

**LANGUE VIVANTE I****Epreuve du 1^{er} groupe****ANGLAIS**

1 Senegal has initiated an ambitious digital strategy known as the “*New Deal Technologique*,”
2 aiming at transforming the country into a regional and international tech centre by 2034.
3 With a projected budget of US\$1.7 billion, the country struggles to improve its presence in
4 Africa’s digital economy.

5 The digital strategy is based on four main priorities. The first is focused on achieving digital
6 sovereignty, which involves reducing dependence on foreign technologies while promoting
7 local innovation. This includes ameliorating cybersecurity, developing data centres, and
8 ensuring long-term technological independence. The second priority is the digitisation of
9 the public services. The Senegalese government aims at digitising 90% of public services
10 by 2034, making these services more accessible and efficient for citizens. The third priority
11 is the expansion of the digital economy. Key initiatives will include improving internet
12 access, fostering tech entrepreneurship, and integrating Artificial Intelligence. Various
13 sectors, such as agriculture, healthcare, and education, will experience significant digital
14 transformations. The final priority is positioning Senegal as a leader in Africa’s tech industry.
15 **This** will be achieved by attracting foreign investments and nourishing local technological
16 enterprises.

17 To reach these goals, the government has developed a complete Digital Master Plan
18 including 12 major programmes and 50 key projects. This plan emphasizes the importance
19 of safeguarding critical infrastructure, establishing a robust system, and supporting tech
20 start-ups. There is also a focus on digitising the informal economy.

21 By 2034, Senegal aims at achieving 95% affordable internet coverage, generate over
22 150,000 direct jobs, and establish more than 500 certified tech start-ups. The goal is to
23 elevate **the country**’s position among Africa’s digital service exporters from 12th to one of
24 the top three positions. Nearly all government services will be available digitally, and 80%
25 of the population will actively use these services. Furthermore, the strategy includes training
26 100,000 digital professionals, with 90% achieving industry-recognised certifications and
27 ensuring that all sensitive data is stored within Senegal’s borders.

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(8 marks)

A. Read the indicated paragraphs to complete this passage with the equivalents of the words in brackets. (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

Senegal has launched an audacious initiative known as the 'New Deal Technologique' to (**ameliorate**) = _____ (**parag.1**) the digital infrastructures and support the development of the tech sector. This plan includes strong partnership with (**external**) = _____ (**parag.2**) investors and aims at encouraging the creation of (**new companies**) = _____ (**parag.3**). It also seeks to push the limits of what is possible by expanding digital services beyond current (**frontiers**) = _____ (**parag.4**) making technologies more accessible.

B. Read paragraphs 1 and 2 to complete this table with adequate information.

(0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

	Objective of the Project	One priority of the Project	Two domains which will benefit from the digital changes
The New Deal Technologique	5. _____	6. _____	7. _____
	_____	_____	8. _____

C. Both statements are TRUE. Justify them with relevant passages from the text.

(1 x 2 = 2 marks)

9. Senegal attempts to be among Africa's top countries in terms of digitisation.

Justification: _____

10. Senegal's administration intends to computerise most of its civil administration.

Justification: _____

D. Read paragraphs 3 and 4 to complete this sentence appropriately. (1 x 1 = 1 mark)

To achieve its digital strategy objectives, Senegal has (11) _____.

E. What do these words refer to in the text?

(0.5 x 2 = 1 mark)

12. **This** (parag.2): _____

13. **the country** (parag.4): _____

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

F. Complete this passage with the right prepositions from the box below. One does not apply.
(0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

to – by – of – in – for

'The New Deal Technologique' is based on innovation and digital transformation. It represents one of the major responses to the challenges created (14) _____ globalisation. New technologies are developed (15) _____ economic growth and social inclusion. In fact, many countries invest (16) _____ technology to improve education, health, and public services. Today, information is globally shared and people are able to work at home thanks (17) _____ technology.

G. Fill in the gaps in this passage with the appropriate words derived from the ones in brackets.
(0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

'The New Deal Technologique' aims at transforming modern economies by reducing excessive (18) _____ (reliant) on imported digital solutions. Public services are being (19) _____ (digital) improved by the government. These reforms intend to (20) _____ (strength) national capacities and promote sustainable development. As a result, (21) _____ (technology) innovation will play a central role in economic growth, education, and international competitiveness.

H. This is an extract of a conversation between Ngagne and Mbène. Complete it meaningfully.
(0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

Ngagne: Have you noticed how much 'The New Deal Technologique' is being discussed in Senegal?

Mbène: Yes, indeed. It has become a key strategy for economic development. I believe it can (22) _____ our economy and reduce our dependence on traditional sectors.

Ngagne: Definitely. It can significantly transform the country, _____? (23)

Mbène: Of course. Moreover, by (24) _____ (digitalise) public services, the government will increase transparency and efficiency.

Ngagne: I strongly believe that if 'The New Deal Technologique' is well implemented, it can help Senegal _____. (25)

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

Topic 1: Senegal has initiated an ambitious digital strategy known as 'The New Deal Technologique'. However, the Minister of Education has restricted students' use of cellphone in schools. Write an email to him in which you explain the importance of using this electronic gadget in education.

Topic 2: Two students are discussing the use of Artificial Intelligence in schools. The first believes that AI can help them learn better, but the second disagrees. Write down their conversation.

ANSWER KEY**I- COMPREHENSION:** (8 marks)**A- Finding words similar in meaning:** (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

1. improve 2. foreign 3. start-ups 4. borders

B- Table completion: (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

5. '...transforming the country into a regional and international tech centre by 2034.'
6. achieving digital sovereignty / digitisation of the public services / the expansion of the digital economy
7. agriculture 8. healthcare / education

C- True statements / Justifications: (1 mark x 2 = 2 marks)

9. **Justification:** '...the country struggles to improve its presence in Africa's digital economy.' / 'The goal is to elevate the country's position among Africa's digital service exporters from 12th to one of the top three positions.'
10. **Justification:** 'The Senegalese government aims at digitising 90% of public services by 2034.'

D- Sentence completion: (1 mark x 1 = 1 mark)

11. '...developed a complete Digital Master Plan including 12 major programmes and 50 key projects.'

E- References: (0.5 x 2 = 1 mark)

12. '...positioning Senegal as a leader in Africa's tech industry.' 13. Senegal

II- LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE (6 marks)**F- Using prepositions:** (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

14. by 15. for 16. in 17. to

G- Word derivation: (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

18. reliance 19. digitally 20. strengthen 21. technological

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

22. improve / enhance / ameliorate / modernise / develop/boost **or any other relevant answer**

23. can't it? 24. digitalising 25. **Any relevant answer**

III- WRITING: (6 marks)

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