

**ENGLISH MID-TERM EXAMINATION PAPER FOR "Terminale A"****SECTION A GRAMMAR 10 marks****1- Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the word in brackets: 2.5mks**

a- San Francisco is far \_\_\_\_\_ than Bertoua. (developed)

b- A homework is much \_\_\_\_\_ than an official exam. (serious)

c- We have \_\_\_\_\_ this paper for 15 minutes only. So there is still a lot of time. (to write)

d- Kenfack \_\_\_\_\_ we were talking about, has just won a prize. (who)

e- \_\_\_\_\_ women are said to be harsh, because they have never been mothers. Is that true? (child)

**2- Rewrite these sentences as started without changing their original meaning: 5mks**

a- Kourouma offered Fatou a bunch of flowers and then kissed her.  
Not only did kourouma \_\_\_\_\_

b- All secondary schools are preparing the next youth week.  
The next youth week is \_\_\_\_\_

c- "We have to give our best to rescue these victims", said the Governor.  
The Governor said that \_\_\_\_\_

d- The Principal wanted to know how we could solve that problem.  
"How \_\_\_\_\_

e- Many medical doctors travelled to Eseka. They heard about the train crash.  
When \_\_\_\_\_

**3- Choose from the brackets to complete the sentences below: 2.5mks**

a- \_\_\_\_\_ next Thursday we shall have ended these examinations. (by-until-since)

b- \_\_\_\_\_ you, please help me carry these bags. (should-will-must)

c- \_\_\_\_\_ you slap your mum, if she insulted in public. (will-did-would)

d- \_\_\_\_\_ and fewer children speak their mother tongues nowadays. (less-fewer-more)

e- When you are wrong, the \_\_\_\_\_ you can do is to apologize. (least-less-most)

**SECTION B VOCABULARY 10 marks****1- Complete the sentences with the opposite of the words in brackets: 5mks**

a- This \_\_\_\_\_ association only recruits people who don't need salaries. (profit)

b- It is \_\_\_\_\_ to go in the forest with a stranger. (safe)

c- \_\_\_\_\_ people always walk with the fear of failure. (optimistic)

d- \_\_\_\_\_ shopping encourages and enriches wicked tycoons and multinationals. (ethical)  
 e- Let me enjoy this \_\_\_\_\_ day. It's rare here in Buea. (cloudy)

**2- Match the words in column A with those in column B to form expressions in column C: 5mks**

COLUMN A	COLUMN B	COLUMN C
a- Tectonic	- scale	a- _____
b- Holiday	- witness	b- _____
c- Eye	- shocks	c- _____
d- Aid	- services	d- _____
e- Tropical	- temperature	e- _____
f- Trade	- worker	f- _____
g- Minimum	- plates	g- _____
h- Emergency	- unionist	h- _____
i- After	- wage law	g- _____
j- Richter	- maker	h- _____

**SECTION C \_\_\_\_ COMPREHENSION \_\_\_\_ 10 marks**

***Read this text carefully and then answer all the question that follow it***

**Text: CAMEROON KILLER LAKES**

During the night of 21 to 22 August 1986, Lake Nyos, located on the volcanic rim in western Cameroon, disgorged a vast cloud of toxic gas which took the lives of about 1,700 people and thousands of cattle. Two years earlier, on 16 August 1984, a similar disaster had taken place 100 kilometers away at Lake Monoun, causing 37 deaths. In 1987, on UNESCO's initiative, more than 200 research workers and experts met for a conference in Yaounde, Cameroon, to try to understand the causes of these incidents.

Had there been a sudden total or partial degasification of the water? If so, was this due to a landslide, a rockslip, a violent wind or to an upwelling of deep water? Or had a volcanic disturbance released the gases from a subsurface reservoir? A team from the University of Savoy, France, is working on a project to bring the remaining water trapped gas to the surface through a system of pipes.

The quantities involved are estimated to be 250 million cubic meters for Lake Nyos, and 9.4 million for Lake Monoun. To avoid another disaster, experts have set up a buoy equipped with a satellite-transmission device, a seismic monitoring system and meteorological measurement platforms. In addition, 4,000 people have been relocated at a safe distance from the two lakes.

