

FIRST TERM EXAMINATION

LEVEL: 10th grade
Duration: 2 hours

TEXT: Bakoroba's family.

Nowadays, life is so difficult that we had better work hard to make both ends meet. The members of Bakoroba's family know how to earn their living. Bakoroba is an old white-haired man. As the chief of the family he is authoritarian and never tolerates any act of disrespect. Whenever you go to his house, you will find him doing something, especially amusing with his grandsons.

The men spend the day in the fields and don't get back home till sunset. But on Fridays they all stay home because this day is said to bring evil to those who go to their fields. So they stay working in the shop from morning to evening making knives, hoes, matches, axes, plows etc. on Fridays the shop is full of many persons. Some come to buy tools; others come to sharpen their knives or axes and others to chat only.

As for the old women, they work in their fields of rice or their gardens of vegetables. The youngest women accompany the men in the fields. The children's occupation is to breed the cattle. Each person has something to do and each of them contributes with his modest effort to the welfare of the family.

Notes: axes: (haches); plows: (charrues); to sharpen: (aiguiser); sunset (coucher du soleil)

QUESTIONS: (20pts)

I- READING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS: (5pts)

A- Multiple Choice Questions: Choose the best answers to complete the following sentences. (1pts)

- 1- The men spend the day in the fields and are not back till sunset, means they
 - a. Stay in the fields till noon.
 - b. Stay in the fields till the beginning of the night.
 - c. Stay in the fields till the night is over.
 - d. Stay in the fields till the sunrise.
- 2- Bakoroba never tolerates disrespect, means that he
 - a. Dislikes respect.
 - b. Dislikes disrespect.
 - c. Encourages disrespect.
 - d. Likes disrespect.

B- True or false questions: Copy the true sentences and correct the false ones. (2pts)

- 1- Bakoroba's family works hard.
- 2- Bakoroba hates disrespect.

- 3- Fridays are good for going to the fields.
- 4- The old women take care of the animals.

C- Answer the following questions based on the text: (2pts)

- 1- Why do people in Bakoroba's village stay home on Friday?
- 2- How do women contribute to the welfare of the family?

II- LANGUAGE: (10pts)

A- Vocabulary: Make pairs of synonyms with words from the list A to those of B. (2pts)

A

Get

Accept

Remain

Discuss

B

Stay

Chat

Earn

Tolerate

B- Grammar: Put the following sentences in to correct forms (Simple present). (2pts)

- 1- Students (do/always) their Homework alone.
- 2- (not/do) Fanta her exercise with her big brother?
- 3- I'm sure that she (not/break) your glasses.
- 4- (Not/be) our new English teacher a Malian?

C- Functions: Complete the following dialogue appropriately. (2pts)

Situation: Amadou introduce his cousin Fatouma to the class.

Amadou: Good morning, class!

..... my cousin name is Fatouma Diarra. She is Diarra Segou. village is sananfara. She 21 years she married and she two kids (one boy and one girl). She is a medical doctor and she at Gabriel toure Hospital. She is very happy to meet you.

D- Translate into French: (2pts)

From "The men spend.....to.....their fields".

E- Translate into English : (2pts)

Dans une famille moderne il y a un père, une mère et leurs enfants. Cependant, une famille traditionnelle est composée des grands parents, parents, enfants et proches parents.

III- COMPOSITION: Choose only one topic. (5pts)

A- Between Traditional and Modern family, which one do you prefer? Justify your reason in ten lines.

B- Mamadou Diarra, a student at Lycee Rosey Abantara of Sokorodji /Bamako (LRAS), 10th grade. He writes to his pen-friend Catherine Johnson living in Canada to describe her a traditional family in which he's living.

- Write Mamadou's letter with the appropriate lay out!!

GOOD LUCK!