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SECTION 1: GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

Task 1: Ndjehemle and Bassong are two francophone students from College Vogt. They are in the playground discussing the necessity of learning English. Help them to build their sentences by putting the verbs in the right tense 5mks

Bassong: Hello, Ndjehemle, I(not see) you yesterday during the English class. By the time I arrived in class, youalready (leave)

Ndjehemle: I left the class before the arrival of the teacher.

Bassong: why.....you.....(do) that? Don't you know that English is the most used language in the world and that if you want to travel abroad, you need to speak English? By the end of August, you(succeed) in your baccalaureat exam. What would you do if you(be) admitted in a prominent Anglo-Saxon university in Cameroon or outside?;.....you.....(miss) that opportunity because of a language barrier?

Ndjehemle: No I wouldn't . I think that from now on , I will stop(disregard) English and start taking the learning of English as a serious matter. Thanks for your advice , my friend

Task 2: From your knowledge of subject verb agreement, prepositions and determiners rewrite the following sentences which describe a riot in front of the French Embassy by selecting the right answer from brackets 2.5 mks

On Monday last week, a crowd of students.....(was/were) standing in front of the embassy. They had been(for, since during) the past three weeks. There was.....(nobody/ somebody/ anybody) to give them the right(information/ informations) concerning their visa. Once they started grumbling, the police(were/was) called and dispersed them with teargas.

Task III: Rewrite the following sentences as started in brackets 5 mks

1) It was windy but I went strolling

Unless.....

2) "Did you take up swimming last week?" my friend asked me

My friend asked me.....

3) Many people believe that recreational activities have a positive impact on our brain

It

4) Peter did not speak English fluently. Moussa too

Neither.....

5) The supermarket has just opened. Customers are rushing to take nice articles.

Barely.....

Task IV : Complete the sentences below related to places of selling products 2.5 mks

Online- supermarket- street vendors- shops- market- roadside stall- mall

I always go to awhen I want to buy a wide variety of goods such as bread, natural juice, wine etc. Mahima is one of them. But at times I purchase my bread from one of thein our neighborhood because it is cheaper. Sometimes also, I stop in front of theby the roadside to buy my shoes even though they don't always have good quality products. Nevertheless we can assess the quality on thewhich is not the case when we buy

Task V : Abena is talking about the benefit of buying goods online. Give the opposite of the underlined words. 2.5 mks

Today many Cameroonians prefer to buy home grown products toproducts because they are of low quality.....Most of the time, they are cheaperthan local products. Those products are found offlineand can be delivered at the market.....

TASK VI: This is the story of Ateba who is workaholic and who does not want to take a recreational activity. Complete the sentences by selecting the right preposition or the propositional phrase 2.5 mks

Ateba is a computer scientist. He spends the whole day.....(at work- in work – on work). He is always travelling(on – at – for) business. He never comes back from work.....(on time- in time – at time). He always knocks.....(on the door – at the door- in the door)(in the middle- at the middle –by the middle-) of the night .He doesn't care(at – for- about) his children. His wife is getting tired.....(of- about- on) this situation. She feels stressed.....(out- up- in) and depressed. Ateba doesn't have a balance life at all. He should be(on – at – by) watch because he may end up having a high blood pressure.(on – at – in) a regular basis, he needs a recreational activity.

SECTION TWO: EVALUATION OF COMPETENCE

READING COMPREHENSION 10 MKS

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow

The ongoing crisis in the north-west of Cameroon in the anglophone region, coupled with the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic and the Russian invasion of Ukraine, has pushed the price of stable foods beyond the reach of many. In response, the government has designated the anglophone region an economic disaster zone. At the busy Bamenda food market, hawkers position themselves at the market gate, selling basic home products like washing soap, while shop owners serve customers inside their shops. Shoppers come here in the hope of buying local produce cheaper. But for more than three months the prices of local products like plantains and tomatoes as well as basic household commodities have skyrocketed.