## QUESTIONS

1- Which type of natural disaster took place in Cameroon in August 1986? 2mks

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2- Was the exact cause of the catastrophe known? Explain. 2 mks

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3- What is the solution suggested by the University of Savoy? 2 mks

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4- Give two immediate measures taken to avoid a similar disaster. 2 mks

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5- Why do people fear natural disasters that much? Give two reasons. 2 mks

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## SECTION C    ESSAY WRITING    10 marks

*Write a 200 word essay on ANY of the topics below*

- 1- Why is solidarity important?
- 2- Juvenile drug consumption, a normal phenomenon in our society. Discuss.
- 3- The kind of friends I wish to have.
- 4- Natural disasters are divine punishments for human misconducts. Do you agree?

**Topic:**

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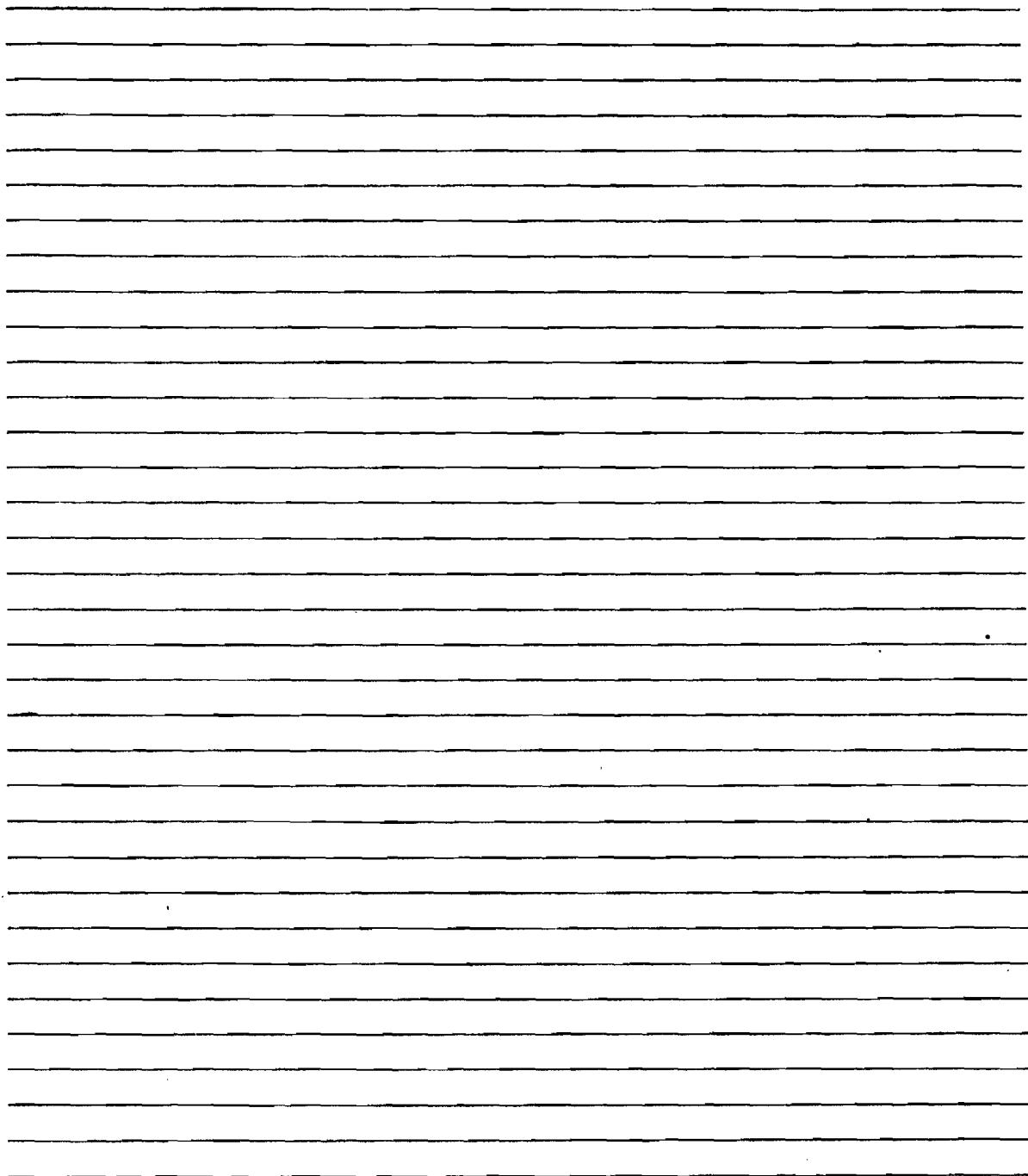
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## Correction of Examination Paper

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

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5. e. **Childless** women are said to be harsh, because they have never been mothers. Is that true?

