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**Name………………………………………… Mark:………/20**

**Text: Women's Day**

International Women's Day (IWD) is marked on March 8 every year. Countries around the world celebrate IWD to give credit to the economic, political and social achievements of women and to show respect to their contributions in the development of their countries. The IWD was first celebrated on 19 March 1911 in Germany following a declaration by the Socialist Party of America. It's only in the beginning of the 20th century that the day was officially and internationally acknowledged due to the rapid industrialization and the social protest that it accompanied.

On this day women are usually given flowers and small gifts. It is also celebrated as an equivalent of Mother's Day in some countries. Children also give small gifts to their mothers and grandmothers. In countries like Portugal, it is customary, at the night of 8 March, for groups of women to celebrate the holiday with women-only dinners and parties. In 1975, the United Nations gave official sanction to and started financing International Women's Day.

Although, women are becoming more powerful in business, entertainment, politics and many more areas, there are still a lot of inequalities around the world which call for the mobilization of everybody to grant women the proper status they merit.

Source: [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Women's_Day)

**Activity 1: vocabulary in context**

**Find the word in the text for each definition**

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| Definitions | Words |
| Position or rank in relation to others. |  |
| Amusement or diversion provided especially by performers. |  |
| Generally recognized, accepted, or admitted. |  |
| A result gained by effort: accomplishment. |  |

**Activity2: *Match the titles on the left with their corresponding paragraphs***

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| ***Titles*** | ***Paragraphs*** |
| Disparities | *----------------------* |
| *The praising of women* | *----------------------* |
| The history of women’s day | *………………….* |

**Activity 3: Comprehension:**

**Haut du formulaire**

1. **When was the first IWD celebrated?**  
   a. In the end of the 20th century  
   b. In the middle of the 20th century  
   c. Early in the 20th century.
2. **Social unrest and industrialization were some of the causes that led to IWD.**

**True**

**False**  
**justification**………………………………………………………………………………………………………

1. **The IWD is celebrated \_\_\_\_\_ around the world**a. similarly  
   b. differently
2. **Women still need to fight**  
   a.  for more equality  
   b.  for higher wages
3. **Who or what do the following word refer to in the text?**
   1. which (which call for the mobilization) =……………………………………………
   2. it (it accompanied) =………………………………………………………………

**Activity 4: information transfer: Complete the paragraph below with words from the text** Today is March 8th. Everybody……….…………. the day because it’s special. Women are receiving …………………from their sons and daughters. It can be ……………………..or any other valuable object. People are doing it to show…………………..towards our mothers. Despite all, they feel a huge……………………. between them and men. Consequently, they claim for a proper……………… they deserve.

**Activity5: LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE**

**1/ Turn the paragraph below into Passive voice.**

People celebrate IWD to give credit to the economic, political and social achievements of women. the Socialist Party of America knew it on 19 March 1911. On this day, they give flowers and small gifts to women. Now everybody is offering special presents to honor the day.

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2/ **Dialogue completion: the teacher is asking Awa some questions. Complete their conversation coherently.**

**The teacher: please Awa, answer to my questions,…………………………………?**

**Awa: sure, Sir.**

**The teacher: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………..?**

**Awa: the school has got three women English teachers.**

**The teacher: Good answer! Now tell me in two lines about their jobs.**

**Awa:……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………**

**Teacher: very good!.............................................................................................................?**

**Awa: yes, I can give you their names.**

**Activity 6 : writing**

**Three (3) sisters are discussing about the gift they would like to offer their mother during women’s day. Imagine their conversations.**