

PREMIERE TEST 2

Semester 3

READING COMPREHENSION

GIRLS' EDUCATION

Girls' education has always been a controversial debate between tradition supporters and modern ones in Africa, particularly in Senegal. The traditionalists think that the right place of a woman is at home. Her role is limited to be a wife, a mother and a housewife. So, to play this part, a girl doesn't need to pursue primary or secondary studies, even less to get a university degree. **They** can't imagine a girl profiting from the freedom and independence given by education and training. Their motto is the sooner a girl gets married the better.

The modern supporters on the contrary have **deplored the evil engendered by early or forced marriage and which can be hatred between husband and wife, an unhappy or completely ruined life, death at giving birth, homicide or suicide and so on and so forth**. According to them, girls' ambitions go beyond having a husband. They want to enjoy their rights such as the right to receive a good education. They intend to participate in the building of their nation but also in the management of their city. To play that part, girls must go to the same schools as boys.

To facilitate girls' education, the government has built schools in the most remote areas of the country. But unfortunately some parents are deeply against their daughters' education. In fact mothers who need help at home, find it hard to be separated from them. Fathers who have little means and who are conscious that their daughters will sooner or later leave the house to join **their** husbands refuse to pay the school fees. If we take all these factors into account, we realize that the problem of girls' education can be partially solved by sensitizing people in the rural areas.

QUESTIONS

I- COMPREHENSION

A/ Say whether the statements are true or false and justify your answer with quotes from the text. (3 marks)

1. Traditionalists and modernists have the same view about girls' education. FALSE

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2. The authorities haven't done anything to sort out the problem.

FALSE.....

3. Some mothers are against their daughters' education because they need a helping hand at home.

TRUE.....

B/ Give from the text three consequences of early and forced marriage. (1.5 marks)

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QUESTIONS

D/ Complete the chart with the statements corresponding to the traditionalists and the modernists opinions about girls' education. (3 marks)

'You can't change my mind' / 'Early marriage is unfair' /
'Girls shouldn't leave the house'

'schools are not made for girls' / 'Boys and girls have equal rights' / 'you have an old fashioned mind'

CLASSIFY THE ASSERTIONS

Modernists

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Traditionalists

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PART 2

II- COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE

E/ This is a conversation between a traditionalist father and the headmaster of the local school. Complete their dialogue meaningfully. (4.5 marks)

The headmaster: Good evening father. I need to talk to you.

The man: Good evening my son. What
.....?(15)

The headmaster: It's about your daughter Aissatou. I haven't
seen her at school for two weeks and I wanted to know
.....?(16)

The man: You know, I am from a traditional family and
according to our customs, girls.....

.....(17)

The headmaster: Now things have changed. Boys and girls have the right to receive a good education in order to participate in the development of their countries.

The man: I am sorry but I.....(18)

The headmaster: I know what you mean but Aissatou is a good student with a bright future.

The man: You are right, however school fees are very expensive and I

..... (19)

The headmaster: Don't worry father. From now on, I will personally pay for her schooling.

F/ This is an extract of a speech that a former Minister of Education made in kolda while visiting a secondary school. Fill in the blanks with the correct connectors. (2)

Whereas / instead of / because of / despite / because /
provided that / although

‘Dear parents. A recent study showed that many girls stop school(20) their parents force them to marry early. I think that (21) sacrificing your daughters' education, you should help them stay at school and pursue their studies. The government is ready to build new schools in Kolda (22) you change your traditional minds and support girls' education. Some parents are really modern and are doing their best, ,.....
(23) others still have a traditionalist mind and think that the place of the woman is at home.’

ESSAY WRITING(30 MN)

Choose one topic and write at least 150 words. (5 marks)

Topic 1: You are a modernist and you believe that girls can succeed at school and lead the world. Give examples of successful women in your country or in the world who did wonderful things in their lives.

Topic 2: Write a letter to a local newspaper and tell him about the different problems that school girls encounter in some regions such as Kolda, Tamba and Matam.

ESSAY WRITING

Choose one topic and write at least 150 words. (5 marks)

Topic 3: Your friend has a problem with his(her) familys?
What was the problem? How did you react? What solutions did you find to solve that problem?