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EXAMEN FINAL D'ANGLAIS**I – Reading Comprehension**

Text: Coming to grips with the new technology.

• Computers should not be regarded as some kind of panacea which can be prescribed to cure a nation's ills. They have meaning and power only in specific social contexts. Indeed, the continent's computer status is a reflection of its industrial and economic status; a serious shortage of skills, a lack of entrepreneurial vigour, a collective debt estimated at more than 150 billion dollars and still rising.

Who, then, has been buying the computers sold to Africa in recent years? Will the millions being spent improve the continent's well-being? Not necessarily.

Since African countries do not have sufficient technological knowledge and expertise to set up and run computer networks, nearly all the computer controls are in foreign hands.

Many international companies simply use what they use in Europe. IBM associate companies have to install machines and ICL says that one third of its sales in Africa are to multinational corporations.

Even the remaining computers which belong to the state company are closely associated with foreign management.

Computers in Africa are no more "African" than the continent's copper, uranium, diamonds and cash crops are African. These are controlled – from investment and marketing to sale and transportation – by companies based elsewhere in the world.

Much of the pressure for word processors and micros comes from the professionals based in Africa who feel it is imperative that they keep up with the business techniques which are becoming commonplace in their home countries.

Adapted from Enver CARIM, *African Business*, May 1983

A-Say whether these statements are True or False

- 1-African countries are so poor and indebted that they buy very few computers.
- 2-Technology doesn't aim at solving specific problems in specific contexts.
- 3-We can regularly use new technologies for the full benefit of our societies because Africa doesn't lack in skilled personnel.
- 4-Western technology doesn't often create a situation of dependency.
- 5-Most computers are purchased by international companies and trans-national corporations.

B-Answer these questions on the text.

- 1-Who buys computers in Africa?
- 2-Is it exaggerated to say that a cash crop like cocoa is not African?
- 3-Why is it risky for a European professional working in Africa to lose touch with new technologies in his home country?

C-Translate into French

From: "Computers should not..." down to "...and economic status"

II – Language use

A-Turn into negative and interrogative forms

- 1- They had a nice time last week
- 2- We had better wait for that man
- 3- Ida ought to respect her mother
- 4- This student should have taken her money
- 5- They need come today

B-Use the correct tense/form of the verbs in brackets

- 1- They (not phone) us since they heard the news.
- 2- (must) you attend the meeting before going tomorrow?
- 3- No one could help (deal) in these goods.
- 4- (to go) to the concert right now, shall we?
- 5- You can stay here until he (come) back tomorrow.

C-Choose the best answer and write the corresponding letter

1. The keyboard, mouse, display, and system unit are:
a. hardware c. storage devices b. output devices d. software
2. Programs that coordinate computer resources, provide an interface, and run applications are known as:
a. application programs c. storage systems b. operating systems d. utility programs
3. A browser is an example of a:
a. general-purpose application c. system application b. specialized program d. utility program
4. Although not as powerful as a supercomputer, this type of computer is capable of great processing speeds and data storage:
a. mainframe c. laptop b. midrange d. tablet
5. Apple's Watch is what type of computer?
a. laptop c. tablet b. smartphone d. wearable
6. RAM is a type of: a. computer c. network b. memory d. secondary storage
7. Unlike memory, this type of storage holds data and programs even after electric power to the computer system has been turned off.
a. primary c. ROM b. RAM d. secondary
8. The type of file created by word processors, for example, memos, term papers, and letters.
a. database c. presentation b. document d. worksheet
9. Uses the Internet and the web to shift many computer activities from a user's computer to computers on the Internet.
a. cloud computing c. network b. high definition d. solid-state storage
10. The largest network in the world is [the]:

a. Facebook c. supercomputer b. Internet d. web

III – Composition

What are the advantages related to the progress of technology nowadays?