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# CYCLE INGENIEUR AGRONOMIE

# ENVIRONNEMENT GEOLOGIE

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

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1. Join each of the following pairs of sentences into one without changing the meaning. Use linking word if necessary. 5 marks.

a) I like that man. That man's child is a footballer

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b) You gave me a book. It was a very interesting book

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c) Look at that man! His hair is red.

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d) I don't know if John will come. I don't know if John will not come.

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e) This pen belongs to someone. Who is it?

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**2. Put the verb in the brackets in their correct form. 5 marks.**

- a) The washing machine ..... by the engineer yesterday. (to repair)
- b) We'll ..... the builders to move the corrugated roof tomorrow morning. (to get)
- c) She said that the new law ..... in place soon. (to be)
- d) If she's travelling abroad on business, she always ..... me every evening. (to phone)
- e) I wish sports cars ..... so expensive. (to be/not)

**B) SECTION TWO : VOCABULARY – 10 MARKS**

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**1. In each of the following sentences a word or phrase has been underlined. Choose the word or phrase nearest in meaning. Write in the space provided. 2,5 marks.**

- a) I was greatly surprised to hear that goiter was rampant in the West province.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (small in number, widespread, many)
- b) The peregrine falcon has such an acute sight that it can make out a pigeon 8 km way.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (catch, appear, see)
- c) Cameroonians are entitled to fair legal treatment when they have a case in court.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (court action, lawful, loyal)
- d) Manual labour is just as compulsory as mathematics or English.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (easy, difficult, obligatory)
- e) Perhaps, the fastest and cheapest way of sending a message today is by the e-mail.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (most expensive, most exciting, least expensive)

**2. Choose the best answer for those in the brackets and complete the sentences given. 2 marks.**

possesses, plan, site, physical, sight, physic, processes, possess, soft

A construction worker is a general term for someone who works on a construction \_\_\_\_\_. Many of these jobs require a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ labour. A construction worker depending, on the skills he/she \_\_\_\_\_ can be involved in any step of the construction \_\_\_\_\_.

**3. Define the following terms. 3 marks.**

a) Agricultural engineer:

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b) An agronomist:

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**C) SECTION THREE: READING COMPREHENSION – 10 MARKS.**

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

Paul had an abusive childhood, is bipolar (a mental condition causing one to change suddenly from being extremely depressed to being extremely happy), and has significant and recurrent medical problems, often with resulting pain. He is also over 50. When I first saw him, he wanted to discuss his childhood trauma. Quickly, however, he explained that he and his wife were having problems because "...she didn't understand..."his numerous medical problems. Then he started cycling in terms of his bipolarity. To top it off, he required surgery. But before that, he had a serious infection which also caused him a lot of pain.

Paul was taking prescription medications for the bipolarity. It was not an easy balance. The medication he was taking for bipolarity was a mood stabilizer. Often, they didn't work right together and he got a bit more manic than he should have. When he started feeling pain, he took a pain pill, which is often a downer. That made him somewhat depressed-and cranky. It also triggered some childhood problems. Because he was elderly he often experienced more intense and paradoxical reaction. He consulted with his doctor who told him to do the best he could. Often he played around with the medications to try to compensate. That didn't always work and it created more problems at home. The crankiness also made his relationship worse.

Paul's dilemma is typical for many people: they are prescribed medications, but they use medications in their own way and get disastrous results. They then complicate their reactions by drinking, smoking, excessively using caffeine, and drinking alcohol. They also take "natural" supplement. They don't always tell their doctors, and doctors don't always ask. These supplements can have serious side and interactive effects, creating psychological and physical problems. For example, Paul's wife was almost ready to leave him because of his moods.

Consider the case of Carol, in her mid-forties, was referred by her doctor; her doctor said that he had run out of ideas as to what to do with her. When we first met, she complained of headaches. I called the doctor. He said that there was no medical cause for her headaches. They weren't migraines, for example. I asked her about her drinking. She said drank ten glasses of wine a day. I asked whether it was red or white. She said it was white, which was "better," because, for many people, red wine can cause severe reactions. I asked her why she drank. She said she drank because life was hard. She added that she drank before she went to sleep and that she sleep badly.

**QUESTIONS**

a) Why was Paul and his wife having problems? 1mk

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b) According to the passage, what does "bipolar" (line 1) refer to? 2mks

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c) Explain clearly why the medication triggered some childhood problems. 2mks

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d) According to the passage, what should both patients and doctors do in order to avoid serious side and interactive effects? 2mks

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e) What did Paul do which showed that he was taking self-medications? 1mk

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f) If you were Carol would you continue to live with Paul or not? 2mks

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