

CONCOURS D'ENTREE EN 1^{ere} ANNEE – SESSION JUILLET 2021

EPREUVE d'ANGLAIS

Durée 2h00 - Coefficient 1

SECTION A: GRAMMAR

- I- Join the following pair of sentences using the correct connective or words from the list. Each word should be used once. (5mks)**

Since, unless, neither.. nor, as soon as, even though, which, whose, for.

1. You will not be allowed to vote. You have a voting card and your name on the register.

2. These are orphans. Their parents died of Aids.

3. He went to the university. He never graduated from the university.

4. Ambe saw his teacher coming. Ambe went to greet him.

5. We did not meet Angeline. We did not also meet her sister.

II- Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. (5mk)

- 1) The discipline master wouldn't have punished Jane if she _____ the classroom. (to sweep)

- 2) Brenda burnt her hand while _____ fish for the family. (to fry)

- 3) Had the mother bought a mostiquator net, her child _____ malaria. (not to get)

- 4) We are _____ our in-laws next week. (to visit)

- 5) The dish is empty John must have _____ all the food. (to eat).

SECTION B: VOCABULARY

I- Fill in the blank spaces with a synonym of the words in brackets. (5mks)

- 1) His family _____ him when he had no financial means. (stood by)
- 2) Simo is so _____ and insolent that he will not apologise to anybody. (arrogant)
- 3) Ignorance and intolerance push some people to _____ others. (discriminate against)
- 4) Matha _____ a good wage working with British firm.(got)
- 5) Abortion should be _____. (authorised)

II- Write the appropriate form of the word in brackets in the spaces provided.

1. You have to make your brother work harder. You should never _____ him. (courage)
2. Scientists have just made an important _____ related to the virus that causes Covid 19. (discover)
3. You can never tell someone's _____ by looking at them. (strong)
4. Alice: Please mother at what time should I _____ the baby? (feed)
5. In Africa a lot of people die as a result of _____. (poor)

SECTION C: READING COMPREHENSION (10mks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions below it. Use your own words as far as possible.

BONES OF CONTENTION

One of the world's most famous human ancestor is a box-office sensation in the United States, sent by the Ethiopian government on a six-year goodwill tour of the U.S, museums, the 3.2 million-year-old fossil skeleton of Lucy had her late August debut at the Museum of natural Science in Houston, Texas.

More than 125,000 visitors have already visited the travelling exhibit that highlights not only the fossil discoveries to be made in Ethiopia, but also the nation's unique role throughout human history. This is echoed by Ethiopia ambassador to the U.S. Samuel Assefa. At the launch

of the exhibition, a scientist said, “it offers two evolutions of man and Ethiopia- the evolution of man and Ethiopia as the cradle of civilization”.

But not everyone is singing the praises of the exhibition.

Discovered more than 30 years ago in Afar, the northern-most extension of Africa’s Rift Valley, by paleoanthropologists Donald Johansen and Thomas Gray, Lucy’s discovery remains remarkable because of the completeness of her skeleton. “To this day most hominid species are known only from a few bones, but Lucy skeleton contains about 40% of her skeletons; major bones although she lacks fragile hand and foot bones which are seldom found.” says the science journalist Ann Gibbons.

In Ethiopia, Lucy is known as Dikenshi, an Ahmaric phrase that means “you are beautiful”. Her popular English name is a tribute to the Beatles “Lucy in the sky with Diamonds”, a song that was played continuously at the researcher’s field camp after her discovery.

However, some scientists have expressed their dismay at the tour and have said it had set a bad precedent for sending priceless specimens overseas. “all of the paleoanthropologists who actually look for fossils in Africa and reconstruct them were totally opposed to this. It is too hard to find fossils of this calibre –why risk damaging Lucy or worse, losing her?” asks Gibbons whose recent book *The First Human: The Race to discover our Earliest Ancestors* described the efforts of evaluation teams doing field work in Africa.

Gibbons adds that some paleoanthropologists have said Lucy should have remained in Ethiopia because scientists have not finished with investigating the fossil. “New methods are being invented that allow researchers to study fossils in new ways. If she is damaged now, we don’t know what the loss is to history”.

Kenyan palaeontologist Richard Leakey has called the tour “a form of prostitution”. He is not understated in explaining his point of view: “it is largely for money and the promotion of tourism in Ethiopia. Lucy should not be committed to commercial travelling. It is grossly irresponsible”.

Dirk von Tuerenhout, the Houston museum curator of anthropology, has responded by saying that those scientists who have expressed their concerns are not speaking for all palaeontologists and that some of his professional colleagues who have very supportive of the tour have, in turn, criticized opponents of the tour as being elitist. David Morrison, the director of archaeology at the Canadian museum of civilization told the *Toronto Globe and Mail*: “there is an aspect of elitism here, that only scholars should be able to see Lucy.

Supporters of the tour also include the British Museum Jill Cook who heads her institution's department of prehistory and Europe. She believes that fossils displayed in a museum environment actually undergo less stress than in a scientific laboratory.

"Changes in temperature and humidity, as well as the measuring sampling and replication by scientists can have damaging effects on a fossil than a benign museum display that is safe, stable and secure", says cook.

Johansen, Lucy's co-discoverer, says he is also concerned about the U.S. tour, but adds that he believes the Ethiopian government has taken all the proper precautions to ensure her safety.

"Lucy is a one kind fragile and invaluable to the science of palaeoanthropology".

(Culled from B.B.C focus on Africa, April-June 2008)

QUESTIONS:

1. How old is Lucy's skeleton? (1mk)

2. What does the travelling exhibit portray? (2mk)

3. What makes Lucy's discovery special? 2mks)

4. Why is Beatles mentioned in the text? (2mks)

5. Richard Leakey called the tour or form of prostitution. State why (1mks)

6. Why is the passage entitled bones of contention? (2mk)

SECTION: D ESSAY WRITING

Choose any of the topics and write an essay of between 200-250 words.

1. There have been power cuts in your neighbourhood. Sometimes you go for weeks without electricity. This situation is affecting your studies and your family life negatively. Write a letter of complaint to the manager of ENEO about the power cuts and how they are affecting you. Your name is Baba and your address is G.H.S Tombel P.O. Box 86 Tombel
2. Tourism has become one of the most expanding industries in Africa in general and in Cameroon in particular what is tourism and what are its merits and desmerit, to the natural and man-made sites in Cameroon.