

BEPC
SESSION 2017
ZONE III

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.
Cependant, il devra numéroté 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.

AT THE MAMA GINTAY MATERNITY (M.G.M.) HOSPITAL

Musa Kabba and his two younger sisters, Khadija and Rugi, sat in the quiet hall of the Mama Gintay Maternity Hospital. None of them spoke. They were all praying silently for the life of their mother, Fati.

5 Fati was in trouble, and so was her baby. Only an operation could save her and the child. A door opened and a nurse came out.

"Is she...? Is the baby?" Musa could not say the words.

The nurse shook her head. Things were not going well. How could she tell these poor children that their mother was fighting for her life? "There's no news yet. The doctor's doing the operation now. I'm sorry".

10 Khadija and Rugi started to cry. It was as if the nurse had said Fati would die. Musa made some effort not to cry as he watched his sisters. He wished their father was there. He would have known what to do.

15 But Foday Kabba, their father, was far away, lying in a hospital bed himself. He had been badly hurt in a road accident just the week before, when he was hurrying to get home to his family. Now Musa, his only son, had to be mentally strong and responsible.

Adapted from Secret Fear, by Mohamed Sheriff

COMPREHENSION CHECK

A Vocabulary check

Match each word or expression from Column A with its meaning or synonym in Column B according to the text. One option in Column B is not concerned. Write your answers like in the example. *Example: 1. quiet = i. silent*

COLUMN A

- 1- quiet (L.1)
- 2- none (L. 2)
- 3- praying (L. 2)
- 4- in trouble (L. 4)
- 5- nurse (L. 5)
- 6- fighting for her life (L. 8)
- 7- watched (L. 11)
- 8- far away (L. 13)
- 9- hurrying (L. 14)

COLUMN B

- a- at a distant place
- b- woman assistant to a doctor
- c- going fast
- d- looked at
- e- in danger
- f- not any, not one
- g- trying hard to survive
- h- asking God for help
- i- silent
- j- unique

B Comprehension questions

Guide short answers to the following questions on the text. (two lines maximum).

1. Where were Musa Kabba and his two sisters?
2. Why were they in that place?
3. What was wrong with their mother Fati?
4. Why were the three children worried?
5. Why did Khadija and Rugi cry?
6. Was the children's father with them at that hospital?
7. Why did Musa wish his father was there?
8. What had happened to Foday Kaba their father?

PART TWO LANGUAGE USE (6 points)

Task 1

In the paragraph below, Musa is writing about what is happening to his family. Choose the best options from the brackets to reconstruct the meaning of the paragraph. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 1. = *stronger*

"There are three children in my family. Our father and our mother are at the hospital. As the only boy in the family, I have to be 1. (*strong/stronger/strongest*) than my sisters. My sister Khadija is 2. (*weak/weaker/the weakest*) child in our family. She cries any time there is a difficult situation. The doctor says our mother's condition is 3. (*serious/less serious/the least serious*) than our father's. She will come back home soon. She is feeling much 4. (*good/better/the best*) today than yesterday".

Task 2

Below is dialogue between a nurse and a doctor. Complete it with the appropriate word from the box to make it meaningful. The words can be used more than once. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 1. = *None*

any—none—some - all

Nurse: Dr, there are lots of patients waiting to see you. They're all quiet. When I said hello, 1. (*some/any/all/none*) of them answered. 2. (*Some/All/None/Any*) patients seem to be in great pains. I checked their health booklets. 3. (*Some/All/None/Any*) don't have 4. (*some/any/all/none*) health booklets, I don't know what to do, Dr.

Doctor: Don't worry. I'm going to examine of them. Let me first put some order in my office.

Nurse: OK, Dr. By the way, none of them has a thermometer.

Doctor: Never mind! We'll see what we can do.

PART THREE WRITING (6 points)

TOPIC:

Last year, your pen friend from Accra invited you to spend the summer holidays with him/her in Ghana. You did not reply to his/her letter because your brother was admitted in a hospital. Now that your brother is feeling better, you have decided to answer your friend's letter.

In your reply,

- say what happened to your brother;
- describe how you helped your brother;
- Ask your pen friend if she/he is waiting for you visit.
- Write your letter in 10 to 12 lines maximum.