

**LYCEE PRIVE RACINES—LPR—
SECOND TERM EXAM 2025-2026**

Grade: TSExp

Coef : 2

Duration : 2 hours

Text: From family farming to industrial-scale agriculture.

Farmers used to bend in the sun, sweating for hours and hours. Even today in distant villages, farmers practice the same method. Farmers did not have the financial means to buy modern tools in the past and technology was not developed.

Today, thanks to the development of science and technology, agriculture has gone far. In most countries located in the north hemisphere, the agriculture out-put-yield per hectare or meat production has been booming over the past fifty years owing to increasing acreages regrouping and hedge destruction, growing mechanization powerful tractors and huge combines soil improvement, fertilizers, herbicides, hybrid cereals or vegetables and stock cross-breeding. Hence today s overpopulation, food surpluses, causing slumps in prices and the necessity to control production and assist farmers through a system of grants and subsidies which aim both at providing them with a minimum income and at preventing wide swings in food costs. Paying attention to farmers needs is essential. A certain number of measures should be taken in developing countries such as prohibiting bush fires and tree cutting, planting trees, good management of industry wastes, irrigation to face the degradation of the environment. While Asia is the world s most irrigated region, Africa is the least irrigated part of the developing world. Only 5% of its cropland is irrigated with 8% for Latin America and 28% for ASIA.

An obvious solution to overproduction in industrialized countries would consist in exporting food surpluses to those developing countries suffering from dramatic food deficient, but very few of them can afford the cereals and daily productions they need to feed millions of starving people.

QUESTIONS (20pts)

I. READING COMPREHENSION : (5pts)

A. Multiple choice questions: Copy the complete sentence containing the correct answer (1pt)

1. Africa is the least irrigated region of the world with only of its cropland irrigated.
a. 8% c. 13%
b. 5% d. 28%
2. Agriculture production per hectare has been . over the past fifty years.
a. decreasing c. reducing
b. diminishing. d. increasing

B. True/False statements: copy down the true sentences and correct the false ones. (2pts)

1. In the past farmers used more physical effort to practice agriculture.
2. Bush fires and tree cutting are practiced in developed countries.
3. Agriculture has gone far due to the development of Science and Technology.
4. There is no obvious solution to overproduction in industrialized countries.

C. Answer the following questions: (2pts)

1. How did farmers undertake Agriculture in the past?

2. What are the great changes modern tools bring to Agriculture today?

II. LANGUAGE: (10pts)

A. Copy each word from the list **A** with one from the list **B** so as to make pairs of synonyms. (1pt)

A	B
yield	irrigation
surpluses	trashes
wastes	production
afford	extra
	buy

B. Put the verbs between parentheses in the correct form. Use **gerund or infinitive**. (2pts)

I tried (convince) my dad that I was perfectly capable of (manage) on my own, but he insisted on (assist) me by (refuse) (recognize) my capacity.

C. Replace GET by its appropriate meanings. (2pts)

1. Tell the maid-servant to **get up** early to prepare the breakfast.
2. Djelika rarely **gets** bad grades in English; she is serious.
3. Alou often **gets** his wife new clothes at Tabaski.
4. He said : "**Get** me a fan quickly. The rice is very hot."

D. Mr Sidibe's daughter is always the bottom of her class and he doesn't know what to do
So, he asks his brother Sékou for advice.

What can Sidibe say? And what can be Sekou's reply. (2pts)

E. Translate into French: (1,5pt)

Farmers used to bend in the sun, sweating for hours and hours. They did not have the financial means to buy modern tools in the past and technology was not developed.

F. Translate into English: (1,5pt)

1. L'armée malienne ne supporte pas de voir les djihadistes attaquer les civils.
2. Mon fils! Tu dois être plus courageux car la vie devient de plus en plus difficile.

III. COMPOSITION: Choose only one subject. (5pts)

Topic 1: What would you prefer, modern or traditional Agriculture? Justify your answer.

Topic 2: Mali Demisenw, a Malian NGO, BP E 2525, Sikasso, Mali has made a job announcement in I INDEPENDENT issue N° 1978 of July 30th, 2021, saying they need an accountant able to speak French, Arabic and English fluently, able to use computer and drive. Ousmane SOW, Rue 222, Porte 19, Quartier du Fleuve, Bamako, thinks he should be suitable for that position and wants to apply for that job.

Write Ousmane's letter to the personnel officer with the appropriate layout.

GOOD LUCK!!!