



July 2021

LANGUAGE EXAMINATION  
**Competitive Examination into IAGE**

**Duration: 2 hours**

**Name:** .....

**I. LINGUISTIC COMPETENCES: 20 MARKS**

**A. GRAMMAR**

**10 MARKS**

**1. Fill the blank sentences below with appropriate words or expressions (2.5 marks)**

- The old man \_\_\_\_\_ you see over there, is my father.
- He hasn't seen his mother \_\_\_\_\_ Xmas holidays.
- We must not present children from \_\_\_\_\_ games.
- If Ali had studied his lesson, he \_\_\_\_\_ his exam.
- We listened to the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ a beautiful song.

**2. Complete the following passage by filling in the blank space with most appropriate words or expressions in brackets. (2.5 marks)**

- He has two sons and daughter. Hamidou is \_\_\_\_\_ of his sons (the most intelligent, best, the more intelligent)
- This is the clerk \_\_\_\_\_ desk is too. (Which, whose, whom)
- He was sitting at the river side watching his friends \_\_\_\_\_ across it. (To swim, swan, swim)
- It is not good \_\_\_\_\_ late to school (to come, came, coming)
- We have \_\_\_\_\_ time to let us have a coke before the test. (Little, a little, few)

**3. Supply the correct form of the verbs in brackets and write your sentences in the space provided (5 marks)**

- I never thought I (see) you again  
\_\_\_\_\_
- GAGNA will telephone you before they (leave)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- If I (be) in your not say unless his friend (ask) him to  
\_\_\_\_\_



- 4 MBAKOP will not say unless his friend (ask) him to

\_\_\_\_\_

- 5 When NGONO (hear) the news, he (be) very upset

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## II- Vocabulary (10 marks)

**1. Choose from the list of words in brackets the one that is most suitable and write it in the blank space provided. (5marks)**

- a. A glass of coca cola should \_\_\_\_\_ your thirst. ( succumb, assuage, loose)
- b. Pedlars' item are sometimes cheap; that's why are often \_\_\_\_\_ ( false, fake, fool)
- c. The car he bought from Belgium is 10 years old: it's \_\_\_\_\_ ( brand new; second hand; quite)
- d. Do you know that \_\_\_\_\_ are able to supply information; calculate and draw a balance sheet? ( microfilms; bytes; computers)
- e. I'll pay my debts by \_\_\_\_\_ ( instalments, parts, loans)

**2. Choose the appropriate words or phrases from the brackets and fill in the blank in each sentence (5 marks)**

1. He may be able to come to the party \_\_\_\_\_ the other hand, he may be too busy. (On, in, by, for)

2. I'm fond \_\_\_\_\_ good music. (To the, of the, of)

3. John is \_\_\_\_\_ (a friend of mine, a friend, a friend of me, and one friend of mine)

4. She's the girl \_\_\_\_\_ (whose money was robbed, whose money was stolen, the which money was robbed, the whose money was stolen)

5. He doesn't know the answer \_\_\_\_\_ I've told him several times. (In spite, even, while, although)

6. \_\_\_\_\_ English? ( How long are you studying; how long time have you studied, how long have you been studying)

7. The little boy keeps the insects in a \_\_\_\_\_ (box of matches; box-of the match; boxes of match)

8. She's going to the photograph's \_\_\_\_\_ (to take her photography; to have her photography taken; that he takes her photography)



9. He looks \_\_\_\_\_ (to be happy, unhappy, that he's unhappy)
10. He didn't know \_\_\_\_\_ him or not (whether to help; if to help; if that I should help)

## II- EVALUATION OF RESOURCES

### READING COMPRENSION (10 marks)

Read the following passage and answer the questions below, using your own words as far as possible.

#### Our Rubbish and US

One of the striking things about our big towns and cities and beginning of this millennium, is that they are not very clean. As a matter of fact, they are very dirty. This is because as a nation, we have not yet mastered how to handle our rubbish. Rubbish disposal or the putting away of our household and the other waste in a hygienic manner is still a problem to many of us. Look around most of our schools. Are you proud of your compound?

Many people think that the disposal of refuse is the responsibility of children. Day in day out, you see young children in our towns carrying containers with householder refuse, looking for a place to put them away. Even in cities where there is municipal service for garbage collection people still do not use the service properly.

There are many ways of disposing of rubbish. The oldest method was by recycling. In olden days, metal implements which were not needed were melted down and used to make other instruments. Even in our villages today, people still transform old metal objects into useful tools. People use old oil drums for example, to make the walls of fences or gates for their houses.

Another way of disposing rubbish is by burying it. In many farms, our farmers have learnt to bury poor crops and plants in huge pits holes. This is also a very good way to deal with rubbish. In some towns, people did huge pits and throw their refuse into the pits. However, the inconvenience here is that they do not take the pains to cover the pits. So, after a short time the pits become the source of disease and infection in the communities since flies, rats and other rodents invade them and later on visit the homes of people.

The indiscriminate digging of pits can lead to other environmental problems. If, for example, the site for a pit is not well chosen, there might be a danger to a river or a well. Once it rains, the water source will become contaminated. Another environmental hazard is that when people throw their rubbish



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into pits, they do it indiscriminately. Plastic bags, old bits of metal, paint and even petrol are put into pits. These eventually contaminate the soil.

Another method of refuse disposal is by burning or incineration. It is not the best method of refuse disposal because burning results in environmental pollution. People who live near incinerators understand what it means to be subjected to very unpleasant fumes.

So what is the solution? To throw our rubbish into rivers and streams? Certainly not. Each society has to look for the best way to dispose its rubbish. But perhaps the first thing to do is to educate each and every one of us to think about how best we can dispose of the very rubbish which we create.

**Questions**

- 1) What problem does the author think we, as a nation, have? ( 2 marks)

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- 2) Do you think it is right for children to be responsible for refuse disposal? Give your reasons( 2 marks)

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- 3) List 4 ways of refuse disposal ( 2 marks)

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- 4) What precautions must we take if we want to dig a pit for our refuse disposal? ( 2 marks)

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- 5) Why in the author's opinion is it important to select what we want to put in a pit? ( 2 marks)

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**Essay**



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**Write an essay of about 180-200 words on any one of the followings topics. (10 marks)**

- 1) Write about a profession you admire. State what one must do to succeed in the profession and give its advantages to society.
- 2) The problem of unemployment in my country. You may want to write about causes, effects and possible solutions.
- 3) Imagine you are the minister of the environment. Write a speech that you will deliver on what people should do to protect our environmental.