



LANGUE VIVANTE I

Epreuve du 1^{er} groupe

ANGLAIS

Online gambling on the rise in Senegal

Gambling is on the rise in Senegal as both online and offline betting are becoming more popular in the country. Especially sports betting and playing in the lottery have gained popularity.

The Continent, a pan-African weekly news magazine, first reported the news about it. According to the magazine, especially young Senegalese are increasingly turning to gambling. Senegal, a nation of almost 17 million people in West Africa, is not the country where you would expect most people to gamble. Given that their religions prohibit gambling, Senegal is not the most fertile ground for betting websites. However, **that** has not discouraged youngsters.

Despite the fact that conservative people do not approve of gambling, more liberal young people easily find their way to Africa's main betting pages. An increasing number of youngsters see sports betting as an easy way of earning money. There are lots of betting websites where people can bet online on football and other sports. Sports betting, which in Senegal is called by its French name of *Paris Sportifs*, is simply a hit among youngsters.

The reasons why people in Senegal gamble are the same as anywhere else in Africa. Senegal is a sports-mad nation and its national football teams have recently performed extremely well. Just like in other countries, Senegalese also love sports and talk about them. It is, therefore, not a surprise that many also like to bet on sports. In fact, the biggest reason why Senegalese turn to betting is the chance to win big. For many struggling Senegalese, placing a winning bet could be worth a month's wage or even more. Many gamblers have won as high as 5 million CFA.

The dream of winning a large amount of money is certainly an appealing prospect, which makes Senegalese turn to betting sites such as 1xBet. According to online gambling experts, **these** are the sports pages, which are currently the most popular in Senegal and in other countries

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Gambling / betting= jeux d'argent /Paris

I. READING COMPREHENSION : (8 marks)

A. Read paragraphs 1 and 4 and complete this chart with adequate information.

(0.5 x 4 = 02 marks)

	Two types	Two causes
Gambling	1. _____	3. _____
	2. _____	4. _____

B. Complete this passage with appropriate words from the indicated paragraphs.

(0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

Lottery and many forms of (5) _____ (**parag.1**) are on the increase in Senegal. It is not only online sports gaming that is popular in this country. In addition, the offline lottery has augmented over the past few years. In fact, gamblers can have a lot of information on (6) _____ (**parag.2**) such as 1xBet. As a result, most Senegalese (7) _____ (**parag.3**) play games on sites in order to gain a lot of (8) _____ (**parag.5**).

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C. Both statements are FALSE. Justify them with relevant information from the text. (1 x 2 = 2 marks)

9. The number of young Senegalese gamblers is declining.

Justification: _____

10. Senegalese do not gamble because of religious reasons.

Justification: _____

D. Find in paragraph 4 the equivalent of the statement below: (1 x 1 = 01 mark)

Statement	Equivalent in the text
Un gain à la loterie équivaut au salaire mensuel d'un travailleur Sénégalais modeste.	11. _____ _____

E. What do the underlined words in the text refer to? (0.5 x 2 = 1 mark)

12. that (parag.2): _____

13. these (parag.5): _____

II. LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE: (6 marks)

F. Complete the passage below with adequate words derived from the ones in brackets. (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

In Senegal, online games have become famous in the last few years. Even though this practice is prohibited for (14) _____ (**religion**) reasons, people do not seem to stop gaming. The (15) _____ (**popular**) of lottery games has even increased dramatically among young Senegalese gamblers. In spite of their negative impact and many conservative parents' (16) _____ (**approval**), youngsters keep (17) _____ (**bet**) to earn money.

G. A conservative father has just caught his son gambling on his cell phone. Complete their conversation meaningfully. (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

Father: I have noticed that you spend a lot of time on your cell phone. What are you busy doing with it?

Son: Dad, I am only doing some research to (18) _____ our English test.

Father: Wonderful! It seems to me that you are well-intentioned now, aren't you?

Son: Absolutely! To tell you the truth, I really would like to (19) _____ my exam with distinction this year.

Father: Great! Well, can I have a look at your mobile phone?

Son: Wait a minute, Dad! I am working (20) _____ (**of- on- with**) a difficult grammar exercise at this moment.

Father: Hand it to me right now!

Son: Here it is.

Father: What! Gambling! That's unbelievable! From now on, (21) _____

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H. Combine the items in Column A with those in Column B to have meaningful sentences. One letter does not apply. (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

Column A	Column B
22. Many young Senegalese people keep on gambling despite	a. they are more likely to engage in risky gambling behaviour.
23. Gambling can cause different types of addictions. Worst,	b. they resort to betting websites to reach their goals.
24. Young adults' brains are still in development and their emotion and logic are not fully realized; that's why	c. the disapproval of their conservative parents.
25. Some people consider that sports betting can make them get rich. As a result,	d. by gambling, bettors believe that they must win back their losses.
	e. it can quickly lead to financial ruin.

Your answers: (Just indicate the letter)

Column A	22	23	24	25
Column B	_____	_____	_____	_____

III. WRITING: choose one topic and write about 200 words on it. (6 marks)

TOPIC 1: Your friend Massiga continues to play games for money despite his parents' disapproval. You are trying to convince him to stop doing so. Write out your dialogue.

TOPIC 2: An increasing number of Senegalese adolescents turn to gambling in order to earn money. According to you, what are the main causes and consequences of this phenomenon? Suggest some solutions to this alarming situation. (Do not copy the text!)

ANSWER KEY**I. READING COMPREHENSION: (8 marks)****A. Chart completion. (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)**

1. Online 2. Offline
3. Senegal is a sports-mad nation /the chance to win big 4. a winning bet could be worth a month's wage or even more.

B. Cloze passage. (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

5. gambling 6. websites 7. youngsters 8. money

C. False statements and justifications. (1 x 2 = 2 marks)

9. "... young Senegalese are increasingly turning to gambling."/ "An increasing number of youngsters see sports betting as an easy way of earning money."

10. "...However, (their religions prohibit gambling) **that** has not discouraged youngsters."

D. Finding equivalent: (1 x 1 = 1 mark)

11. For many struggling Senegalese, placing a winning bet could be worth a month's wage or even more.

E. References (0.5 x 2 = 1 mark)

12. the fact that their religions prohibit gambling/ it is not the most fertile ground for betting websites.
13. betting sites such as 1xBet

II. LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE: (6 marks)**F. Word derivation:(0.5 X 4 = 02marks)**

14. religious 15. popularity 16. disapproval 17. betting

G. Dialogue completion (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

18. to prepare/ to get ready for/ or any relevant answer
19. pass 20. on 21. any relevant answer

H. Combining items. (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

Column A	22	23	24	25
Column B	c	e	a	b

III. WRITING: (6 marks)

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