

COMPOSITION DE LA PREMIERE PERIODE

EPREUVE DE : ANGLAIS (LV1) SERIES : TSS & TS ECO DUREE : 2 HEURES COEF : 2

TEXT: POPULATION BOOMING OR BOMBING?

The World's population has been booming for years. The population is now threatening to reach the stage where there are simply too many people for the planet to support. Around 1850, the World population reached one billion. By 1987, it was at five billions and was still rising rapidly.

The Third World nations are responsible for a great deal of the population growth. In 1989 about 90% of the people being born were in developing countries. The populations of the Third World countries are expected to continue to boom.

The United Nations Population Fund predicts that by the middle of the next century, the World's population will stabilize at about 14 billion people. If fertility rates were decreased to 2.1 births per woman, the stabilization of population could be achieved sooner. In 1968, Paul Ehrlich published 'The Population Bomb'. The book described how the World population has risen, citing the discoveries of agriculture as the cause. The book predicted that population growth would result in widespread famine and even in nuclear war. While some of his predictions turned out to be false, famine did occur at high levels in later years.

Overpopulation has been disastrous for our planet. Greater populations have polluted and consumed more, ruining the environment and creating or intensifying a variety of problems.

QUESTIONS: (20 PTS)

I. Reading comprehension questions: (5 pts)

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

1. The World population is quickly.
a) diminishing b) decreasing c) increasing d) stagnating
2. contribute in the fast booming of the population.
a) The developed nations b) The developing nations c) The United Nations d) The N.G.Os

B. True or false statements: Copy down correctly the true sentences and correct the false ones. (2 pts.)

1. Overpopulation is good for our planet.
2. The planet will be able to support extremely numerous populations.
3. When fertility decreases, the World population stabilizes.
4. Famines and wars have no links with population booming.

C. Answer the following questions basing on the reading passage. (2pts)

1. What can overpopulation cause to environment?
2. When will the World population stabilize?

II. LANGUAGE: (10 PTS)

A. Vocabulary: Copy each words with its possible synonym on the same line.

Words: boom; rise; widespread; turn out.

Synonyms: increase; exist everywhere; discover; grow quickly.

B. Fill in the blanks with had to/ didn't have to/ should have/ needn't have.as appropriate. (2pts)

1. Umar wash his uncle's car before going to school if he didn't want to be beaten.
2. You.....bought a new pen; I had four.
3. Fatumata helped her mother prepare the food.
4. Muhamar translate the letter into French, but he did.

C. Turn the following sentences into passive. (2 pts.)

1. Children must always respect old people.
2. They have built a new bridge in our city.
3. The teacher was punishing the bad pupils.
4. We could hear the kids shouting in the yard.

D. Translate into French: (2 pts.)

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E. Translate into English: (2 pts.)

L'accroissement démographique excessivement rapide est l'un des problèmes les plus sérieux auxquels le monde fait face aujourd'hui.

Toutes les personnes doivent comprendre la nécessité du contrôle des naissances.

III. Composition : (5 pts.)

Write a ten-line essay talking about the disadvantages of overpopulation.