

**BEPC**  
**SESSION 2016**  
**ZONE : II**

**Coefficient : 1**  
**Durée : 2 h**

## LANGUE VIVANTE 1 : ANGLAIS

*Cette épreuve comporte deux (02) pages numérotées 1/2 et 2/2.  
Le candidat est libre de commencer par la composante de son choix.  
Pendant il devra numéroter ses réponses conformément à la numérotation du sujet.*

### **PART ONE** READING COMPREHENSION (8 pts)

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

#### THE DEATH OF OBI'S MOTHER

Obi's girlfriend Clara was in hospital for seventy days. As soon as she felt better, she left Lagos and went to her village. Obi wanted to pay her the fifty pounds he had borrowed from her. But he was not able to do that. He did not have enough money.

Then came more bad news. His mother died. He sent as much money as he could to pay for the funeral. He decided not to go to Umuofia himself. It was better to send money than spend it on petrol for his car.

But the money Obi sent was not enough. A member of the village association was in Umuofia when Obi's mother died. He told everyone that it was shameful. She had given birth to a son who had been educated in England. She should have had a much better funeral. And it was a greater shame that Obi had not gone to Umuofia for the funeral.

Mr. Green, his director gave him two days' leave. He went home and locked himself in his flat. He lay in the bed until he heard a knock at the door. It was Joseph, his friend.

Joseph arrived with a box of cold beer. People from Umuofia began to arrive. They greeted Obi and said they were sad to hear of his mother's death. Joseph gave them the cold beer. At last, they all went and Obi was left alone.

Adapted from No longer at Ease, Chinua ACHEBE, Heinemann, 1981.

### COMPREHENSION CHECK

**A-Vocabulary check:** The words 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 - i**

**COLUMN A**

- 1- left (L.1)
- 2- borrowed (L.2)
- 3- enough (L.3)
- 4- petrol (L.5)
- 5- shame (L.9)
- 6- leave (L.11)
- 7- locked (L.11)
- 8- flat (L.11)
- 9- knock (L.12)

**COLUMN B**

- a- fuel for cars
- b- taken to be returned later
- c- permission to be absent
- d- sufficient
- e- apartment
- f- short sound on the door
- g- dishonour
- h- closed the door with a key
- i- went away from
- j- paid

**B-Comprehension questions:** 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- T (L 1)**

- 1- Clara was hospitalized in Lagos.
- 2- Obi paid back Clara's money.
- 3- When his mother died, Obi sent no money to the village.
- 4- Obi had studied in England.
- 5- Obi went to Umuofia for his mother's funeral.
- 6- Mr. Green gave Obi a leave of one week.
- 7- People from Umofia paid Obi a visit.
- 8- Joseph brought Obi some money.
- 9- Joseph gave Obi's visitors some beer.

**PART TWO : LANGUAGE IN USE (6 points)**

**Task1:** In order to know more about Obi's mother, use the correct verb tense and form of the verbs in brackets to complete the passage below to make it meaningful. Write your answers like in the example.

**Example: 1- had been**

Obi's mother was dead. Before she died, she **1** (was – has been – had been) sick for several months. Obi **2** (knew – has known – had known) she was seriously ill. So, he **3** (borrows – has borrowed – borrowed) some money to help her ; unfortunately she did not recover. As soon as she died, his relatives and friends in Lagos **4** (came – have come – had come) to inform him and assist him.

**Task2:** Here is what Obi's friends and relatives in Lagos asked or told him after his mother's death. In order to inform the members of your English club, rewrite the sentences beginning with the underlined phrases.

**Example: 1- "I am so sorry", Mr. Green said to Obi.**

**Mr. Green said to Obi that he was so sorry.**

- 1- "I am so sorry", Mr. Green said to Obi.
- 2- "Stop crying", Clara told Obi.
- 3- "We heard about her death only yesterday", the chief told Obi.
- 4- "When will you go to the village?" Joseph asked Obi

**PART THREE : WRITING (6 points)**

**TOPIC**

Your Ghanaian friend, Mensah that you visited last year, wrote you a letter in which he informed you about the death of his father. Write him back to comfort him. Write your letter in 10 to 12 lines maximum.

In your letter,

- say how you feel about his father's death;
- say what his father did for you when you were in Ghana last year;
- give him some advice about what he must do now after his father has died.