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Christmas which is celebrated on December 25th is an important Christian holiday. The origin of the word "Christmas" comes from "Christ" and the "Holy. Mass" . It is believed that the day commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ although a lot of people doubt that the Day corresponds to the actual date of his birth. In spite of its Christian origin, Christmas is also celebrated by a lot of non Christian countries and the celebration includes a lot of non religious customs. People exchange gifts and greeting cards. Homes are decorated with Christmas trees, light and garlands. Dinners are planned with special food and all the families gather to have a lot of fun.

A central imaginary figure in Christmas is Father Christmas, also called Santa Claus. He is believed to fly on his sleigh bringing gifts for children .

Christmas is also an opportunity for economic growth. It has become an important period for business activity. Shops make a lot of profit and a lot of countries realized this economic impact.

**Haut du formulaire**

**Comprehension (8marks)**

**A/ Circle a, b, or c if they correspond to the best answer.( 1,5 marks)**

1. Christmas celebration is on  
   a. December 24,  
   b. December 25,  
   c. December 26.
2. Jesus Christ's Date of birth  
   a. is on December 25th.  
   b. We are not sure about the exact date.
3. Santa Claus comes  
   a. on foot  
   b . on a flying sleigh

**B/ True or False justify your answer by quoting from the text (3marks)**

1. A lot of people are sure that the Christmas correspond to the actual date of Christ birth.

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2. Father Christmas is a true figure in Christmas.

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3. Christmas don’t participate for economic growth.

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**C/ Who or What do the following words refer to in the text ? (1.5 marks)**

**He**( He is believed to fly)=………………..

**It** (It has become an important)=…………………

**The day** (the day commemorates)=…………………………

**Read and complete the text from words in the text(2 marks)**

December is a very symbolic for Christian and even for non………………… because it’s the month on which Jesus Christ birth is…………………People give and take……………. Homes are decorated with Christmas trees . It is important because it contribute on……………….

**II/ linguistic and communicative competences(6marks)**

**A/ Put the verbs in the brackets in the correct tense (condition) (4 marks)**

1. if Mandela(be)…………… still alive, I wouldn’t fail to befriend him on facebook.

2. My kids will work out the puzzle, if he ( try)………………….to understand.

3. Charles wouldn’t master Diakhaye’s streets if he ( not /live) ………………..there.

4. if I he god billions, I ( travel)……………… .round the world.

**B/ Read each sentence and fill the blanks with option a, b, or, c(4 marks)**

1**. M**: ………………………….. a whale?

**a. Do you ever see b. Can you ever see C. Will you ever see d. Have you ever seen**

**N:** No, I’ve seen dolphins but I …………………..a whale so far.

**a. never see b. have never been seeing c. will never see d. have never seen**

2. Maty didn’t understand the message in your action but now she …………..its importance.

**a. realizes b. is realizing c. realized d. had realized**

3. How long……………………….? Since the morning

**a. have you been waiting b. are you waiting c. were you waiting**

**III/Writing**

You have once celebrated Christmas with your friends or family, tell how it happened **(4marks)**

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