(H) N'ko, M'kay (1/3) [15 points]

The N'ko script was invented (or rediscovered, depending on sources) by Guinean Soulemayne Kanté in 1949. Today, N'ko is still used to write Maninka, as well as Dyula and Bambaré, which are all languages from the Mande language family spoken across a range of West African nations: Burkina Faso, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Mali, Senegal, and Sierra Leone. These are all tone languages (ie, using pitch to determine the meaning of words), but the tones (which are usually indicated by diacritics) have been omitted in this problem, to make it simpler. 'ɔ' is a vowel pronounced like the 'o' in 'hot'.

The name of the script in N'ko, which means 'I speak', is ߒߞߏ , and its inventor's name is ߞߊ߲ߕߋ.
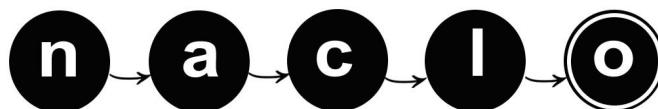
Below are 12 regional names given in transcription on the left and on the right are the corresponding names in N'ko but in a jumbled-up order. The information given under "Description" is just for your interest: it does not relate to the solution.

	Name in transcription	Description
1.	Kɔnakiri	Conakry – capital of Guinea
2.	Kindia	town in Guinea
3.	N'sérégbédé	city in Guinea
4.	Soromaya	town in Guinea
5.	Faranna	city in Guinea
6.	Djigoué	town in Burkina Faso
7.	Tomboutou	Timbuktu – city in Mali
8.	Bisawo	Bissau – capital of Guinea-Bissau[1]
9.	Abidjan	city in Côte d'Ivoire
10.	M'praeso	town in Ghana
11.	Gbésoba	town in Guinea
12.	Guekedou	city in Guinea

	Name in N'ko
A.	ߟߊߘߞߊߝ
B.	ߝߞߕߝߘߏ
C.	ߡߞߊߕߏߏ
D.	ߘߒߕߝߘߝ
E.	ߦߕߝߏߒߏߔ
F.	ߟߔߦߝߟ
G.	ߝߞߕߍߔߒߝ
H.	ߞߝߦߡߝߝߟ
I.	ߕߝߔߝߝߝ
J.	ߕߞߖߝߝ
K.	ߒߔߍߎߕߝߝ
L.	ߞߟߝߝ

H1. Match up the names 1-12 with their N'ko equivalents A-L.

1. ☐   2. ☐   3. ☐   4. ☐   5. ☐   6. ☐

7. ☐   8. ☐   9. ☐   10. ☐   11. ☐   12. ☐

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H2. Write in N'ko script the following names:

	Name in transcription	Description	N'ko
a.	Kodo Wari	the country Côte d'Ivoire	
b.	Liberia	the country Liberia	
c.	Mamoun	city in Guinea	
d.	Firitɔn	Freetown, capital of Sierra Leone	
e.	Netaro	town in Guinea	
f.	M'bour	city in Senegal	
g.	N'djala	town in Sierra Leone	
h.	Gberia Fotombou	town in Sierra Leone	

H3. Write the following names in transliteration (or in their conventional English spelling):

	Name in N'ko	Description	English
a.	ߞߘߐߟ	name of a language	
b.	ߦߏߙߊ	name of a country	
c.	ߡߘߣߐߟߏߦ	name of a country	
d.	ߝߟߊߛߵߵߡ	name of a town in Congo	
e.	ߊߡߣߘߟߦߟ	name of a language	
f.	ߡߊߟ ߏߦ	name of a country	
g.	ߝߟߊߝߘߣ	name of a language	
h.	ߟߦߥߝߟߌ	name of a river and a country	
i.	ߝߌߦߦߘߟߦ ߞߡߟߡߘ	name of a country	
j.	ߥߕߏߦߟߡ	name of a country	

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