

Paper: ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Field: All

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SECTION A : READING COMPREHENSION 20 MKS

Read the following passage carefully and answer all the questions below it. As much as possible, use your own words.

DRUG ABUSE

Cannabis continues to be the drug most widely abused on the African continent. Commercial quantities of cannabis are cultivated in West Africa, particularly Nigeria and Ghana, with Ghana also producing hashish. Most nations reporting to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs stated that it was being grown and abused within their borders. Cannabis is abused in both urban and rural areas, but the incidence of abuse is greater among the urban young. It affects all social strata and age groups, beginning with preadolescence. Increasing seizures of equipment for extracting resin and oil is an ominous sign.

Although heroin was virtually unknown in Africa until recently, it is now abused in Mauritius and Nigeria - countries that serve as transit points for heroine from Asia intended for Western Europe and North America. Other transit countries, such as Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana, where large seizures of heroine have taken place, are at risk of becoming centers of abuse.

Another ominous recent development in Africa is the appearance of cocaine as evidenced by seizures made in the Côte D'Ivoire, Ghana, and Nigeria. Abuse of cocaine has already begun in Nigeria, with Chad and South Africa also reporting abuse on a relatively small scale.

Cocaine and cannabis are widely abused in the United States, and to a lesser extent in Canada, with combinations of two or more drugs, often involving alcohol, continuing as the growing pattern. The most alarming development in the United States is the emergence of a smokable form of cocaine known as "crack"; the drug is easy to use, easy to conceal, and addictive enough to ensure a ready market.

Cannabis and its derivatives are the most commonly abused drugs in both countries. Most of the cannabis originates abroad, although the amounts produced domestically are increasing. In the United States domestic cultivation has increased to 15 per cent of the available supplies, even though all 50 states conducted cannabis - eradication campaigns in 1986. Surveys show that cannabis abuse by young people has been declining since 1980.

Cocaine, originating in South America, is plentiful in both the United States and Canada. The United States estimates that the drug is used regularly by between 4 and 5 million people, who either snort cocaine or smoke "crack."

Illicit drug trafficking and related criminal activities have continued to expand in most regions of the world in the 1980s. Recent years have been distinguished by a remarkable increase in the number of reports of individual seizures of large quantities of drugs, particularly cocaine and hashish. The frequency of such seizures in 1986 and 1987 indicates that trafficking groups are becoming better organized and have greater resources than ever before.

Although in general the bulk of illicit drug traffic Worldwide appeared to move over traditional, well-established routes in the mid -1980s, there was evidence that West Africa was becoming an important transit area. Increased quantities of heroin seized in Europe and the United States and some cocaine seized in Europe came through West Africa, and a considerable quantity of West African cannabis was intercepted in both Europe and the United States.

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QUESTIONS:

1. According to the writer, why is cannabis so common in West Africa? (4 mks)
2. Where is the incidence of cannabis greater? Give reasons for your answer. (4 mks)
3. Why does the writer think that « crack » is « a most alarming development » ? (4 Mks)
4. In what way are the authorities trying to stop illicit drug trafficking? (4 mks)
5. What in your opinion, are the dangers of drug abuse to a society? Give at least two dangers (4 mks)

SECTION B: GRAMMAR (10 mks)

I- Match the expression in column A with the appropriate ending in column B. Use each item in column B, only once. Write in the space provided (5 mks)

Column A

Column B

- 1- I'm afraid "she studied hard but failed". Lamented the class master;
- 2- It's a pity "You left us and lived on your own, you are too lazy", said his parents angrily.
- 3- I wished "I'll have to punish you severely", said the judge angrily to the notorious criminal
- 4- You'd better "I had taken the advice of my lawyer, "said the convict as he was led to jail.
- 5- "It's time "Not make too much noise. The baby is sleeping" cautioned the mother.

II- Join the following sentences with any correct word or words of your choice. Use each item once (5 mks)

- 1) The space craft lifted into space. It exploded after lift-off
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- 2) Revise your lessons regularly. You cannot pass your exam.
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- 3) Ambo was mischievous. He was punished.
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- 4) He was ill-prepared for the exam. He failed.
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- 5) I asked for the teacher's permission. He did not grant it.
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SECTION C: VOCABULARY 10 MKS

A- Fill in the blanks spaces with appropriate or expressions chosen from the list provided in brackets. Write the answers in the spaces provided (5marks)

- 1 - The football match which couldn't be played yesterday because of the heavy rain, has been.....to a fortnight. (**cancelled, postponed, arranged, reported**)
- 2- Abiba loves her husband so much that she can.....such insolence and arrogance he has towards her. (**suffers, tolerate, feel pains, hides**)
- 3-The scientist in very in the way he works in the laboratory. (**well, carefully, meticulous, carelessly**).

4- A policeman doesn't need a warrant of arrest for a suspect if he catches him

(**hands red, thieves, broke a house, red-handed**).

5- After receiving the doctor' s....., I immediately went to a drugstore and bought the medicines. (**ordinance, documents, prescribes, prescription**).

B- Fill in the blanks with appropriate words front the following list: fanaticism, paradoxical, reasonable, fleece, lurking, deals, shocking, experimental indulge, wage (5 mks)

Religion in a very sensitive domain because it.....with people's beliefs in and worship of God or gods. Some people are in their worship whereas others are not. Because of. , people..... war at every corner of the world. Therefore in the name of religion poor human beings are killed like beasts, which is The most thing is that Africa has because the ground of new churches. Some pastors do not hesitate totheir followers in order to buy luxurious cars or to travel overseas.

Definitely there is no more security in our lands. Danger is.....very where: in the streets, in our homes, and even in our churches! But religious leaders who in dubious practices should know that sooner or later, they will be 'paid in their own coins'

SECTION D: ESSAY (10 mks)

Write an essay of between 250-300 words on any ONE of the following topics

1. Violence and particularly gender based violence has become a cause for concern in our society today what is your take? How can this be curbed?
2. Write a letter of complaint about the high cost of living and its negative effects on the population, to the Minister of Commerce Yaoundé. Suggest possible solutions your name is Ali Nang, Your address is P.O. Box 111 Yaounde, Cameroon
- 3- Some major problems of a developing nation.

