

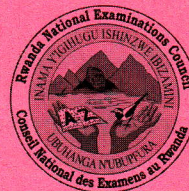
English II

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SUBJECT : ENGLISH II

- OPTIONS :**
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 - HOTELLERIE
 - INFORMATIQUE
 - INFORMATIQUE ET GESTION
 - LABORATOIRE
 - MECANIQUE AUTOMOBILE
 - MECANIQUE GENERALE D'ENTRETIEN
 - MATH-PHYSIQUE
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 - NORMALE PRIMAIRE
 - SCIENCES HUMAINES
 - SCIENCES INFIRMIERES
 - SCULPTURE CERAMIQUE
 - SECRETARIAL
 - SECRETARIAT
 - TEACHER TRAINING COURSE
 - TOURISME
 - TRAVAUX PUBLICS
 - VETERINAIRE

TIME : 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS :

This paper has **THREE** Sections: A, B and C.

Section A : Reading Comprehension and Vocabulary.

(30 marks)

Section B : Grammar and Phonology

(45 marks)

Section C : Composition.

(25 marks)

Text : The Boubou Billionnaires

There are only a handful of them, and they are all Togolese women. Together they control the most powerful and successful business in West Africa. Their fortunes are immense. They own bakery shops, supermarkets and restaurants. They buy property, villas and sometimes whole buildings; they have investments in the fishing and building industries. They own taxi and mini-cab companies. They make enormous amounts of money per day. They belong to a group known as the Nana Benz- the 'Boubou Billionnaires'.

Until 1970, Ghanaian women controlled the boubou market. Around that time the economic situation in Ghana became unstable, and many companies transferred their business to Lomé. Togolese women traders, who had for some time been selling Ghanaian boubous for high prices in Lomé, decided on quick action. They took over the boubou trade and the Nana Benz were born.

Over the next twenty years, the Nana Benz became incredibly rich. Although they have no formal training in business, indeed some of the older Nana are illiterate and others had to take lessons to learn to count in French, they run their empires with great skill. These 'boubou queens' design all their own patterns. Factories in Europe and Africa then produce the cloth and sew the garments. The Nana do not need to advertise. Publicity is purely by word of mouth, and over the past twenty years the word has spread like wildfire. Thousands of their boubous are sold in markets throughout West Africa every day.

In the mornings, retailers and stall-holders flock to the homes of the Nana Benz, waiting patiently to buy some of the boubous stacked high in the courtyard. There is no credit. Cheques are never accepted. Buyers must pay for everything in cash. The richest retailers can choose what they want; the poorest have to accept the leftovers. And the Nana do all the business themselves. They're not too proud to deal with the man in the street.

The Nana Benz have great political influence – not just because they are rich and the heads of powerful empires. It is true that the president of Togo himself knows and admires these ladies. And it is also probably true that, if they wished, the Nana could paralyze the country. So the politicians depend on their advice and support. But more importantly, the Nana are admired by all levels of society for their loyalty and honesty. Through hard work, they have shown that it is possible for Africans to be successful in international business.

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 - a) a number of nations controlled by one government
 - b) a number of companies controlled by one person
 - c) a small business

- ii. ...the poorest have to accept the *left-overs*
 - a) the most expensive boubous
 - b) the cheapest boubous
 - c) the boubous that nobody else wanted

- iii. ...they have no formal *training* in business
 - a) knowledge
 - b) education
 - c) the ability to read and write

- iv. ...the economic situation in Ghana became *unstable*
 - a) bad
 - b) good
 - c) successful

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 - a) piece of clothing
 - b) special kind of boubou
 - c) design of lines or shapes

14. Complete the following sentences with the appropriate word. **(5 marks)**

- i. He was born in Japan and he used to.....Japanese fluently when he was a child.
- ii. Don't forget to.... "thank you" when you receive your prize.
- iii. I took the photograph of the bride and the.... at their wedding.
- iv. Wear your sweater; it is very.....outside.
- v. He has been blind since birth, so he hasseen the beauty of flowers.

