

EXAMEN :**BACCALAUREAT BLANC****Série : TSECO****Session de Mai 2026****Epreuve de : Anglais****Date : 29/05****Durée : 02H****Coef : 02****Sujet :****TEXT: Population Pressures**

It is generally estimated that each year the world needs to house an additional 68 million to 80 million people. According to the United Nations Population Fund, world population passed 6.1 billion in 2001 and is expected to reach between 7.9 and 10.9 billion by 2050. Even more sobering, 98 percent of that growth during the next two decades is forecast to occur in developing countries. Those estimates in themselves represent a formidable housing challenge. Yet that challenge is further complicated by the fact that the fastest growing areas in most countries are the already overcrowded cities.

Major cities - such as New York, London and Tokyo - are often viewed as vital symbols of a country's economic growth. As a result, thousands of rural people annually flock to such 'greener urban pastures,' mainly to seek education and employment.

In China, for example, the economy is expanding rapidly. As a result, one report estimates, over the next few decades, more than 200 million new housing units will be needed in the major urban areas alone. That is almost twice the total number of housing units that currently exist in the entire United States. What housing program could possibly keep up with such demand?

According to the World Bank, "each year, some 12 to 15 million new households, requiring an equivalent number of dwellings, are added to the cities of the developing world". Since not enough affordable housing exists, these urban poor are forced to find shelter where they can, often where no one else chooses to live.

QUESTIONS (20 points)**I- READING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (5 points)****A. Multiple choice questions (1 point)**

Copy the complete sentence containing the correct answer.

1. World population went by ... billion in 2001.

- a. 7.9 b. 6.1 c. 10.9 d. 8.1.

2. The number of housing units that currently exist in the USA is nearly ... million.

- a. 200 b. 100 c. 15 d. 12.

B. True / False questions (2 points)

Copy the true sentences and correct the false ones.

1. World population increases drastically every year.
2. Population grows more in developed countries.
3. Housing challenge is linked to population growth
4. Urban poor live in affordable houses.

C. Answer the following questions. (2 points)

1. Why do thousands of rural people flock to major cities?
2. What is happening in China?

II- LANGUAGE (10 points)

A. Copy down each word from the list on the left with one from the right so as to make pairs of synonyms. (2 points)

A	B
Forecast	to need
Seek	habitation
Require	to look for
Dwelling	to predict

B. Put the verbs in brackets into the simple present or the present continuous. (2 points)

Alice: Where your friend (come) from?

Aminata: She (come) from Ivory Coast. She's a very clever girl; she (speak) four languages.

Alice: I wonder what she (speak) now.

C. Complete the following with comparatives by using *more* / *-er* or *less*, as appropriate.

Use the words in parentheses plus your own words. (2 points)

1. People are far (intelligent)
2. A piano is a lot (heavy)

D. Translate into English (2 points)

1. Aucune aide n'est suffisante dans les pays en voie de développement avec la croissance de la population.

2. La croissance de la population peut être limitée avec le contrôle de la naissance, la contraception, la stérilisation et l'avortement.

E. Translate in French (2 points)

From « It is generally ... » to « ... billion by 2050. »

III- COMPOSITION (5 points)

Choose only one topic.

1. Can population growth be a means to accelerate a country's development?

Write a five-line essay to defend your position.

2. Fill out a University Admission Form for Zara Simpara.

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