

**EPREUVE ECRITE D'ANGLAIS**

Coefficient :01

Durée: 02 heures

Text: Religious and cultural tolerance

Religious and cultural tolerance are essential for peaceful and prosperous societies. Religious tolerance means respecting the right of others to have different beliefs, while cultural tolerance refers to the appreciation of the customs and traditions of diverse social groups. Together, they create a foundation of mutual respect, turn potential divisions into strengths and allow communities to thrive through cooperation.

A powerful example is Burkina Faso where Muslims, Christians, and people who practise traditional religions have coexisted for generations. This harmony is supported by a rich cultural diversity of over 60 ethnic groups. An important element that contributes to this success is the unique tradition of "parenté à plaisanterie" (joking kinship). This practice allows certain groups to engage in friendly, ritualised banter, which reduces tensions and reinforces social bonds. In daily life, this can be seen through shared celebrations and inter-religious families, where diversity is considered as a source of strength.

However, this harmony must be actively protected against major threats, like extremism and prejudice. Promoting tolerance requires education to break down stereotypes, laws that protect freedom, and a commitment from every individual to engage in respectful dialogue.

Keeping peace is everyone's duty. Beyond laws and schools, daily actions are the most important. Choose kindness over judgment, listening over arguing, and understanding over assumption. This helps keep society safe and united, ensuring everyone feels respected and included. Together, we build a peaceful world. So, we can all help preserve the fabric of a tolerant society.

Adapted from UNESCO: "Teaching Respect for All Implementation Guide" July 17, 2014.

Vocabulary:

Thrive : prospérer, s'épanouir ; **banter** : taquinerie, plaisanterie ; **fabric** : tissu, structure

QUESTIONS (Religious and cultural tolerance)

I. COMPREHENSION (6 points)

A. Read the text and decide whether these statements are True or False. (*Write only the number and True or False*) (1 pt)

1. Religious tolerance and cultural tolerance are synonyms.
2. The tradition of joking kinship creates conflicts between communities.

B. Read the text and match the items in column A with the corresponding definition in column B. (*Write only the number and the letter*) (1 pt)

<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>
1- Religious tolerance	a- accepting other people's profession.
2- Cultural tolerance	b- accepting what other people believe in.
	c- accepting other people's traditions.

C. Read the text and answer the following questions in complete sentences. (4 pts)

1. Give one (1) benefit of religious and cultural tolerance. (1pt)
2. Why is Burkina Faso an example of religious and cultural tolerance? (2 pts)
3. What are the two (2) main threats to harmony in society? (1 pt)

II. VOCABULARY (4 points)

D. Replace the underlined words with their synonyms from the text. (*Write only the number and the synonym*) (1 pt)

1. The variety of different cultures enriches our society. (Paragraph 2)
2. His engagement to the cause of peace was admired by all. (Paragraph 3) *engage*

E. Find in the text adjectives deriving from these words. (*Write only the number and the adjective*) (1 pt)

1. Day (paragraph 2) *see*
2. Peace (paragraph 1) *peaceful*

F. Complete these sentences with the appropriate words from the text. (*Write only the number and the word*) (1 pt)

1. Mutual _____ is the foundation of a peaceful society.
2. Cultural _____ is the appreciation of the customs and traditions of others.

G. Choose the word that correctly completes each sentence. (*Write only the number and the letter*) (1 pt)

1. To preserve harmony in the society, we must avoid _____.
 - a. Kindness
 - b. Listening
 - c. Arguing
 - d. politeness

2. Tolerance must be protected against extremism and _____.
a. diversity
b. cooperation
c. prejudice
d. celebration

III. GRAMMAR (4 points)

H. Put the verb between brackets into the correct tense. (*Write only the number and the word*)
(1 pt)

1. Last year, our school _____ (to organize) a cultural tolerance day.
2. Many people in Burkina Faso _____ (to practise) joking kinship for generations.

I. Fill in the blanks with the correct preposition (**for, at, in**). (*Write only the number and the preposition*) (1 pt)

1. Tolerance is an attitude everybody needs to live _____ peace.
2. Social harmony is something we must all fight _____ and protect.

J. Turn each sentence into the passive voice. (1 pt)

1. Religious tolerance brings peace to societies.
2. The government has passed laws to protect cultural diversity.

K. Complete these statements with the correct relative pronoun: "**who, which, whom, or whose**." (*Write only the number and the relative pronoun*) (1 pt)

1. The tradition _____ strengthens social bonds is called joking kinship.
2. The man _____ daughter we met yesterday is tolerant.

IV. WRITING (6 points)

Your friend had a dispute with a classmate about religious differences. He says that people from different religions and cultures cannot be friends. But you think this is a bad idea and you decide to sensitise him to the importance of tolerance.

Based on what you studied on tolerance and your own knowledge, write a well-structured and meaningful message of 70 to 80 words to your friend in which you:

1. mention one (1) benefit of tolerance for society;
2. give one (1) example of successful interreligious or intercultural harmony in Burkina Faso;
3. propose one (1) thing your friend can do to be more tolerant.

Pay attention to your handwriting and presentation!