

**LANGUE VIVANTE II****Epreuve du 1^{er} groupe****ANGLAIS****Struggling for safer roads in Senegal**

Mr Diop will never forget the day when his life took a cruel turn. The 69-year-old father was travelling from Dakar to Mauritania with his children aged between 21- 40, to celebrate the *Korite* festival. Among **them**, two girls were preparing to get married. The youngest of the boys had just started his first job and was driving that day. They all **had their whole lives ahead of them**. Then about 90 km outside the capital, his son suddenly lost control of the vehicle, crashing into a tree. **"I blacked out,"** Mr Diop recalls, "and woke up in the hospital". When he asked about his children, he was told that they had all been killed on impact. "It's been ten years", he says. "But it feels like yesterday".

Helping others avoid his tragic destiny has become Mr Diop's reason for living. "I wouldn't wish anyone what I've endured. I think my story can make a difference, so **it** will have been worth it. My children will not have died in vain", he said.

The recrudescence of road accidents in Senegal has aroused considerable debate in which certain responsibilities have been pointed out. Experts blame a dangerous mix of poor infrastructure, lack of driver education as well as old imported buses that fill Senegalese roads **at rush hours**. Improvement is possible with installations of cameras along the roads, salaried bus drivers, elevated crosswalks or underpasses, wide sidewalks, and dedicated bus lanes."

<http://www.afro.who.int/news/striving-safer-roads-senegal>

I. READING COMPREHENSION**(8 marks)****A. Circle the letter corresponding to the best option: a, b or c. (0.5 x 3 = 1.5 marks)**1. "*blacked out*" (**paragraph 1**) means:

- a. became conscious b. became blind c. became unconscious

2. "*had their whole lives ahead of them*" (**paragraph 1**) means:

- a. had a successful life already b. had a promising future c. had a difficult life

3. "*at rush hours*" (**paragraph 3**), traffic is:

- a. Easy b. heavy c. speedy

B. Match each title with the corresponding paragraph of the text. (0.5 x 3 = 1.5 marks)

TITLES	PARAGRAPH NUMBERS
The causes of road accidents	4. Parag.....
My saddest day in life	5. Parag.....
Community service	6. Parag.....

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C. Complete the table with the right information from the text. (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

ROAD ACCIDENTS	
Two causes	Two solutions
7.	9.
8.	10.

D. All the statements are **FALSE**. Justify with specific passages from the text. (1 x 2 = 2 marks)

11. The day of the accident, Mr Diop was driving the car.

Justification:

12. Mr Diop is afraid that his experience will not serve the society at all.

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E. **Who** or **what** do the following words refer to in the text? (0.5 x 2 = 1 mark)

13. **Them** (Paragraph 1):

14. **It** (Paragraph 2):

II. LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE (6 marks)

F. A police officer has just stopped a driver who was riding too fast on the road. Complete their dialogue meaningfully. (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

Police officer: Excuse me Sir, your driving license, please!

Driver: Here you are, Sir!? (15)

Police officer: You dare ask that question! You can't (16)..... like this in a crowded area!

Driver: That's right, sir! I'm really sorry!

Police officer: Being sorry isn't enough! You'll be fined for that!

Driver: Please, Sir! Don't do that, I'm begging you! I (17) do it again. I promise!

Police officer: This is your ticket, take it to the (18)..... station. Have a good day, Sir!

G. Complete this passage with the most suitable word in brackets. (0.5 x 4= 2 marks)

The limitation of accidents and the (19) (**improve / improvement**) of urban mobility in Senegal are a priority for the government of Senegal because they are (20) (**crucial / crucially**) for the development of the country. As a result, many infrastructures have been (21) (**building / built**) to reach that objective. For example, The Ila Touba expressway, the "Train Express Regional" (TER), and recently, the "Bus Rapid Transit" (BRT) will help passengers travel in (22) (**best / better**) and safer conditions.

H. Choose the right connectors to complete the passage below meaningfully. (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

also — unless — despite — in order to — since

In Senegal, there is a recrudescence of road accidents (23) frequent awareness raising campaigns on the issue. This trend will continue (24) strong action is taken. Authorities will have to improve the road conditions (25) avoid these accidents. According to some specialists, most of these accidents are not caused only by poor road infrastructures but (26) by bad driving habits.

III. Writing: Choose ONE topic and write about 150 words. (6 marks)

TOPIC 1: There are more and more road accidents in your area. As the leader of your local association, write a letter to the Minister of Transport to inform him/her about the main causes and consequences of those accidents. Propose your own solutions.

TOPIC 2: Two friends, Coumba and Rose, are discussing the causes of road accidents in Senegal. Coumba blames the drivers but Rose does not agree. Write down their conversation.

