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CYCLE INGENIEUR EN AGRO- INDUSTRIE, GEOLOGIE & ENVIRONNEMENT

COMPETITIVE ENTRANCE
EXAMINATION
SERIE C, D, E, F, TI and GCE/AL

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
TIME: TWO 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 blanks with the correct auxiliary. 5 marks.

- Tell me, _____ you coming to the party?
- They _____ finished the job.
- What _____ you do every Sunday?
- You know, I _____ like to watch TV. There is a good film on.
- She _____ not want to stay at home. She wants to go out with her friends.
- He _____ called me twice this morning.
- What _____ she do in her free time?
- Where _____ they go yesterday?
- She _____ always wanted to meet him.
- What _____ they doing when you came in?

2. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate missing word. 5 marks.

Born _____ Woolsthorpe, Isaac Newton moved _____ Cambridge to study _____ 1661. _____ 1665, he returned _____ Woolsthorpe due to the Plague. More than two decades later, he published findings _____ gravity and published works _____ light and color _____ 1704. During his lifetime, he discoursed _____ religion with Locke and quarrelled _____ calculus with Leibniz.

B) SECTION TWO : VOCABULARY – 10 MARKS

1. Choose the correct word and report the sentence on your answer sheet:

DEVICE / LITERALLY/ ENVY / DECEASED / JEALOUS / PLANE / FIGURATIVELY/ DISEASED / PLAIN / DEVISE. 5 marks.

- a) I could _____ eat an entire cow right now.
- b) A proper burial for the _____ person is expected.
- c) These people are _____, so we must be cautious.
- d) She was _____ that her husband's office was mainly women.
- e) Their rich natural resources are the _____ of the entire world.
- f) I was laughing so hard that I _____ almost died.
- g) A herd of wild animals used to live on the _____ outside of town.
- h) Any passengers who have not boarded the _____ prior to takeoff will not be able to board.
- i) Nowadays smartphones are very useful _____ for making calls, taking pictures, playing games and so on.
- j) To encourage interaction, students are often required to _____ their own activities.

2. Write the appropriate form of the word in brackets in the space provided. 5 marks.

- a) Cameroon is a poor and (debt) country.
- b) Kate performed well during the national examination; so she received a lot of (courage) from the Principal.
- c) Katy harboured a lot of (hate) for her stepmother.
- d) Don't forget to send this (apply) form to the manager.
- e) This road is too narrow; the government should (large) it.

C) SECTION THREE: READING COMPREHENSION – 10 MARKS.

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions below it in complete and correct English sentences.

In Cameroon, Agriculture Is Reemerging as a Promising Industry

June 18, 2013

Yaoundé, June 18, 2013_ In Cameroon, young people are returning to the land, a trend that is closely linked to the launch three years ago of the Agricultural Competitiveness Project (PACA).

This World Bank-financed project, valued at US\$60 million and slated to last for seven years, seeks to boost the country's agricultural productivity by developing rural infrastructure facilities, and investing in value chains such as rice and maize cultivation, as well as in the production of broiler and pork meat.

"PACA has changed attitudes towards agriculture, which is no longer looked down upon," says Félix Nkapemin, a PACA expert. "Nowadays, candidates for PACA financing are essentially young Cameroonians who, having obtained their diplomas, have decided to become farmers, acquire land, grow maize professionally for trade, and manage their enterprises in order to earn a living," he says.

In Cameroon, agriculture represents more than half of the country non-oil export revenues and employs almost 60 percent of the working population. Ninety percent of rural households are, in one way or another, employed in agriculture, and approximately one-third of them earn their living from export crops. According to PACA's figures, more than half of the project's beneficiaries are young people.

According to Manievel Sene, World Bank team leader for the project in Cameroon, PACA has also facilitated access to credit for farmers through the establishment of partnership agreements between producer organizations and microfinance institutions. As a result, approximately 10,000 producer organizations are involved in economic partnerships that finance investments geared toward addressing critical production, marketing, and/or agricultural processing problems.

To date, project outcomes in 6 of the 10 regions of Cameroon (Center, North-West, Far-North, North, East, West, and Littoral) are very encouraging and have exceeded the expectations of farmers who have seen their rice yields increase by 109 percent (5.7 metric tons/hectare compared to a benchmark yield of 5.2 metric tons/hectare), and maize yields by 112 percent (2.8 metric tons/hectare compared to a benchmark yield of 2.5 metric tons/hectare). The production of broiler meat (destined for consumption) has more than doubled, as is the case with egg production.

"The project has helped us access drying and preservation infrastructure facilities, which allowed us to cultivate 50 hectares of maize in 2012 instead of the 28 obtained in the previous year," says Gilbert Kanango, a young farmer and member of the commercial interest group, IPIM, an association of farmers based in Bertoua, capital of the East province. "Better still," he added, "in anticipation of the increase in our production; we have acquired much more efficient maize threshers."

Rebecca Kamgue, a farmer from the maize production area in the Littoral Region, happily noted that this year, farmers were able to harvest 350 metric tons of maize in one year and were anticipating 500 metric tons for the next harvest.

According to Gregor Binkert, World Bank Country Director for Cameroon, agriculture is one of the priorities of the World Bank’s support strategy for the Cameroonian Government. “As a result, PACA is one of the main tools that can help address the challenge of agricultural competitiveness, food security, income generation, and job creation in rural Cameroon,” he says.

To date, 744 (74.4 percent) of a final target of 1,000 subprojects have been approved. Designed to directly benefit small farmers and their organizations, PACA seeks to assist approximately 20,000 rice growers in the irrigated areas currently being rehabilitated, and 20,000 small agricultural entrepreneurs organized in cooperatives.

The PACA project has also financed the rehabilitation of the road network in the farming zones. Its impact therefore reaches other actors along the value chain, such as traders, carriers, and of course, consumers.

QUESTIONS

a) What are the two agricultural sectors concerned by the World Bank financed project? 2mks

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b) What was the attitude of youth towards agriculture? 2mks

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c) What are some of the facilities (at least two) given by the World Bank to farmers? 2mks

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d) Show how the PACA has impacted on the productivity of farmers. 2mks

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e) How do you understand the title of this passage? 2mks

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