

BEPC
SESSION 2014
ZONE : I

Coefficient : 1
Durée : 2 h

LANGUE VIVANTE 1 : ANGLAIS

*Cette épreuve comporte trois (03) pages numérotées 1/3, 2/3 et 3/3.
Le candidat est libre de commencer par la composante de son choix.
Cependant il devra numéroter ses réponses conformément à la numérotation du sujet.*

PART ONE : READING COMPREHENSION (8 points)

Read the text below and do all the activities that follow it.

AFRICAN WOMEN

BBC News is interviewing Tsitsi Dangarembga, an African writer; she is from Zimbabwe.

BBC News: What is the role of women in Africa today?

Tsitsi: The role of African women has not changed much since the independence of African countries. We bear children, take care of our homes, make money for our families, contribute to the development of society.

5 *BBC News:* Do you think African women have the power to make things change?

10 *Tsitsi:* I think we have the strength but we have to be organised. Organisation is lacking for many reasons. One is the perpetual woman's problem of time. This is particularly true as women play multiple roles as bread winners, wives and mothers. The other problem is the lack of resources. It is very difficult for groups formed by African women to obtain the funds they need from their own countries or abroad. Finally, men do not often recognise the outstanding work they do. This happens because men dominate women everywhere; there is also jealousy and lack of unity on the part of women.

BBC News: So, what do you suggest as a solution?

15 *Tsitsi:* Unity. We have to be united and support each other. In so doing, we can encourage countries to pass laws in favour of women in Africa.

Adapted from <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/4370007/.stm>,
Saturday, 26 March 2005.

COMPREHENSION CHECK

- A) The words or phrases in column A are from the text. Match each of them with its synonym or definition in column B. One word or phrase in column B is not concerned.

Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 1 – g

COLUMN A

- 1- take care (L.3)
- 2- power (L.5)
- 3- strength (L.6)
- 4- lacking (L.6)
- 5- perpetual (L.7)
- 6- bread winners (L.8)
- 7- funds (L.10)
- 8- outstanding (L.11)
- 9- pass (L.15)

COLUMN B

- a- permanent
- b- persons who work to support a family
- c- help
- d- important
- e- vote
- f- capacity
- g- look after
- h- force
- i- missing
- j- money to start a business

- B) Read the text again and decide if the following statements are true or false. Write “T” for true and “F” for false. Indicate the lines to justify your answers. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 1 - F (L. 3-4)

- 1- In Africa, women have only two roles in society.
- 2- Women in Africa are well organised.
- 3- Lack of time is a problem for women.
- 4- Women have resources for their activities.
- 5- Some African women are organised in groups to look for funds.
- 6- Men recognise that women work a lot.
- 7- Men dominate women.
- 8- Unity is a solution to women’s problems.
- 9- If women are united, their countries will help them.

PART TWO : LANGUAGE IN USE (6 points)

- A) The text below is about women’s rights. Read it and put the verbs between brackets in the correct form. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 1 – be taken

Nowadays, women’s rights are supported by law in many societies. But some men still think that they are superior to women. That is why measures should 1 (to take) by governments to stop injustices against women. Here is an example of law that can 2 (to pass): if a man beats a woman, he must 3 (to arrest) and sent to prison. Then women would 4 (to respect).

B) The text below is about women's emancipation. Read it and fill in the blanks with the appropriate words from the box. One word in the box is not concerned. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 1 – since

since – for – before – ago - never

Many African countries got their independence in 1960. Women have become more and more important in society ...1... that year. Now, they have the rights they didn't have ...2... . For example, a woman was elected president in Liberia. In other countries, some women have been members of the National Assembly ...3... many years. In Côte d'Ivoire, a woman became a general in the army some years ...4... . So, women's emancipation is a reality in Africa today.

PART THREE : *WRITING (6 points)*

TOPIC

For the magazine of your English club, the chairman asks you to write an article about the place of women in the African society. Write your article in 10 to 12 lines.

In your article,

- write about women at home.
- write about women who have a job.
- say which role you prefer and why.