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**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. Fill in the gaps with appropriate prepositions from the list below. You may use a proposition twice. 5 marks.

above – beyond – from – in – out – over – past – to – under – below.

- a) I'm sorry, we have no typewriter ribbons in stock. We've been stock for several days.
- b) His attitude in writing this letter is contemptuous. It's my duty reply.
- c) I'm afraid you're too old. You're age for the job.
- d) Don't panic, the situation is control.
- e) You usually find me good humour, but what happened today has completely upset me.
- f) You must face facts. You are your prime, and the time has come when we should release you are your heavy responsibilities.
- g) John's work is very good. It's well average. But Jack's the standard I expect in this class.
- h) We are in no danger now. I can assure you we're safely reach of the storm.

2. Complete the phrase in column A with their appropriate ending in column B. Write in the spaces provided. Use one item once. 2.5 marks.

Column A	Column B
1- Excuse me, _____ _____	a) he's too proud to take advice
2- Not only _____ _____	b) the Headmaster seems to be very upset with you I
3- Do you mind, _____ _____	c) was he sick, but he was also too poor to afford any drugs.
4- Needless to say _____ _____	d) do you know where I can find some English books?
5- I'm afraid, _____ _____	e) I'd rather you didn't smoke during meals

3. Fill in each blank space with the correct form of the a word of your choice. 2.5 marks.

- a) Peter was not fast to finish the exercise on time.
- b) Where are the children? Could they be at home now?
- c) Mary cut with a knife while peeling potatoes.
- d) My parents bought two dresses for me when I passed the BEPC, exam, but I liked of them because they were old fashioned.
- e) The information I got from the books you gave me very useful for my research.

B) SECTION TWO : VOCABULARY – 10 MARKS

1. Match the items on column A to their other parts in column B. Use each item only once and write out your answers in the spaces provided. 2.5 marks.

a) Wire	A) name	1)
b) Paper	B) pit	2)
c) Down	C) work	3)
d) User	D) way	4)
e) High	E) less	5)
f) Cock	F) load	6)

2. Fill in the blank spaces in the sentences with correct items chosen from the list provided. Use each item only once. 2.5 marks.

tell, remove, crashed, network, figure, character, recognition, rebooted, take, say, talk, withdraw, went off, password, person, programme, personality, died, get out, speak,

- a) He found it difficult to what he meant in English.
- b) She went to the bank to some money for her school fees.
- c) Atangana has lost all the files in his computer. It has.....
- d) I can't log on to my mailbox because I have forgotten my
- e) We didn't know Jeannette was in town. She was the last we expected to see at the party.

3. Write the opposite of the words underlined in the sentences below, in the spaces provided. 2.5 marks.

- a) Nobody was in the least surprised that the notorious liar had once again **deceived** us.
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- b) We were all **disappointed** by the poor performances of our athletes in the competition.
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- c) Paul **rebuked** Aisha for coming late.
- d) Meals in cheap restaurants are **tasteless**.
- e) The armies fought hard against their numerous **enemies**.

4. Choose the appropriate word in brackets that means the same meaning as the word underlined in each sentences. Then write it in the space provided. 2.5 marks.

- a) It is **tough** to try and control prices after the devaluation of the CFA franc. (*impossible, difficult, rude*)
- b) He can't go out at night unaccompanied. He's such a **chicken**. (*fowl, children, coward*).
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- c) After the car accident, the driver bore his own share of the **disaster**. (*piece, responsibility, loss*)
- d) The sales of imported goods will **drop** after the devaluation of the CFA franc (*small, fall, decreasing*)
- e) The football match was so **tame** that we left the stadium before the end of the match (*uninteresting, wet, sad*)

C) SECTION THREE: READING COMPREHENSION – 10 MARKS.

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions below it. Use complete sentences and your own words as far as possible.

MAKING HISTORY

“We are going to make some history here today,” said Steve Jobs this week at the beginning of his annual speech at Macworld, he’s company’s trade show in San Francisco. He was good as his word. First, he launched a product that promises at last to bring digital entertainment from people’s computers to their television screens without giving due attention to it. Then he introduced an even more impressive device that transcends the description ‘mobile phone’. Mr. Jobs, who was so excited that he had lain awake all night, made it clear that he considered this day a big change in the three-decade history of Apple computer, a point that he emphasized by announcing that his firm would henceforth drop ‘computer’ from its name.

Indeed, Apple’s laptop and desktop computers, which are selling briskly, were hardly mentioned. Nor were Apple’s ipods, which dominate the market for portable music players. Both of the new products are really computers, but people won’t think of them as such, since they will be in their pockets and living rooms. The mobile phone- provided Apple can settle a legal dispute over the name with Cisco, a network company-is called the iphone. It will go on sell in America in June starting at 499 dollars in Europe in autumn and in Asia next year. The television-set add-on is called Apple TV and will hit stores next month at 299 dollars. With this two products, Mr. Jobs intends to enter and transform new industries, and ultimately people’s lives, just as he did in 1984 when Apple transformed computing with the launch of Macintosh and again in 2002 when he introduced iPod, which shook up the music industry.

That Mr. Jobs announcement had such an impact during this particular week says a lot, because the rest of the consumers –electronic, computer and telecoms industries were simultaneously congregated at the Consumer Electronics Shows, the world’s biggest technology fair in Las Vegas. There, many of Mr. Job’s old and new rivals were talking about much the same things as he was. Microsoft’s Bill Gates introduced the ‘window’s home saver’ his answer for uniting computer and television sets. Olli Pekka Kallasuvo, the Boss of Nokia, a mobile phone giant, introduced new handsets that can hold music and videos.

Adapted from ‘The Economist’, January 13-19, 2007.

QUESTIONS

a) From your reading of the passage, what 'history' does Steve Job want to make? 2mks

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b) How old was Apple at the time Steve Job made his speech? 1mks

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c) Why does Steve Job not mention the products they had before the ones being launched? 1mks

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d) Why, according to the passage would people not consider the products being launched as computers? 2mks

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e) What stops Apple from calling its product mobile phone? 2mks

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f) What was the reaction of Apple's rivals immediately after the trade show in San Francisco? 2mks

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