

COMPOSITION DE LA 1^{ère} PERIODE

Classe : 10^e CM

Durée : 2 heures

Coef : 2

Epreuve de : English

Text: Fieldworks vs gardening

As schools close in late June there is an opportunity for schoolboys and girls to go to their respective villages to help with fieldworks or gardening. As far as Guediouma is concerned, he travels over eighty kilometers to return to Kokouna and give a hand to his father. While Guediouma was still away in Diakana, his father and Assa had cleaned the field, picking up big stones here, rooting out big shrubs, and raking and gathering dead branches and leaves and burning them. These first works and all the others until harvest are what gardeners do to prepare the seedbeds. They require hard long hours and days efforts, so any father, mother, or grand- parent appreciates children's help.

When rain falls, farmers plough their fields and sow them. Grandfather prepares seedbags the night before daylight. Women accompanied by their daughters spend days seeding. In gardening, rooting out seedlings and planting them in prepared beds is like seeding. Weeding will come up in either case. Then comes harvest time. Sorghum, corn and millet are harvest with the help of other villages because there is always a lot to do for only one's family members. A gardener sells his products little by little whereas villages get their crops into granaries.

Notes:

Require: demand; seedbeds: poquets; Shrub: young plant; to root out: deraciner; seedlings: semis.

I- Comprehension questions : (6pts)

A- True/False questions: (2pts)

Copy down the true sentences and correct the false ones.

- 1- Guediouma is not a schoolboy.
- 2- Guediouma's village is far from the town.
- 3- Children's help is not accepted by their parents.
- 4- A gardener sells his products at once.

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

- 1- At the rainfall what does grand father's work consist of?
- 2- When rain falls, what do farmers do?
- 3- While Guediouma was still away what did his father and Assa do?
- 4- Which type of fieldworks do you prefer? Why?

C- Mutiple choice questions: (2pts)

Copy down the correct words or expression to complete the following sentences.

- 1- Fieldworks are:
 - a) easy
 - b) not easy and hard
 - c) hard
 - d) hard and require days efforts.
- 2- Garden works and fieldworks are:
 - a) different
 - b) alike
 - c) not alike
- 3- The gardener sells his products:
 - a) the same day
 - b) little by little
 - c) the same week
 - d) at once

II- Vocabulary and Grammar

A- Vocabulary: Find in the text the synonyms of the following words: to help, shut, to go back to, to cultivate.

B- **Grammar:** Put the verbs in brackets at the correct forms and tense.

Monzon (be) a rich farmer he (live) in kedla.

Everyday he (get) at o'clock.

Monzon (have) cows, sheep, chicken on his farm.

When rain (fall) farmers (plough) their fields.

I (not like) farming because it (be) hard and time consuming.

III – **Translation into English** : (4pts)

1- Je suis un élève du lycée Gnetaso.

2- Je fais la dixième année.

3- Les cours commencent à 7h45 mn et prennent fin à midi.

4- Nous parlons couramment Anglais.

5- Chaque jour je prends un bain avant d'aller au lit.

IV – **Composition: (5pts)**

Drissa COULIBALY CM1 L.G.D.K Bamako Mali writes a letter to his brother Madou G. COULIBALY living in Freetown Sierra-Leone asking to buy an English dictionary for him. Write Drissa's letter with the appropriate layout.