

COMPOSITION DU 2^{ème} Trimestre
EPREUVE D'ANGLAIS

I- Comprehension.

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions in your own words.

The Kikuyu clan

In the old days, before the Europeans came, it is said that a person never married anyone in his own clan. Today, however, the rule is just the opposite. One is supposed to marry a girl in one's own clan, but not a close relative.

The Kikuyu do not have totem poles in front of their houses as some of the American Indians do, but in the old days we were always taught our totem and we would never forget it.

According to the legends of the Kikuyu, the men for many years kept the agreement to let the women serve as rulers, but the women became heartless and cruel, so the men decided to take their power away from them. And although women are respected, we take our names from our fathers rather than our mothers and we belong to our father's clans.

Questions

- 1) Before the arrival of the Europeans, could a person have a wife in his own clan? How is it today?
- 2) What can be found in front of some American Indians houses?
- 3) Why did the men stop the women from ruling the clan?
- 4) In the Kikuyu clan women are considered. True / False?
- 5) In which African country do we have a woman as a president?
- What is her name? - For the following presidential elections in France, a woman is a candidate. What is her name?

II- Vocabulary 4 marks

Full in the gaps in this passage with words from the brackets. (*marry, money, tall, women*)

« There are many unmarried....1... in Umodiabia », said one of the women « Beautiful ones and ugly ones....2... ones and short ones, you have got plenty of3..., so I don't see why you shouldn't4.... up to seven. If you ask me, I can arrange for that... »

- Give the synonym of *of* : *to repair* = , a single (man) =
- Give the antonym of *of* : *low* ≠ ; *busy* ≠

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III- Language and usage 5 marks

- Use the correct ~~of~~ ^{form} of the verbs in brackets

- 1) It (to rain) since yesterday.
- 2) While we were going to Accra, we (to be) involved in a ghastly accident.
- 3) After Alice had swept her room, her boyfriend (to arrive).

- Complete with a word from the brackets.

- 4) Kossi is always top of his class because he works..... (*hard, hardly, little, few*)
- 5) After selling his cocoa, our father has now gotmoney. (*little, a few, a little, few*)
- 6)it rains, the streets of Lomé are flooded (*however, whenever, wherever, whoever*)

- Rewrite this sentence using : *despite or in spite of*

- 7) Although, Debora is very intelligent, she couldn't succeed in her exams.

- Put into the passive voice

- 8) Kofi's father will send him abroad
- 9) Karimu drove the car carefully

- Put into the indirect speech

'I spent six weeks in Lagos two years ago '. Akila said

IV- ESSAY 6 marks

In many traditional African societies, having many wives and children was very important. It was a source of wealth and honour.

Do we have the same consideration in modern Africa? Why or why not?