

2015 Brevet de fin d'études moyennes (BFEM)

Épreuve d'anglais LV1

I. Text comprehension (8 points)

'Uncle, please forgive me. I will try to pass my exam next time, ' cried Guinea Jo when his uncle applied the long thick cane on his bare back and buttocks.

As if Uncle Imam suspected what had happened, he bellowed angrily, 'Passing your exam next time is not the point. You must tell me how you failed your school leaving examination. '

Guinea Jo: Dada Awuru caused it.

Uncle Imam: Do you mean the traditional doctor near Ketu village on the way to my farm ?

Guinea Jo: Yes, uncle. His medicine let me down in the examination hall.

Uncle Imam applied the cane once more and shouted, 'You are a liar. You must tell me the whole truth'.

Guinea Jo : Uncle, I am telling the truth. Six months before our school leaving examination I heard about Dada Awuru. He was reputed to be a powerful juju man and in a position to help ambitious students pass their exams without reading their books at all. I went to consult Awuru, who boasted that I would easily pass my exam with a juju handkerchief. He told me that if I used the hanky(1) to wipe my face, my eyes would be opened spiritually and I would just copy out the answers to all questions. I saved my transport and pocket money for some months to buy a juju hanky. I did not bother to read my books any more throughout the five months preceding the examination.

Uncle Imam: What happened at the examination hall ?

Guinea Jo: When I applied my hanky three times with incantations as directed by Dada Awuru, the questions remained on the papers given to me by the examiner and I became very nervous sweating all over my body!

Uncle Imam: You are a foolish lazy boy. Juju cannot help you pass exam . You have to study hard day and night. Dada Awuru duped you for nothing. Anyway, you' ve learnt your lesson.

Slightly adapted from G.S. AKIODE, Sunday Times, July 6, 1980.

Note : (1) a hank (or handkerchief): un mouchoir.

A. Choose the most appropriate suggested answer (2 pts)

1) A good title for the text could be

- a. How Guinea Jo passed his school leaving exam.
- b. Guinea Jo, the strong juju.
- c. Guinea Jo, a stupid student.

2. Uncle Imam « applied the long thick cane » (parag. 1) means ...

- a. He beat the boy with his cane.
- b. He gave the boy some sugar cane.
- c. He showed the boy a long thick cane,

3. Guinea Jo failed his exam because ...

- a. the hanky didn' t clean his face.
- b. he didn't read his books.
- c. he was given a handkerchief.

4. The story presented in this text is ...

- a. tragic
- b. comic
- c. romantic

B. Fill in the table with the names in the list below according to the text. 3 marks

Guinea Jo – Uncle Imam – Dada Awuru

5.	believed in juju.
6.	pretended to have misterious powers.
7.	did not believe in juju.

C. Tick (✓) in the True or False column , then justify with specific passages from the text 2 marks

Statements	True	False	Specific justifications from text
8. Guinea Jo correctly followed the instructions of Dada Awuru,			
9. Guinea jo didn't pay the traditonal doctor for the service			

D. What or who do the following words refer to in the text ? 1 mark s

10. **It** in « Dada Awuru caused **it** »:

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11. **His** medicine let me down :

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II- LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE 7 marks

E. Fill in the blanks with words from the list below. (One does not apply). 2.5 marks

justified - confessed - blamed - apologized - asked - promised

12 « Uncle, please forgive me ! » Guinea

Jo.....

13. "I will try to pass my exam next time," the young boy .

14 « You are a liar » uncle

Imam.....

15. « What happened at the examination hall ? » Uncle Imam

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16. "Uncle, I am telling the truth ! » : Guinea Joe

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F. Complete the following sentences meaningfully and correctly. 3 marks

17. Lazy students don't pass their exam because they don't learn their lessons ! But if they

learn't their lessons, they

.....

18. When Guinea Jo said that he hadn't read his books any more throughout the five months preceding the examination, his uncle reacted in these words: « What ? So you mean that

you for five months. »

19. When Uncle Imam applied the cane again and shouted, 'You must tell me the whole truth.'

Guinea Jo understood that he..... the whole truth.

G. Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the words in brackets.

Giving his nephew advice, Uncle Imam said: "Listen, Guinea Jo ! You have to understand

that your (20)..... (fail) is caused by your foolish attitude. You need to know

that (21)..... (lazy) is a bad habit. If you want to (22)..... (success)

in this life, you must always remember that hard work only pays off."

III. WRITING 5 marks

Choose one topic only and write about 80-100.

Topic 1: Many people think that juju can help pass exams. Do you agree or disagree with them ?

Why or why not ?

Topic 2 : Bara and Samba are two students preparing for examination. Bara often learns his lessons, but Samba spends most of his time playing. Write their dialogue.

Topic 3 : After a year of teachers' strike, Binta writes a letter to the Minister of Education to complain about the situation.