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SESSION NORMALE

Section One : Comprehension (7 points)

Text : Road accidents

Drivers often feel that they are masters of the vehicle. However, we all know that tyres, brakes and the engine control the motions of a vehicle. The driver merely operates these controls and can accelerate into trouble.

Drivers often think that the faster they drive, the more they impress themselves and others. They fail to remember that anybody's tyre can burst; that accidents at high speed are more disastrous than accidents at low speed; that the vehicle is a machine and can fail at any time. For example, the brakes or the tyres. At 100 kmph, your vehicle moves at 28 metres per second. Just imagine where you could be only one second if you veer off the road which is usually less than 12 metres wide. Drivers forget that they cannot control the road, weather conditions, or the environment; for example, dogs, goats or children often cross the roads; on-coming vehicles or vehicles being overtaken, do the unexpected like swerving, stopping or trying to avoid pot-holes. And on some of the roads are narrow bridges, sometimes hidden around a corner.

Drivers often talk, eat, gesticulate, wave to and stare at passing friends, light cigarettes, smoke, change radio stations or change cassettes while driving. This lack of concentration is dangerous as it takes only a split second for disasters to strike. The vehicle in front may stop, a child may run into the road; anything could happen. Look with the eyes and see with your mind.

Many drivers drive long distances without even stretching their legs and improving their blood circulation to supply the brain adequately. This, and the boredom of driving combine to make the drive feel tired. It is frightening experience to be driven by a driver who falls asleep while the vehicle is in motion. Sudden awakening may cause an accident; leaving the driver asleep will certainly cause an accident. Driving after a heavy meal is also hazardous as the blood concentrates in the stomach to absorb the food. This deprives the brain of oxygen and can cause the driver to sleep. Over-working also causes fatigue. Just imagine that some trailer drivers work an average of 9-12 hours per day. It is dangerous.

Alcohol can cause over-confidence, poor judgement and recklessness. In many countries it is a major cause of road accidents. This is the reason why special tests are used to detect those who have been drinking.

A/ Questions (4 pts)

- 1- If a speeding driver has control over the vehicle, what else can he not control?
- 2- What actions of the driver can reduce his level of concentration?
- 3- Explain in your own words how over- confidence by drivers can cause road accidents.
- 4- How would you react to one slogan which says "Take a bottle and be the master of the road"?

B/ Find in the text words or phrases with the same meaning as the words below (2 pts)

- 5- simply ; 6- to turn off ; 7- to make gestures ; 8- catastrophes

C/ Form adjectives from (1 pt)

- 9- confidence ; 10- circle ; 11- concentrate ; 12- impress.

Section Two : Linguistic Competence (8 points)

A/ Choose the correct adjectival form and complete these sentences (2 pts)

- 13- It is the (tall, tallest, taller, most tall) man I have ever seen.
14- Between Nangbéto and Akossombo dams, Akossombo dam is the (most powerful, powerfulllest, more powerful, powerful than).
15- Yao and Afi have the same age: it means that Afi is as (age as, old as, years as, born as) Yao.
16- John has 10, Peter 12 and Jane 15 in Mathematics: it means that John is the (less, little, least, lest) intelligent among them all.

B/ Choose the correct verbal form and complete these sentences (2 pts)

- 17- It is high time (to leave, we had left, leaving, we left).
18- I (have lived, lived, had lived, would live) in Paris five years ago.
19- She told me that she (will visit, visits, would visit, would have visited) the museum the next week.
20- If I were rich I (would buy, will buy, may buy, would have bought) a nice car.

C/ Turn into active or passive voice (2 pts)

- 21- The blacksmith strikes at the hot iron bar.
22- The boss is going to forgive the lazy apprentice.
23- The late comers will be punished by the trainer.
24- She bought a new dress.

D/ Choose the correct preposition to complete these sentences (2 pts)

- 25- It is dangerous to stare (to, in, at, with) welding activities.
26- She was very angry (against, with, to, for) me.
27- Switch the light and machines (of, on, out, off) before you leave the workshop.
28- We stood (down, up, on, with) to welcome the boss.

Section Three : Writing (3 points)

You are Peter ANDERSON, President of a political party (either in power or in opposition). You are the candidate of your party for the coming presidential elections.

Write the speech you are going to address to the populations during the electoral campaign, a speech which will convince and persuade them to vote for you.

Section Four : Translation (2 points)

Translate the following passage into French

The internet

Many people recognize that the internet is the best means of communication humanity has ever known. In the olden days, it took an information many days to reach remote areas in Africa. But today it is a different story.

We receive information as soon as events occur.