

COLLEGE F.X. VOGT		SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021
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LEVEL : TERMINALE A	DURATION: 2H	COEF.: 3

**SECTION A: GRAMMAR (10 marks)**

**Exercise 1:** Fill in the spaces with the appropriate word from those in brackets (5 marks).

A: Hey Jack! Hi!

B: Oh hi! How are you doing?

A: Not too bad. Where are you headed so late?

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A: I see. How's your wife? Did she get over that flu?

B: Oh yeah, yeah. Thanks. She's fine now. Actually, we ..... to put off our trip to Whistler because of it. But we are going next week. (**have, had, have had**)

A: Oh yah? Skiing is great. It's important to stay active in winter. ..... too, I'm trying to get healthier – trying to quit smoking. (**me, I, mine**)

B: Really? Good for you. How's your new job, by the way?

A: My job's good. I get along well with everyone there – my co-workers, management. And the pay is pretty good too. I am ..... for a new car now. (**serving up, saving up, saving off**)

B: Awesome! I look forward to ..... you at the party this evening (**seeing, see, saw**).

**Exercise 2:** Complete the sentences below with the correct word or correct form of the word in brackets. (5marks)

- 1- We were ..... when we saw many countries quarantine their citizens last year due to Covid-19. (**astonish**).
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- 3- The whale/shark is the ..... fish in the world (**large**), but it is not ..... than the blue whale. (**big**)
- 4- It is our duty to care ..... the young ones. They can't make ends meet. (**for, on, off**)
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## **SECTION B: VOCABULARY (10 marks)**

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Therefore, the Theory of Evolution, while controversial, has shaped and influenced the modern world’s ..... (think) on the development of life itself. Also, over time beneficial traits and features that promote ..... (survive) will be kept in the gene pool while those that harm survival will be selected against.

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- 1- The ..... was put in prison because he failed to pay the money he borrowed from his friend.
- 2- Our ..... at Vogt College is as a result of hard work and assiduity.
- 3- We may have to ..... ourselves for the second time as Covid-19 continues its spread around the world.
- 4- During this CHAN 2021 competition, Cameroon is opening her ..... sites to foreigners.
- 5- It is always very ..... to expose harmful items to children.

## **SECTION C: COMPREHENSION (10 marks)**

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Use complete sentences and, as far as possible, your own words.

### **Martian Science Fiction Film Hopes to Inspire New Scientists**

The Martian, a film about a marooned astronaut who uses science, wit and courage to survive in a very hostile environment, is making hundreds of millions of dollars and has gotten good reviews. Some scientists also say the film has the potential to inspire as well entertain. In The Martian, Mark Watney is a U.S. astronaut who has to survive alone on Mars after his crew leaves the planet without him, thinking he died in a storm that swept him away. Watney, a botanist, is played by Matt Damon. Not your typical Hollywood here, Damon is one of several role models in the film for aspiring scientists. Another is Mars mission commander Melissa Lewis, played by Jessica Chastain.

It's a performance that excites Costa Rican space enthusiast and student Montserrat Cordero. "Jessica Chastain's character is amazing. We also have the computer programmer who is also a woman. This is not what we tend to see. So I'm really excited to see this kind of thing, hope to see a lot more of it," said Cordero, a Stanford University student and a graduate of an international summer school run by the Foundation for International Space Education in Houston, Texas. Justin Kugler, director of educational programs at the Foundation, said that The Martian's role models will have a positive influence. "The more women we have involved in science, technology, engineering and math, the better a society we have, and the better we will be able to accomplish those missions and do things like go to Mars," Kugler said. In the film, NASA, the U.S. government space agency, tries to overcome great obstacles to bring Watney back to Earth. That's not just science fiction. The science and technology shown in the movie is based on real-life work by NASA, which acted as an adviser to the filmmakers.

As part of that effort, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory has been operating rovers to collect Martian soil samples. Robert Manning, the laboratory's Mars engineering manager, said his team needs diversity to succeed. "People who see the world from different angles to come in and bring their creative ideas with them, to come here and to help us out. So what we do here is really, in many respects, an international effort," Manning said.

