

I-Reading Comprehension (5pts)

- Read the following text and answer the questions

Text: The old man and the medal

When Meka came up to his hut with his jacket under his arm he wondered how he was going to find beds for the crowd of friends and relations who had come for his medal. Meka shook the interminable series of hands offered to him in the darkness. All his cousins, male and female, were there. Some he had not seen for ten years. They were there with their children. Everyone connected intimately or distantly with Kelara was also there. For example there was an old woman whose name Kelara had forgotten and even when the old woman reminded her she could not remember it. The old woman said she had once nursed Kelara's mother who had died well before the First World War.

The usual group was also there. There was also all the villagers who come to honour their fellow countryman. Meka's feet had not been made to go into the white man's shoes. So he cut two little windows in them for his little toes. He had gone barefooted until the time he had married Kelara, which was some year before the coming of the whites.

The white chief arrived at last. He was now at Meka's shoulder. Meka looked down at him just at the moment when he was pinning the medal onto his breast. He could feel the hot breath through his khaki jacket. The chief was sweating like a wrestler.

Questions

1. Where did Meka put his jacket?
2. Who came when Meka was to be given a medal?
3. Give the name of Meka's wife.
4. Why did Meka cut two little windows in his pair of shoes?
5. According to you what could Meka has done to merit a medal from White men.

II- Vocabulary (4pts)

- Explain the following words according to the text:

1. interminable 2. bareheaded 3. pinning 4. Sweating

- Select the right word to complete the following sentences.

- 5- We always have.....at seven in the morning (lunch, breakfast, dinner, supper)
- 6- Theis the person in charge of a library (secretary, clerk, librarian, reader).
- 7- Theis the man who steers a plane (navigator, pilot, hostess, steersman).
- 8- Rome was not.....in one day (built, made reached, established).

III- Language and usage (5pts)

- Put the verb in brackets in these sentences into the **Present tense**.

- 1- This ruler (to belong) to me.
- 2- I personally (to be) interested in football.
- 3- As soon as we are on our way home the rain (to begin) to fall.

- Change these sentences into active voice

- 4- The ball was found in the bush.
- 5- The children were caught by a heavy rain.
- 6- The corn was eaten by the chicken.

- Report the following sentences.

- 7- "Nonsense" Kffi said to his friend.
- 8- "Goodbye" said the driver to his boss.
- 9- "Let's start going" Yawa said to Bola.

- Write the verb in the correct form.

- 10- If they (be) lucky, they would find a job.

IV- Writing (6pts)

Describe a popular traditional festival you witnessed in your town or village. Not more than 12 lines.

N.B: The following questions can guide you.

What is the name of the festival? In which locality is it celebrated? Why and when do people celebrate this festival? How long did it last? What are the different stages of the festival? Were there any eating, drinking and dancing? What are your impressions? (Give reasons)