Food prices rise :The rise in food prices started late last year, when groundnut oil prices rose from 25,000CFA (38 euros)/gallon to 27,000CFA (40 euros), says shopper Dorothy Ngu, adding that the prices were higher than neighbouring Douala or Bafoussam.

#Bamenda resident Thomas Mbah spoke to @Africa_Calling about□□ □prices: "if you don't have 1000 FRS CFA, you can't afford breakfast for your family. Even #garri is now more expensive than #rice." <https://t.co/cCbCDy0TSK> #pricehike #food #RussiaUkraineWar #Anglophonecri sis

— Africa Calling (@Africa_Calling) April 16, 2022

“When we ask why, they say it is our road, especially the road to reach here - it is horrible,” says Ngu.“Palm oil is a local product. It used to be cheap, but they say they have to increase their own prices because if they don’t sell it at a higher price how will they buy their own things in the market?” she adds. For one transporter who uses the Bamenda-Ekok-Enugu highway, the frequent road blocks imposed by both security services and separatist fighters adds to the costs of the goods he transports. This prevents Nigerian goods from entering the city.

Elsewhere on the Bafoussam-Bamenda highway, where staples from other towns come in, the roads are in terrible condition and have not been maintained, Elvis Muluh tells Africa Calling podcast, pointing to his tyres.“These are vehicle tyres. We buy them for up to 50,000CFA (45 euros) but it doesn’t last for one month because of deplorable state of the road,” says Muluh.“The bad state of the road and numerous military checkpoints accounts for the increase in the prices of commodities, since we have to charge higher for transporting the goods,” he says, adding that he wished there were fewer checkpoints.

Ukrainian wheat ban

The situation is worsening with the recent increase in the price of flour, meaning people can’t afford to buy much bread.“Bread is very expensive; if you don’t have 1000CFA (1.50 euros) now you can’t afford breakfast for your family. From every indication it’s high time we go back to our farms and cultivate sweet potatoes to serve for breakfast,” says Thomas Mbah, a resident of Bamenda.“Even the local product from cassava known as *garri* is now more expensive than rice.”

This article was originally heard on RFI's Africa Calling podcast.

Questions

- 1) Name four basic home products

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- 2) Why is it that those basic home products are now expensive?

3) What is the impact of the poor road quality on the increase of prices on the market?

4) Basic household commodities have skyrocketed: Means

- Basic household commodities have increased
- Basic household commodities have decreased
- Basic household commodities have disappeared
- Basic household commodities are rare on the market

5) Can the ongoing Ukraine –Russia crisis help us develop our local production?

SECTION THREE: ESSAY WRITING 10 mks

- 1) In your newly opened school canteen, you've noticed that most of the products that are sold are too expensive and do not match with the students' needs. Write a letter to the principal to denounce it and propose to him some of the products that you will like to have there
- 2) Online buying and selling is gaining ground in the world market. After defining what E-commerce is, give its negative impact on our consumption habit.

English Exam Correction

SECTION 1: GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

Task 1: Verb Tenses

Bassong: Hello, Ndjehemle, I **did not** see you yesterday during the English class. By the time I arrived in class, you **had already left**.

Ndjehemle: I left the class before the arrival of the teacher.

Bassong: Why **did** you **do** that? Don't you know that English is the most used language in the world and that if you want to travel abroad, you need to speak English? By the end of August, you **will have succeeded** in your baccalaureate exam. What would you do if you **were** admitted to a prominent Anglo-Saxon university in Cameroon or outside? **Would** you **miss** that opportunity because of a language barrier?

Ndjehemle: No, I wouldn't. I think that from now on, I will stop **disregarding** English and start taking the learning of English as a serious matter. Thanks for your advice, my friend.

Task 2: Subject-Verb Agreement, Prepositions, and Determiners

On Monday last week, a crowd of students **were** standing in front of the embassy. They had been **there** for the past three weeks. There was **nobody** to give them the right **information** concerning their visa. Once they started grumbling, the police **were** called and dispersed them with teargas.

