



Examen blanc 2023

Classe : 3^{ème}

Durée : 2h

Coefficient : 2

BEPC blanc : EPREUVE D'ANGLAIS

Text: Herding

When my mother woke me in the morning I ran first outside to wash myself and then came back for my breakfast, a delicious meal made from maize, beans and vegetables. Some of the food was put in a calabash for my lunch. And then I went to keep the sheep and goats.

Herding was, for us boys great amusement. We took the animals to the clearings and it was our work to see that they did not wander away and get lost, that they did not enter someone's farm and destroy his crops. We carried our sticks for herding on our shoulders. All of us had heard that sometimes some boys let their animals destroy crops and the farmers caught them or injured them. Having no justification for the disappearance of the animals, they feared to come home because their fathers would beat them **bitterly**.

I never let my animals destroy anything but one day on my way home, a hyena suddenly appeared among the sheep, caught a lamb and ran away. When I brought the animals home that day I quickly went back to the bush because I did not know how my father would beat me. But this was an unpleasant incident. Usually it was great fun.

We boys were supposed to **look after** our animals and not to waste our time in playing. But we were like boys everywhere. When we saw a group of other boys after their animals in our area we would often provoke them and a fight began. We hit one another with our sticks until one group ran away.

When the sun went down we turned towards home, tired and hungry. Once home we ate our warm dinner and went to bed while the older brothers stayed outside playing and **telling stories** in the moonlight.

Adapted from Child of two Worlds by M. Gatheru

Notes: **bitterly:** amèrement, **to look after:** to take care of, **to herd:** mener un troupeau

I/ COMPREHENSION (8 pts)

A-Read the text and choose the letter that is in front of the correct answer (2 pts)

(just write down the number of the statement and the correct letter)

1) Herding is.....

- a- chasing the animals far from farms. c- tying the animals to small trees in the bush.
b- Watching over the animals. d- opening the animals sheds each morning.

2) The narrator of the text.....

- a- Was a boy; b- was a girl; c- was a woman; d- was a man.

3) The animals were brought to.....

- a- farms; b- uncultivated lands; c- towns; d- rivers.

4) For boys, herding was.....

- a- an uninteresting activity b- an enjoyable work
c- a punishment d- an easy work.

B-Read the text and write “true” or “false” in front of each statement (2 pts)

1. When animals destroyed crops, the parents sold the animals.
2. The boy was afraid of staying home because a hyena seized a lamb and went away.
3. When two groups of herdsboys met, they quarrelled.
4. The boys brought the animals home when the sun rose.

C-Read the text and answer these questions (4 pts)

1. What did the author do when his mother woke him? (1 pt)
2. How was a boy beaten when an animal was injured or caught? (1 pt)
3. What were boys supposed to do? (2 pts)

II/ VOCABULARY (2 pts)

A- Complete from the text (1 pt)

- The meal we eat in the morning is called (1st paragraph)
-The meal we eat in the evening is called(last paragraph)

B- Find in the text a noun deriving from each of the following verbs (1 pt)

- To disappear (2nd paragraph)
- To fight (4th paragraph)

III/ GRAMMAR (6 pts)

A- Use the correct form of the verbs in these sentences (1 pt).

- 1) Last year, boys (must) herd the animals.
- 2) If I pass my exam, I (to go) to America in 2024.

B. Complete these sentences with the correct tag (1 pt)

- 1) We are pupils,

2) Let us not talk in class,

C. Fill in the blanks with “since”, “for” or “ago”(1 pt)

1) Our dear friends have been readingfour hours.

2) The police caught the well-known thief some two days.....

D. Turn the following sentences into the negative form (1 pt)

1. Fanta broke her bicycle.

2. We forgive him.

E. Complete with the correct relative pronoun (who, whom, which, whose) (1 pt)

1- The man.....you can see over there sings well.

2- The hunter killed the lionwas in the park.

F- Turn the following sentences into the passive voice (1 pt).

1. The lady does not help the children.

2. The women undertook the labour.

IV/ WRITING (4 pts)

What kind of job would you like to do after your studies? Justify! (60 words maximum)