

**LANGUE VIVANTE I****Epreuve du 2<sup>ème</sup> groupe****ANGLAIS****Major Security Boost in Response to Rising Violence**

In response to the recent surge in murders during July and August, especially in Dakar and its suburbs, the Minister of Interior and Public Security has announced significant measures to strengthen security. During a press conference, he outlined a plan to substantially increase the presence of law enforcement in the areas most affected by this violence.

5           Dakar and its surrounding regions have experienced a troubling rise in violent crimes over **the past two months**, leading to growing concern among their population. "The safety of our citizens is our top priority, and we must take firm action to address this situation," said the Minister. His projects include an increase in police patrols, the deployment of special forces to high-risk neighbourhoods, and better coordination with intelligence services.

10           The minister also stressed the importance of public cooperation with law enforcement. "Security is everyone's responsibility," he stated, encouraging citizens to report any suspicious activities. **This** is essential to assist investigations and prevent further crimes. In addition to these measures, the minister emphasized the need to re-evaluate current security strategies. "We must adapt our methods to effectively respond to this wave of violence," he added.

15           The response to these announcements has been mixed, with some people welcoming the initiative and **others** calling for even stricter actions to restore safety. Nevertheless, this plan represents a key step in the government's efforts to ensure the safety of all citizens in the country. The Minister hopes that these actions will help reverse the trend and restore a sense of security and trust among the citizens.

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

**A. Circle the options (a, b or c) similar in meaning to the underlined words. (0.5 x 3 = 1.5 marks)**

- In response to the recent **surge** in murders, the Minister of Interior and Public Security has announced significant measures to strengthen security.
  - a. rise
  - b. decline
  - c. stagnation
- Dakar and its surrounding regions have experienced troubling violent crimes, leading to a **growing** concern among their population.
  - a. diminishing
  - b. increasing
  - c. changing
- The minister also **stressed** the importance of public cooperation with law enforcement.
  - a. suggested
  - b. ignored
  - c. insisted on

**B. Complete the chart with adequate information from paragraphs 1 and 2.**  
(0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

<b>Rising Violence in Dakar and its suburbs</b>	<b>The objective of the minister of interior</b>	<b>Three measures taken by the minister of interior</b>
	4. _____	5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____

**C. Read paragraph 3 and complete this sentence meaningfully. (1 x 1 = 1 mark)**

8. It is partly citizens' responsibility to denounce criminals so as to

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

9. The security of the population is not the minister's concern.

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

10. A strong action plan against insecurity is still expected.

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

**E. Say who or what the underlined words in the text refer to. (0.5 x 3 = 1.5 marks)**

11. **the past two months** (paragraph 2): \_\_\_\_\_
12. **This** (paragraph 3): \_\_\_\_\_
13. **others** (paragraph 4): \_\_\_\_\_

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

**F. Match the notions from the box with the statements in table. (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)**

**Necessity – Purpose – Regret – Contrast – Recommendation**

Statements	Notions
14. He outlined a plan to substantially increase the presence of law enforcement.	
15. We had better take firm action against this unprecedented crisis.	
16. The minister needs to re-evaluate current security strategies.	
17. Some people have welcomed the government's initiative against crimes. Nevertheless, others ask for the restoration of the death penalty.	

**G. Complete this passage with the right options in brackets. (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)**

It is necessary to know how crime and violence happen. Dakar residents live in an atmosphere of (18) \_\_\_\_\_ (**insecurity – surely – insure**) on a daily basis. In fact, there is a growing number of (19) \_\_\_\_\_ (**crime – criminal – criminality**) acts in Dakar and its suburbs. Unfortunately, the operations of our police and security services are (20) \_\_\_\_\_ (**negative – negation – negatively**) affected by citizens who do not always (21) \_\_\_\_\_ (**response – responsive – respond**) to report any suspicious acts.

**H. A journalist is interviewing the Minister of the Interior and Public Security on the rising violence in Dakar and its suburbs. Complete this extract of their interview meaningfully. (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)**

**Journalist:** First of all, thank you Sir for accepting this interview!

**Minister:** (22) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Journalist:** We have noticed an increase in violent (23) \_\_\_\_\_ (**criminal crimes – incriminates**) activities in Dakar and its suburbs over the past few months. How have you responded to such a terrible situation?

**Minister:** Well, we have properly reacted to this unprecedented situation by (24) \_\_\_\_\_ (**reinforce**) security in high-risk zones.

**Journalist:** Great! Have you taken any other measures?

**Minister:** Sure! We have also used media platforms to make our compatriots understand that they (25) \_\_\_\_\_.

**III. WRITING: Choose one topic and write about 200 words on it. (06 marks)**

**TOPIC 1:** The number of killings has recently augmented in Dakar and its suburbs. According to you, what can be the principal causes of this alarming situation? Propose a few solutions to stop these crimes.

**TOPIC 2:** You strongly believe that security is everyone's responsibility, but your friend does not think so. Write down your conversation.

**ANSWER KEY****I. READING COMPREHENSION:** (8 marks)**A. Circle right options:** (0.5 x 3 = 1.5 marks)

1. a. rise      2. b. increasing      3. c. accentuated

**B. Chart completion:** (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

4. to strengthen security   5. increase in police patrols   6. better coordination with intelligence services   7. the deployment of special forces to high-risk neighbourhoods

**C. Sentence completion:** (1 x 1 = 1 mark)

Read paragraph 3 and complete this sentence meaningfully. (1 x 1 = 1 mark)

8. It is partly citizens' responsibility to denounce criminals so as to **assist investigations and prevent further crimes.**

**D. False statements/ Justifications:** (1 x 2 = 2 marks)

9. **Justification:** The safety of our citizens is our top priority, and we must take firm action to address this situation.

10. **Justification:** he outlined a plan to substantially increase the presence of law enforcement in the areas most affected by this violence.

**E. References:** (0.5 x 3 = 1.5 marks)

11. July and August  
12. encouraging citizens to report any suspicious activities  
13. people / citizens / individuals

**II. LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE:** (6 marks)**F. Matching notions with statements:** (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

14. Purpose      15. Recommendation      16. Necessity      17. Contrast

**G. Passage completion with right options:** (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

18. insecurity      19. criminal      20. negatively      21. respond

**H. Dialogue completion:** (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

(22) **Any relevant and idiomatic answer** (I'm pleased to be with you/ thanks for having me!). (23) criminal. (24) reinforcing (25) **Any relevant answer.**

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

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