Task 3: Sentence Rewriting

1. Unless it was windy, I wouldn't have gone strolling.
2. My friend asked me if I had taken up swimming the previous week.
3. It is believed that recreational activities have a positive impact on our brain.
4. Neither Peter nor Moussa spoke English fluently.
5. Barely had the supermarket opened when customers rushed to take nice articles.

Task 4: Places of Selling Products

I always go to a **supermarket** when I want to buy a wide variety of goods such as bread, natural juice, wine, etc. Mahima is one of them. But at times I purchase my bread from one of the **shops** in our neighborhood because it is cheaper. Sometimes also, I stop in front of the **roadside stall** by the roadside to buy my shoes even though they don't always have good quality products. Nevertheless, we can assess the quality on the **market**, which is not the case when we buy **online**.

Task 5: Opposites of Underlined Words

Today many Cameroonians prefer to buy homegrown products to **imported** products because they are of low quality. Most of the time, they are **more expensive** than local products. Those products are found **offline** and can be delivered **at home**.

Task 6: Prepositions and Prepositional Phrases

Ateba is a computer scientist. He spends the whole day **at work**. He is always traveling **on** business. He never comes back from work **on time**. He always knocks **on** the door **in the middle** of the night. He doesn't care **about** his children. His wife is getting tired **of** this situation. She feels stressed **out** and depressed. Ateba doesn't have a balanced life at all. He should be **on** watch because he may end up having high blood pressure. **On** a regular basis, he needs a recreational activity.

SECTION 2: READING COMPREHENSION

Questions:

1. Name four basic home products.

Washing soap, plantains, tomatoes, and garri.

2. Why is it that those basic home products are now expensive?

The prices have increased due to the ongoing crisis in the anglophone region, the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Russian invasion of Ukraine, poor road conditions, and frequent roadblocks.

3. What is the impact of the poor road quality on the increase of prices on the market?

The poor road quality increases transportation costs, as vehicles wear out quickly, and transporters have to charge higher prices to cover these costs.

4. Basic household commodities have skyrocketed: Means

Basic household commodities have increased.

5. Can the ongoing Ukraine-Russia crisis help us develop our local production?

Yes, the crisis can encourage local production as people may turn to cultivating local crops like sweet potatoes and cassava due to the high prices of imported goods like wheat.

SECTION 3: ESSAY WRITING

1. Letter to the Principal

Dear Principal,

I am writing to bring to your attention the issue of the high prices of products sold in the school canteen. Many students, including myself, have noticed that the prices are too high and do not match our financial capabilities. Additionally, the products available do not always meet our needs.

I would like to propose some changes to the canteen's offerings. Firstly, I suggest introducing more affordable snacks and drinks, such as sandwiches, fruits, and natural juices. Secondly, it would be beneficial to include healthier options like salads and whole-grain products. Lastly, I recommend reducing the prices of existing items to make them more accessible to all students.

I believe these changes will greatly benefit the student body and improve the overall satisfaction with the canteen services.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

2. E-commerce and Its Negative Impact

E-commerce refers to the buying and selling of goods and services over the internet. It has gained significant popularity in recent years due to its convenience and accessibility. However, it also has some negative impacts on our consumption habits.

One major negative impact is the tendency to overspend. Online shopping platforms often use persuasive marketing techniques, such as discounts and limited-time offers, which can lead to impulsive buying. Additionally, the ease of online transactions can make it difficult for consumers to keep track of their spending, leading to financial strain.

Another issue is the environmental impact of e-commerce. The increase in online shopping has led to a rise in packaging waste and carbon emissions from delivery vehicles. This contributes to environmental degradation and climate change.

Lastly, e-commerce can negatively affect local businesses. As consumers shift to online platforms, small local shops may struggle to compete, leading to a decline in local economies.

In conclusion, while e-commerce offers many benefits, it is important to be aware of its negative impacts and strive for more sustainable and responsible consumption habits.