

Text: The English Language

English may not be the most spoken language in the world (more people speak Chinese), but it is the official language in a large number of countries. It is estimated that the number of people in the world that use English to communicate on a regular basis is 2 billion!

English is the dominant business language and it has become almost a necessity for people to speak English if they are to enter a global workforce. Research from all over the world shows that cross-border business communication is most often conducted in English. Its importance in the global market place therefore cannot be understated, learning English really can change your life. Many of the world's top films, books and music are published and produced in English. Therefore, by learning English you will have access to a great wealth of entertainment and will be able to have a greater cultural understanding. Most of the content produced on the internet (50%) is in English. So, knowing English will allow you to access to an incredible amount of information which may not be otherwise available!

Although learning English can be challenging and time consuming, we can see that it is also very valuable to learn and can create many opportunities!

Questions: (20 pts)**I. Comprehension questions: (5 pts)****A. Multiple choice questions: Choose the right answer (1pt).**

- 1) **The most spoken language in many countries is.....**
 - a) Chinese
 - b) French
 - c) English
 - d) Portuguese
- 2) **.....of the content produced on the internet is in English.** a) All
 - b) Half
 - c) Little
 - d) None

- B. True or False statements: Copy down the true statements and correct the false ones.(2 pts)**
- 1) Two billion people speak English every day.
 - 2) Communications between borders is usually in Chinese.
 - 3) Learning English will give you access to a lot of knowledge.
 - 4) You can learn English in a very quick time.

C. Answer the following questions: (2pts)

- 1) Which language is the widely most spoken in the world?
- 2) Why is it important to speak English today?

II. Language: (10 pts)

A. Find in the text the synonyms of : *riches; permit; international; edited.* (2pts)

B. Use the comparative or superlative (2pts)

- 1) A lion (dangerous) a buffalo. (comparative of superiority)
- 2) The USA (powerful) country in the world. (superlative of superiority)
- 3) A donkey (small) a horse. (comparative of superiority)
- 4) Gao (far) Ansongo. (comparative of inferiority)

- C. You are walking in the street when you see an old woman carrying a heavy bag. You want to help her do it. What can you tell her? What can she reply to you? (2pts)**

D. Translate into French: (2pts)

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E. Translate into English: (2pts)

La langue Anglaise est aujourd'hui la plus parlée dans le monde. Quand on parle Anglais c'est plus facile pour nous de trouver du travail.

III. Composition : Choose only one topic. (5pts)

- A.** Today everyone knows the importance of English. If you were a decision maker, what would you do so that English can be more used in Mali? Say it in a short of maximum ten (10) lines.
- B.** Albert TRAORE, a student at FSJP, 3rd year of Law, has been given a set of books by his cousin Ahmed KONE who lives in London. Albert writes Ahmed a letter to thank him.

Write Albert's letter with the appropriate layout.