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### Questions

1- According to the text, who is Mark Watney? (2marks)

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2- In the first paragraph, what is NOT a meaning of the word "hostile"? (1mark)

- a) Adverse
- b) Hospitable
- c) Unfavourable
- d) Unpleasant

3- In the third paragraph, what is the meaning of the phrase "space enthusiast"? (1mark)

- a) An opponent of space
- b) A critic of space
- c) A worker in space
- d) A person interested in space

4- "The more women we have involved in science, technology, engineering and math, the better a society we have, and the better we will be able to accomplish those missions and do things like go to Mars.". Is this statement true or false? Justify your answer. (2marks)

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5- According to the passage, who are the role models in the film? (2marks)

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6- According to you, what are some of the advantages of science? Give two. (2marks)

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#### **SECTION D: Composition (10marks)**

**Choose any one of the following topics and write an essay between 250 to 300words.**

- 1- Pollution is becoming a major problem to our well-being. When it rains, our neighbourhoods are flooded. During the dry season, our streets are covered with dust. Hence, climate change affects our lives in different ways. Explain this phenomenon stating the causes and the consequences.
- 2- On the occasion of World Trees Planting Day, you have been invited by a group of young people in your village to give a talk on the importance of trees. Write the speech that you will deliver. The name of your village is Bafem.

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**Mr. PRINCELY**

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5. It is always very **dangerous** to expose harmful items to children.

## SECTION C: COMPREHENSION (10 marks)

### Questions:

#### 1. According to the text, who is Mark Watney? (2 marks)

Mark Watney is a U.S. astronaut and botanist who is marooned on Mars after his crew leaves the planet, thinking he died in a storm. He uses science, wit, and courage to survive in the hostile environment of Mars.

#### 2. In the first paragraph, what is NOT a meaning of the word "hostile"? (1 mark)

b) Hospitable

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#### 4. "The more women we have involved in science, technology, engineering and math, the better a society we have, and the better we will be able to accomplish those missions and do things like go to Mars.". Is this statement true or false? Justify your answer. (2 marks)

This statement is **true**. The text supports this by stating that having more women in STEM fields leads to a better society and improves the ability to accomplish missions like going to Mars. Justin Kugler, the director of educational programs, emphasizes the importance of diversity in achieving these goals.

#### 5. According to the passage, who are the role models in the film? (2 marks)

The role models in the film are Mark Watney, played by Matt Damon, and Mars mission commander Melissa Lewis, played by Jessica Chastain. Additionally, the computer programmer, who is also a woman, serves as a role model.

#### 6. According to you, what are some of the advantages of science? Give two. (2 marks)

- Science helps us understand the world around us and solve complex problems.
- Science leads to technological advancements that improve our quality of life, such as medical breakthroughs and space exploration.

## SECTION D: COMPOSITION (10 marks)

### Topic 1: Pollution and Climate Change

Pollution has become a major problem affecting our well-being. During the rainy season, neighborhoods are often flooded due to poor drainage systems clogged with waste. In the dry season, dust from unpaved roads and industrial activities covers our streets, leading to respiratory problems. Climate change exacerbates these issues, causing extreme weather patterns such as prolonged droughts and intense rainfall.

The primary causes of pollution include industrial emissions, vehicle exhaust, and improper waste disposal. Deforestation and the burning of fossil fuels contribute significantly to climate change. The consequences are dire: rising global temperatures, melting ice caps, and the displacement of communities due to flooding and desertification.

To mitigate these effects, we must adopt sustainable practices such as recycling, using renewable energy, and planting trees. Governments should enforce stricter environmental regulations, and individuals must take responsibility for reducing their carbon footprint. Only through collective action can we hope to combat pollution and climate change effectively.

### Topic 2: Speech on the Importance of Trees

#### Speech for World Trees Planting Day in Bafem Village

Good morning, everyone!

It is an honor to stand before you today on this special occasion of World Trees Planting Day. Trees are not just a part of our environment; they are essential to our survival. They provide us with oxygen,

absorb carbon dioxide, and help regulate the climate. In Bafem, we are blessed with lush greenery, but we must not take it for granted.

Trees also prevent soil erosion, which is crucial for our agriculture. They provide shade, fruits, and medicinal resources. Moreover, trees are home to countless species of birds and animals, maintaining the biodiversity of our region.

However, deforestation threatens these benefits. We must act now to plant more trees and protect our existing forests. I urge each of you to plant at least one tree today and nurture it. Let us work together to ensure a greener, healthier future for Bafem.

Thank you!

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