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SECTION B: Grammar and Phonology (45 marks)

Grammar (35 marks)

15. Choose the appropriate word to complete the sentence. **(5 marks)**

- i. Our school teamby the visiting team.
a) beat b) was beaten c) was beating
- ii. He is an experienced driver, he....to driving at night.
a) used b) uses c) is used
- iii. He had to resign in disgrace, he?
a) didn't b) hadn't c) isn't
- iv. When I went to Rita's room, she her homework, so she wouldn't talk to me.
a) did b) has done c) was doing
- v. Musa lived hereten years before going to the village.
a) during b) since c) for
- vi. He didn't greet me; did he offer me a seat.
a) neither b) so c) either
- vii. It didn't rain. Youyour umbrella and a raincoat.
a) should have brought b) needn't have brought c) can't have brought
- viii. Have you considered.....the competition?
a) to enter b) enter c) entering
- ix. Would you mindthe letter where I shan't forget to collect it in the morning?
a) putting b) of putting c) to put
- x. Aisha is always complaining that she hassmart clothes to wear for parties.
a) a little b) few c) a few

16. Complete these sentences using the given verbs in their form. **(5 marks)**

- i. They wouldn't have gone swimming if they.....the water was so cold. (know)
- ii. Last night they broadcasted a song on the radio that I(never hear) before.
- iii. Salima(grow) so much that she's now taller than I am.

- iv. I'm feeling ill. I think I must.....(eat) something that doesn't agree with me.
- v. The accused man admitted being in the area at the time, but denied..... (enter) the house.

17. Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means exactly the same as the sentence printed before it. **(10 marks)**

- i. I hadn't any change , so I couldn't telephone you.
If I'd.....
- ii. 'Don't get so excited, John,' she said.
She told John.....
- iii. "How much did you pay for your new coat?" she asked Jane.
She asked.....
- iv. He said he hadn't stolen the money.
He denied.....
- v. He went out in spite of the rain.
Although.....

18. Below are scrambled sentences. Rearrange the words so that you obtain a meaningful sentence. Do not make any changes or additions to the given set of words. **(10 marks)**

- i. This child/ for three weeks/ from home/ has been missing. **(2 marks)**
.....
- ii. Tom/ brown eyes/ about 1.70 m tall/ is/ and / has. **(2 marks)**
.....
- iii. The exam/ supposed/ what time is/ to finish ? **(2 marks)**
.....
- iv. I was/ a reply to my letter/ to receive/ before now/ hoping. **(2 marks)**
.....
- v. Illness/ your father's/ was/ I / very sorry/ to hear about. **(2 marks)**
.....

19. Fill in with the right preposition.

(5 marks)

- i. What are you laughing.....?
- ii. Doctors are still searching for the cause.....the infection.
- iii. He shouted.....the boy who quickly picked.....his school bag and ran away.
- iv. The effect of pollution...our environment is not taken seriously by some companies.

Phonology (10 marks)

20. One in each of the underlined vowel sounds is pronounced differently from the three others. Choose the letter corresponding to it. **(5 marks)**

- i. a) heat b) ship c) eat d) these
- ii. a) ten b) dead c) debt d) knew
- iii. a) good b) put c) room d) foot
- iv. a) hood b) sun c) blood d) cup
- v. a) page b) weigh c) same d) height

21. One in each of the underlined consonant sounds is pronounced differently from the three others. Choose the letter corresponding to it.

(3 marks)

- i. a) church b) child c) rich d) machine
- ii. a) leisure b) measure c) use d) vision
- iii. a) then b) thin c) although d) thus

22. One word in each set is stressed differently from the three others. Choose the letter corresponding to it.

(2 marks)

- i. a) argument b) announcement c) maintenance d) talkative
- ii. a) messenger b) professor c) ssuspicion d) mosquitoes

SECTION C: Composition (25 marks)

Write a composition of no more than 200 words on one of the following topics?

23. Imagine our country Rwanda in the year 2050. How will it be different from today?
24. Write a composition describing a market in your village or town.
25. Imagine that you have been appointed president of the World Bank. How will you use your position to bring progress to Africa?