#### **2. Rewrite these sentences as started without changing their original meaning: (2 marks)**

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**Not only did Kourouma offer Fatou a bunch of flowers, but he also kissed her.**
2. b. All secondary schools are preparing the next youth week.  
**The next youth week is being prepared by all secondary schools.**
3. c. “We have to give our best to rescue these victims,” said the Governor.  
**The Governor said that they had to give their best to rescue those victims.**
4. d. The Principal wanted to know how we could solve that problem.  
**“How can we solve that problem?” the Principal asked.**
5. e. Many medical doctors travelled to Eseka. They heard about the train crash.  
**When many medical doctors heard about the train crash, they travelled to Eseka.**

**3. Choose from the brackets to complete the sentences below: (2.5 marks)**

1. a. **By** next Thursday we shall have ended these examinations.
2. b. **Will** you, please help me carry these bags.
3. c. **Would** you slap your mum, if she insulted you in public?
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**SECTION B: VOCABULARY (10 marks)**

**1. Complete the sentences with the opposite of the words in brackets: (2 marks)**

1. a. This **non-profit** association only recruits people who don't need salaries.
2. b. It is **dangerous** to go in the forest with a stranger.
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## **SECTION C: COMPREHENSION (10 marks)**

### **Text: CAMEROON KILLER LAKES**

- 1. Which type of natural disaster took place in Cameroon in August 1986? (2 marks)**

A toxic gas release from Lake Nyos, which killed about 1,700 people and thousands of cattle.

- 2. Was the exact cause of the catastrophe known? Explain. (2 marks)**

No, the exact cause was not known. Experts speculated that it could have been due to a sudden degasification of the water caused by a landslide, rockslip, violent wind, or volcanic disturbance.

- 3. What is the solution suggested by the University of Savoy? (2 marks)**

The University of Savoy suggested bringing the trapped gas to the surface through a system of pipes to prevent future disasters.

- 4. Give two immediate measures taken to avoid a similar disaster. (2 marks)**

- A buoy equipped with a satellite-transmission device, seismic monitoring system, and meteorological measurement platforms was set up.
- 4,000 people were relocated to a safe distance from the lakes.

- 5. Why do people fear natural disasters that much? Give two reasons. (2 marks)**

- Natural disasters can cause massive loss of life and property.
- They are often unpredictable and can strike without warning.

## **SECTION D: ESSAY WRITING (10 marks)**

**Write a 200-word essay on ANY of the topics below:**

- 1. Why is solidarity important?**

Solidarity is important because it fosters unity and cooperation among individuals and communities. It helps people support each other during difficult times, such as natural disasters, economic crises, or social injustices. Solidarity promotes empathy and understanding, allowing people to work together towards common goals. For example, during the COVID-19 pandemic, solidarity was crucial in ensuring that resources were shared

equitably and that vulnerable populations were protected. Without solidarity, societies can become fragmented, leading to inequality and conflict. Therefore, solidarity is essential for building resilient and harmonious communities.

**2. Juvenile drug consumption, a normal phenomenon in our society. Discuss.**

Juvenile drug consumption has become a concerning trend in many societies. While some argue that it is a normal part of adolescent experimentation, others view it as a serious issue that requires immediate attention. Peer pressure, stress, and the desire to fit in are common reasons why young people turn to drugs. However, drug use can have severe consequences, including addiction, mental health problems, and academic failure. Society must address this issue by providing education, support, and rehabilitation programs to help young people make healthier choices.

**3. The kind of friends I wish to have.**

The kind of friends I wish to have are those who are loyal, supportive, and honest. A good friend should be someone I can trust and rely on during both good and bad times. I value friends who are kind-hearted, understanding, and non-judgmental. They should encourage me to grow and achieve my goals while also being there to celebrate my successes. Additionally, I appreciate friends who share similar interests and values, as this creates a strong bond and makes our relationship more meaningful.

**4. Natural disasters are divine punishments for human misconducts. Do you agree?**

I do not agree that natural disasters are divine punishments for human misconducts. Natural disasters are caused by geological and climatic processes, such as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and hurricanes, which are part of the Earth's natural systems. While human activities, such as deforestation and pollution, can exacerbate the impact of natural disasters, they are not the root cause. Attributing natural disasters to divine punishment oversimplifies complex scientific phenomena and can lead to harmful superstitions. Instead, we should focus on understanding and mitigating the effects of natural disasters through science and preparedness.