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**COMPETITIVE ENTRANCE
EXAMINATION
SERIE C, D, E, F, CI 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. Failure to heed to this instruction will attract serious sanctions.**

A) SECTION ONE: GRAMMAR – 15 MARKS

1. Put the verbs or modals in brackets in the right tense. 5mks

- a) Amougou was very surprised when he heard that he (to fail) the final driving test.
- b) Benadette (not to be) surprised at all when Abeng (to come) to ask for some money again. She (to know) that within a few days, he (to spend) everything she (to give) him the week before.
- c) Ndengue is sick and tired of his boss. Since he (to demand) that he (to wear) smarter clothes at work. He (to think) of looking for another job.

2. Complete the following sentences with correct pronouns. 5mks.

- a) Amara and had a wonderful time at the zoo. We had fun and read out poems to
- b) Enoh' cat and dog love They play and never scratch I admire so much.
- c) If you fail in this test, you'll have only to blame because has been made quite easy for you.
- d) John worked so hard last year, in December he decided to give a good rest, this is a photograph he made of on a Colombia beach.
- e) I think parents should let their children do their homework Helping the kids does not make them responsible.

3. Complete the following sentences so that the new ones have the same meaning as the original without changing the words in the brackets. 5mks.

- a) "I'm taking my last exam tomorrow morning" Anna's boyfriend said. (taking)
→Anna's boyfriend told
his last exam the day after.
- b) "Last week I was stopped by the police for speeding." Amadou admitted. (week).
→Amadou admitted that the
stopped by the police for speeding.
- c) "This is the first time I have ever driven through this part of the city" my school mate said. (never).
→My school mate said that he
through that part of the city before.
- d) "Do you like playing chess?" my grandfather asked me. (like).
→My grandfather playing chess.
- e) "Cameroon is celebrating her fifty years of independence this year" our teacher told us in class. (is)
→We were told by our teacher
her fifty years of independence this years.

B) SECTION TWO : VOCABULARY – 05 MARKS

1. Write down the opposites of the underlined words in the following sentences. 2.5mks

- a) Mafany succeeded in the Bacc exams and he was so pleased with himself.
- b) Children who eat lots of sweets and fats gain a lot of weight.
- c) Amadou is the first in his class, he's so intelligent.
- d) Our plane flew without problem because it was a bright night.
- e) George is a good student, he is very meticulous in the way he does his work.

2. In the following sentences a word has been underlined. Transform each underlined word into the form demanded. 2.5mks.

- a) The spacecraft flew off in the view of thousands of spectators.
Form a noun.
- b) My aim is to work fast and complete this work on recorded time.
Form an adverb.
- c) I was full of anger when I could not get through to my friends on the phone.
Form an adjective.
- d) The driver neglected the car and thieves drove it away.
Form an adjective.
- e) Slavery was abolished many years ago.
Form a verb.

C) SECTION THREE: READING COMPREHENSION – 10 MARKS.

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions below it. Write in complete sentences. Use your own words as far as you can.

It is television, TV, the “telly” which has most radically affected the pattern of leisure activity and people’s behavior (especially children) in Cameroon in the last 20 years. Children have become addicted to the screen and have progressively neglected other hobbies like reading and other social games, which favour interactions between people. Many children go to bed late and find it difficult to get up in the morning because they spend the evening watching films on the TV. This entails coming late to school. Teachers think that children make more and more spelling mistakes because they read less and less. They spend long hours in front of the TV set to learn stories they would have read had the TV not existed.

The way teenagers dress, speak, address their parents and their teachers has completely been modified because of the TV. Their attitudes towards sex are far different from that of their parents. They get involved in sexual activity earlier, the result being the increase in early pregnancy cases, clandestine abortion, and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).

Undoubtedly, it is the sex and violence on TV that attracts public attention most. Many people are outraged and worried at the frankness of contemporary films shown on the TV, although others may appreciate the greater freedom this reflects. This desire for freedom is of no help to our youth.

Since the advent of television, a lot has changed in our society. When the middle-aged, who were accustomed in their youth to romantic, musical and western films, now watch the TV, they are surprised to find that the crime is more violent, the love scenes are more explicit, and the division between the bad people and good ones, the police and thieves a good deal shadier than the films they remember. But the films, which show ‘bent’ policemen and vicious thieves, reflect the loss of confidence and certainty in our present society and of respect for its leadership figures.

What is more, watching TV is a very passive activity, which does not entail any energy expenditure. The number of overweight children is steadily increasing.

TV might also show educative programmes, but they do not attract the youth as much as films and musical programmes. What is educative on the TV can as well be found in magazines and newspapers. It is definitely advisable for parents to prevent their children from watching TV and to encourage them to read.

QUESTIONS

1. Find two great impacts of television on the youth. (2mks)

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2. What is the author's attitude towards television? Justify your answer. (2mks)

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3. Explain this extract: "children have become addicted to the screen". (2mks)

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4. Why are people outraged and worried about the frankness of contemporary films shown on television? (2mks)

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5. State the difference between the films middle-aged people remember and those watched by the youth today. (2mks)

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D) SECTION FOUR: **ESSAY** – 10 MARKS

Write an essay of not less than 300 words on any one of the following. Your essay must be coherent and must be written in the appropriate tense of the topic chosen.

1. Environmental pollution in my country.
2. Are you for or against early marriages? Support your arguments with strong evidence from real life experience.
3. Write a letter to the General Manager of RTL9 to complain about a TV programme that you want him to cancel because you find it inappropriate. Your name is Nangfang Kymko and your address is P.O. box 77777, Yaounde, Cameroon.

