauty products.

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I. READING COMPREHENSION (8 marks)

A. Find the equivalents for the following words in the indicated paragraphs.

(0.5 X 4= 2 marks)

- 1. fashionable (parag. 1) =
- 2. Good-looking (parag. 3) =
- 3. Dependent on (parag. 3) =
- 4. To produce (parag. 4) =

B. The best title for this text is:

(1 mark)

- 5.
- a- The benefits of artificial beauty
- b- Artificial beauty is better than natural beauty
- c- Beauty in society

C. Find in paragraphs 3 and 4 sentences related to health problems :

(1 X 2= 2 marks)

- 6. :
- 7. :

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D. Fill in the table below with specific information from the text. (0.5 X 4= 2 marks)

Artificial beauty: The products or systems used	
Two (2) used by women	Two (2) used by men
8.	10.....
9.	11.....

E. Say who or what the following words refer to in the text. (0.5 X 2= 1 mark)

12. do (parag. 3):

13. it (parag. 4):

II. LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE (6 marks)

F. A doctor is talking to a woman who has come to see him because of some health matters. Complete their dialogue coherently. (0.5 X 4= 2 marks)

Woman: Good morning, doctor!

Doctor: Good morning, madam! What (14) you?

Woman: My whole body itches, doctor. It bothers me so much!

Doctor: You use skin lightening creams, (15) (don't / do / didn't) you?

Woman: Yes, doctor. But I've been using this cream for a long time without (16) (no / any) problems.

Doctor: You've started seeing the side effects. Most creams work like this; be careful! some are cancerous. It's high time you (17). (stopped / stopping / have stopped) following the trend to the detriment of your health.

G. Fill in the gaps with the right connectors to complete the passage meaningfully. (0.5 X 4= 2 marks)

**As — Unfortunately — without—
unless — while**

This is a funny story about a woman who was fixing her eyelashes in a beauty parlor. (18), she got bad news on the phone. (19) she started to cry, she tried hard to hold back her tears for fear of wasting her eye lashes (20) wiping her tears off! I think that you can look pretty (21)..... being ridiculous!

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H. Match the sentences with the notions they express.

(0.5 X 4= 2 marks)

**Regret — Advice — Possibility — Condition –
Frustration**

Sentences	Notions
It's crazy! Why can't we look pretty without changing our natural looks?	22.
People should be satisfied with the way they look!	23.
Some people think they should have been born with a different color.	24.
Natural looks can be attractive, too.	25.

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

TOPIC 1: In today's society, people resort to a lot of methods and products to look more beautiful or handsome. What do you think are the reasons behind this phenomenon? What can be the consequences? Express your opinion about the issue.

TOPIC 2: Two friends, Zal and Ndiaga are discussing the phenomenon of artificial beauty in society today. Ndiaga thinks that people should be satisfied with their natural looks but Zal disagrees. He thinks that adding more to natural looks is important for everybody. Write down their conversation.