

BAC 1 2024	ENGLISH TEST	SERIE C4&D
Replacement session	Duration: 3hours	Rating coefficient: 2

Section One: Reading Comprehension

Text: The commonwealth

The commonwealth of nations was founded by the British Empire in 1926. It is an intergovernmental association that is now made up of 56 sovereign states and consists of states which were former territories of the British empire.

However, some countries such as Samoa, Papua, New Guinea and Namibia are member states as a result of their link with other states rather than with the British Empire.

Furthermore, countries such as Rwanda and Mozambique have never been colonies of Britain and have no cultural or historical link with the British Empire yet are members of the Commonwealth. The founding members of the commonwealth include the United Kingdom, Newfoundland, the Union of South Africa, the Irish Free State and Canada.

The term 'Commonwealth of Nations' was first used to describe the relationships between Britain and her territories by Lord Rosebery in Australia in the year 1884. After the first world war, a definition depicting the relationship was sought. Finally, at the 1926 meeting, the following definition was agreed upon "They are autonomous Communities within the British Empire, equal in status, in no way subordinate one to another in any aspect of their domestic or external affairs, though united by a common allegiance to the Crown".

The commonwealth, therefore, provides technical assistance to aid the rapid development of these nations. The formation of the commonwealth has also help promote peace, unity and oneness among member states, despite their diverse culture and ethnic background.

Through the commonwealth, the interests of the nations are protected. The head of Government meeting held biannually is a gathering where the leaders of the commonwealth deliberate on issues of concern, make useful suggestions.

Questions: 5pts

1. The commonwealth founded in 1926 is made up of 56 former territories of the British Empire. True or false. 0,5pt
2. Write down the definition that was agreed upon to Commonwealth at the 1926 meeting. 0,5pt
3. Complete the following sentence from the passage:
The head of 1pt
4. What profit do member states gain from Commonwealth? 1pt
5. Are you proud of your country Togo being a Commonwealth member state? Why or why not? 2pts

Section two: Linguistic competence

A- VOCABULARY: 2pts

- Write the synonym or the opposite of the following words in the text:

1- country = 2-issues= 3- free ≠ 4-unit ≠

- Derive a noun from: 5- to agree →
- Give the adjective form of 6- nation
- Fill in the gap with the appropriate word from this list: network, connection, computer, telephone, wireless.

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Internet stands for interconnected network of 7. It is a telecommunication network that uses telephone lines, cables, satellites and 8 connection.

B- GRAMMAR: 2pts

- Choose the correct proposal from a, b and c
1- Protecting one's personal data is the ----- way to avoid cyberattack.
a) good b) better c- best
- Complete with the correct preposition:
2- In Togo, customary laws prevent women ----- inheriting properties.
- Write the correct tense of the verb in the brackets
3- Ami and Hodalo (**graduate**) last year if they had attended classes
- Give the correct form of the verb in brackets:
4- Many Africans are ignoring and losing cultural values their forefathers used to (to **cherish**).
- Rephrasing
5-a) Wherever you go, people will warmly welcome you.
b) No matter.....
6-a) "What can I do for the development of my country?" Amana asked herself
b) Amana asked herself.....
7-a) Historians say Ewe people fled from king Agokoli.
b) Ewe people.....
- Fill in the gap with the appropriate word: because, since, ago, however, despite
8- We all want to be rich., we do not want to work hard.

Section three: Translation (3pts)

Translate the following passage into French

In developing countries, water pollution is becoming rampant especially in rural areas where rivers constitute the main source of water. People bathe and do the laundry in rivers. Yet, the same water is used in the kitchen.

Section four: Writing (8 pts)

In your area, you remarked that many young people do not respect the national emblems, they always talk badly of their country and even insult the leaders of the country and above all they refuse to vote during elections, proving that they do not have any love for their country. This becomes a real concern for the local authorities.

In a public meeting, you are asked to deliver a speech to sensitize the people of your community about the importance of love for their fatherland by stating the different actions a citizen is supposed to take to show love and patriotism for his country.

Write your speech in about 20 lines.

Relevance: 2.5 pts

Coherence: 2.5 pts

Accuracy: 2 pts

Perfection: 1 pt