

**LANGUE VIVANTE II****Epreuve du 1<sup>er</sup> groupe****ANGLAIS****Jakarta taxis or “tiak tiak”, a new means of transport in Dakar**

Dakar is becoming like Bamako or Ouagadougou. The number of Jakarta taxis as a means of transport for city dwellers is increasing more and more, despite the governor's order banning this mode of transport in **the region**. We see them in front of banks, bus stations and under bridges waiting for customers. They operate clandestinely without helmets or insurance, slipping through traffic jams almost everywhere.

The difficulties of travelling in Dakar have popularized **this means of transport**. Many people use Jakarta taxis to deliver a package on record time or travel. A demand that drives more and more young people to enter the sector. Consequently, it has become difficult to drive in Dakar due to endless traffic jams. Motorists who use the VDN are well aware of the ordeal of traffic jams, especially at rush hours.

Some Jakarta taxi drivers do not even know how to drive, causing serious accidents. According to 2022 statistics from the National Fire Brigade, 3,000 people in Jakarta taxis were hit by vehicles, causing 118 deaths. 1,569 collisions between Jakarta caused 25 deaths and 2,390 slips and falls caused 47 deaths. Some motorists interviewed said deaths are higher than that. Instead of raising awareness among young people about this scourge, some politicians continue to pay Jakarta taxis for young people.

In the past, immigration was the main cause of school dropout, now it is the Jakarta business. Many young people quit school to make money in this sector, not to mention the overwhelming majority of young people entering the job market each year.

<https://www.google.com/les-taxi-jakarta-ou-tiak-tiak-nouveau-mode-de-deplacement-des-dakarois>

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

**A. Refer to the indicated paragraph and give words or phrases having similar meaning as:**  
**(0.5 X 4= 2 marks)**

1. *residents* (parag.1): .....
2. *interminable* (parag.2): .....
3. *informing* (parag.3): .....
4. *stop* (parag.4): .....

**B. For each title, give the corresponding paragraph of the text.**

**(0.5 x 4= 2 marks)**

<b>Titles</b>	<b>Paragraph numbers</b>
5. The Jakarta taxi, an unseen tragedy.	Parag.....
6. The Jakarta taxi, an illegal means of transport.	Parag.....
7. The Jakarta taxis, the new job provider.	Parag.....
8. Driving in Dakar has become harder because of Jakarta taxis.	Parag.....

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(0.5 X 4= 2 marks)

The Jakarta taxis or Tiak tiak	
Places where they park	What they are used for
9.....	<u>Example</u> : transport people
10. ....	12. ....
11. ....	

D. Complete this sentence meaningfully with specific information from paragraph 1

(0.5 X 2= 1 mark)

Some Jakarta or tiak thiak motorists have neither (13.) ..... nor (14.) .....; that's why they are often arrested by the police.

## E. Say who or what the following terms refer to in the text.

(0.5 X 2= 1 mark)

15. The region (parag.1): .....16. This means of transport (parag.2): .....II. LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE

(6 marks)

## F. Aبا and Badu are talking about a Jakarta accident. Complete their conversation meaningfully.

(0.5 X 4= 2 marks)

Aba: Hey, buddy! I was looking for you. Where have you been?Babu: I was at the hospital. My uncle Saliou has just (17.) ..... (pass) away.Aba: So sorry to hear that! Was he sick?Badu: Actually no. He (18.) .....(hit) by a Jakarta two weeks ago.Aba: Accidents (19.) ..... by Jakarta taxis are common these days!Badu: Of course. It's high time authorities (20.) ..... (take) measures about this problem.

## G. Complete this passage with the right connectors in the box below.

(0.5 X 4= 2 marks)

despite — due to — unless — even if — to
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Jakarta taxis have become the main means of transport in some cities and villages. In fact, (21.) ..... avoid traffic jams and move faster, many people use them (22.) ..... they know that they are risky. (23.) ..... the numerous deaths (24.) ..... collisions and slips, they continue to transport people all around the country.

H. Give the notions expressed in each of these statements (0.5 X 4= 2 marks)

suggestion — preference — contrast — impossibility — regret

Statements	Notions
I'd rather she took a taxi than a tiak tiak!	25. ....
If only he had worn a helmet. He would still be with us!	26. ....
We can hardly drive in Dakar due to endless traffic jams!	27. ....
Why not oblige Jakarta motorists to wear helmets?	28. ....

III. **WRITING:** Choose **ONE** topic and write about 150 words on it. (6 marks)

**TOPIC 1:** Two friends, Jacques and Habib, have different opinions about the use of Jakarta taxis as a means of transport in cities. Jacques thinks that they should be banned but his friend Habib does not agree. Write down their conversation.

**TOPIC 2:** Write a letter to the Minister of Transport to denounce the numerous problems caused by the Jakarta taxis in your district or city, and propose solutions.

**TOPIC 3:** Malick, a classmate, wants to stop school to become a “tiak tiak” taxi driver. You do not agree with his decision, and you are trying to convince him not to do that. Write down your conversation.

**ANSWER KEY****I. READING COMPREHENSION****(8 marks)****A. Vocabulary in context****(0.5 X 4= 2 marks)**

1. dwellers                      2. endless                      3. raising awareness

4. quit

**B. Paragraph titling****(0.5 X 4= 2 marks)**5. *parag. 3*                      6. *parag. 1*                      7. *parag. 4*8. *parag. 2***C. Table filling****(0.5 X 4= 2 marks)**

9. banks    10. Bus stations    11. under bridges    12. to deliver a package (on record time or travel)

**D. Sentence completion****(0.5 X 2= 1 mark)**

13. helmets    14. Insurance

**E. Contextual reference****(0.5 X 2= 1 mark)**

15. Dakar    16. The Jakarta taxi

**II. LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATION COMPETENCE****(6 marks)****F. Dialogue completion**17. passed    18. was hit    19. caused    20. took                      **(0.5 X 4= 2 marks)****G. Passage filling****(0.5 X 4= 2 marks)**

21. to                      22. even if                      23. despite                      24. due to

**H. Matching statements and notions****(0.5 X 4= 2 marks)**

25. preference    26. regret    27. impossibility    28. suggestion

**III. WRITING****(6 marks)****Topic Understanding= 1 mark - Coherence and cohesion= 2 marks –****Originality of ideas= 1 mark Grammar= 1 mark – Presentation= 1 mark.**