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2nd COMPETITIVE ENTRANCE
EXAMINATION
SERIE C, D, E, F et GCE/AL

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
TIME : THREE HOURS

Warning!!!

All questions must be answered on this question paper. The answer paper given to you should serve as a file jacket only.

Don't write your name on this question paper!

Failure to heed to this instruction will attract serious sanctions.

A) SECTION ONE: **GRAMMAR** – 10 MARKS

1. Link the following pairs of sentences without using any linking words.
2,5 marks.

a) I saw it was getting dark. I decided to leave.

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b) I had no alternative. I used my fees to buy food.

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c) The baby had eaten enough. The baby began spitting up food into my face.

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d) I didn't get any word from you. I sold out all the bags.

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e) I felt tired and hungry. I abandoned the work.

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2. Fill in the gaps with a word from the following list. 2,5 marks.

<i>when, only, so, until, it, on, of, nearly, shall, do</i>

a) He had never travelled abroad he was 36.

b) When asked to resign, Mr. Ngah said he had no intention of doing

c) Polly is keen cycling round the world. She loves travelling.

d) The students missed the bus. They were just on time to catch it.

e) I carry that bag for you? Oh, thank you.

3. Complete the following sentences with suitable prepositions. 5 marks.

- a) Every time I come across a new word, I look it in my dictionary.
- b) The B & K Language Centre is this institution.
- c) Do you always take..... your jacket when it is very hot?
- d) After looking for John for weeks, I ran..... him yesterday as I came out of a super market.
- e) I thought preparing my favourite meal this evening, but I won't because Peter is taking me for dinner.
- f) Emilie turned the job offer that was proposed to her last month. She must have found a more paying one.
- g) Most civil servants go to the banks during pay..... to get their salaries.
- h) The rebels gave their attempt to enter the city when the police forces surrounded them all corners of the town.
- i) The criminals escaped from jail climbing up the prison wall and jumping down on the other side.

B) SECTION TWO : VOCABULARY – 10 MARKS

1. Reconstruct a meaning phrase by taking an element from each box. Use each element once only. 2,5 marks.

a)	- To build	- is synonymous	- a millstone around one's neck.
b)	- A stitch	- can be	- fallen.
c)	- Taking drugs	- upon success	- to a death sentence.
d)	- How are	- in time	- to ensure a better future.
e)	- Lack of education	- the mighty	- saves nine.

- 1-.....
- 2-.....
- 3-.....
- 4-.....
- 5-.....

2. Write down the opposites of the underlined words. 2,5 marks.

- a) A-Life in the rural areas is very natural
- b) Do single women receive lower wages than their male counterparts
- c) Men must not be fearful, they believe in their strength
- d) An efficient secretary is an asset to the company
- e) The banker's drawer was full of banknotes

**3. Choose and tick ✓ the best definition for each adjective as it is used in the text.
5 marks.**

Romeo and Juliet, a **powerful** and **moving** tragedy, is about the **shocking** deaths of two lovers. This **unforgettable** drama was made into a movie starring actors, who give such **compelling** performances that make the story timeless.

- a) 'powerful' means...
- i) being very strong
 - ii) having a strong effect on something or someone
 - iii) controlling something or someone
- b) 'moving' means...
- i) something that does not stay in one place
 - ii) something which causes strong feelings
 - iii) going to a different house or place
- c) 'shocking' means...
- i) very bad and very surprising
 - ii) getting electric shock
 - iii) unusual
- d) 'unforgettable' means...
- i) something that you won't forget because it makes such an impression on you
 - ii) something you will quickly forget
 - iii) something that you cannot remember
- e) 'compelling' means...
- i) very exciting
 - ii) very realistic and making you want to believe something
 - iii) not very good

C) SECTION THREE: READING COMPREHENSION – 10 MARKS.

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions below it. You have to choose the right answer.

Every day you are the victim of a serious crime. This crime affects you and millions of other people too. Although it is as terrible as fraud, robbery, and even murder, this crime is seldom punished. The crime is pollution and it is endangering our survival.

Let's take fraud. If you think that fraud is, for example, printing counterfeit money, you are right. The dictionary defines fraud as deception and counterfeiting money. This is certainly deceiving. Pollution, however, can also be fraud. Think about those colourful packages at the grocery shop. Did you ever think that they could be part of a fraud? Well, you often pay more for the package than for the product inside. And that is fraud because you are being deceived. Without knowing it, you are

paying more for something that you never even asked for. It is pollution, too. What do you do with that expensive package? You just throw it away, of course, extending the amount of garbage that is produced every day.

Now, think about robbery for a minute. If three men with guns held up a bank and off with all the money, you would agree that this is robbery, another serious crime. We all know that robbery means taking things away from other people. But robbery isn't just stealing money. Pollution is also robbery. For example, when cities throw raw sewage (*) into rivers, the water becomes polluted and all the living organisms in it die. That kind of pollution robs you of the pleasure of fishing. What about those oil ships which break up, spilling their oil into the ocean? That's pollution, too, and it robs you of clean, white beaches and the enjoyment of swimming on a hot, summer day.

Finally, let's discuss murder. When you think about murder, do you think of a bank robber shooting a policeman? This is indeed murder. Sometimes murder is quick, but other times the killer prefers to torture his victim until he dies. Pollution murders in that way.

Pollution is one of the worst killers in our society. Air pollution causes about half of all human diseases. Thousands of Canadians die every year from heart and lung diseases caused or made worse by pollution. And they do not die immediately. They often die slowly, painfully, facing worst death throes.

Pollution is all around you, making your life less pleasant and endangering your health. Highways and parks are littered with old cans, papers, and bottles, ruining the natural beauty of our environment. The noise of jets and of city traffic cause noise pollution that affects your ability to hear and can even make you deaf. Cars, buses, and industries poison the air you must breathe. Pulp and paper, one of Canada's largest industries, causes a lot of pollution. Even though we have used up many natural resources, hundreds of trees are still cut down every day. Chemical sewage and old logs are thrown into rivers and the air around the pulp and paper factories is polluted with sulphur.

Mercury, carelessly permitted to run off into many of the lakes and rivers in Canada, cause harm to fish. When people eat fish poisoned by mercury, they too become poisoned. The mercury slowly makes them die.

What are you going to do about pollution? You can't always count on someone else to figure out a way to solve the problem.

You can start by cleaning up the pollution in your own neighborhood. Save up old newspaper, bottles, and cans and begin a recycling depot. Plan an antipollution campaign. Talk over the problem of pollution with your neighbors and tell them about its dangers. Encourage your government to make new laws which will help cut down on pollution.

Don't you think that it's time to stop this terrible crime, pollution? Remember, pollution is endangering our survival.

(*) Sewage = eaux d'égouts

QUESTIONS

a) Why is pollution considered as a crime and what is peculiar about it? 2 marks.

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b) Why is counterfeit money defined as fraud? Give an example of fraud other than those given in the passage. 2 marks.

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c) What is pollution compared to and why? 2 marks.

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d) Why are colourful packages fraud? 1 mark.

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e) What does pollution deprive you of? Name at least 3. 1,5 marks.

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f) List the types of pollution mentioned in the passage and their consequences. 1,5 marks.

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D) SECTION FOUR: ESSAY – 10 MARKS

Write an essay of not less than 300 words on any ONE of the following. Your essay must be coherent and must be written in the appropriate tense of the topic chosen.

1. There is too much violence in the world today. What are the causes, the different forms it may take, and the consequences of such violence.
2. “Without education we cannot live happily”. Do you agree?
3. Did Humanity the right thing creating the atomic bomb ?

