

READING COMPREHENSION (10pts)

Read the text and answer the questions on it

... At end of the feast the pastor, Mr. IKEDI, made another speech. He thanked Isaac Okonkwo for giving them a feast greater than many a wedding feast these days.

Then, he turned to the young man on his right. "In times past", he told him, "Umuofia would have demanded you to fight in her wars and bring home human heads. But these were days of darkness from which we have been delivered by the blood of the lamb of God. Today we send you to bring knowledge. Remember that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. I have heard of young men from other towns who went to white man's country, but instead of facing their studies, they went after the sweet things of the flesh. Some of them even married white women." The crowd murmured its strong disapproval of such behaviour. "A man who does that, is lost to his people. He is like rain wasted in the forest. I would have suggested getting you a wife before you leave. But the time is too short now. Anyway, I know that we have no fear where you are concerned. We are sending you to learn book. Enjoyment can wait. Do not be in hurry to rush into the pleasures of the world like the young antelope who danced herself lame when the main dance was yet to come..."

Adapted from No Longer At Ease, Chinua Achebe.

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. Who organized this important feast and why ?
2. The pastor made more than one speech at the feast. True or False ?
3. What shows in the text that Mr. Ikedi is a true pastor ?
4. Did the people of Umuofia accept the marriage between blacks and whites ?
Justify your answer.
5. According to you, what is the difference between : wisdom and knowledge ?

II. VOCABULARY : (8pts)

A/ Complete the following sentence with the noun form of the words in brackets.

- 1.) (long) : What is the _____ of this land ?
- 2.) (witch) : Odiako was protected by _____.
- 3.) (to succeed) : His _____ will depend on his efforts.
- 4.) (carefully) : Hold this glass with _____.

B/ Give the antonyms of the words underlined in the text.

C/ Fill in the gaps with : Unnecessary ; voices ; off ; shouted ; make ; strangely ;

Three years ago, I made a 1 drugs ; terrible. discovery. My son was taking 2 . He began to behave very 3 . He talked a lot, but it didn't 4 any sense and he got angry and 5 at all of us. One day, he began to take 6 his clothes. He told me that he heard 7 . They say clothes are 8 .

III. LANGUAGE AND USAGE : (12pts)

* Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form.

1. A car appeared at once when they (to cross) the road.
2. The hammattan (to be) hard, hadn't it ?

* Correct these sentences :

3. Oloude smokes any longer.
4. He's used to wake up early.

* Complete with correct reflexive or reciprocal pronouns

5. My sister and I did it _____.

6. Lyza and her friend invited _____ to a dispute.

* Rewrite the following sentences. Begin with the words underlined.

7. We were beaten hollow by the other team.
8. He's teaching two subjects.

* Report the following sentence.

9. "How much did you pay for the bag ?" he asked the boy.

* Write into negative form

* Choose the correct answer from the brackets

11. Is your sister.....you (old ; old as ; older than ; oldest).
12. Had I known, I (did ; Had done ; would have done) it.

IV/ E S S A Y : (10pts). Imagine you went to pick some mangoes in a garden one day when you were suddenly surprised by the gardener. In not more than fifteen lines, tell about it.