



BAC 1 2025	ENGLISH TEST	SERIE A4
<i>Normal session</i>	<i>Duration: 3 hours</i>	<i>Rating coefficient: 3</i>

SECTION ONE: READING COMPREHENSION (5 marks)

Instructions: read carefully the text below and answer the questions.

Text:

In Africa, traditions, customs, and languages vary from one tribe to another. There are however, many cultural values and practices that are mostly shared all over the continent. Thus, during some traditional festivals, natives of two different ethnic groups may gather and perform ceremonies as one community. For instance, in Togo, during Sintu-Djandjangou festival, the Nawda and the Lamba dance, sing and eat together. Such events enable the younger ones to learn about their culture and represent it proudly. Another important aspect in African culture is the sense of especially farming.

A group of farmers would voluntarily work on the farmland of one among them, and another day, it would be another person's turn. In the same way, friends of suitor would assist him to work on the farm of his prospective in-laws. Contrary to the growing disregard portrayed by the youths nowadays, people used to have deep respect for old age. Even if they could find nothing to admire in an old man, his grey hair would earn him the right to courtesy and politeness. At that time, young people bowed to greet any aged person, no matter who they are or where they come from. It is often believed that if you respect elders, you will live long. Other values proper to African culture include hospitality, humanity and courage.

Nowadays, due the impacts of colonialism, globalization and social media, African culture are being influenced. African values are disappearing among the younger generation. Modernity tends to be conceived as embracing every aspect of the western world. However, in the middle of this acculturation, Africans must always remember who they are and stand proudly to preserve their cultural heritage.

QUESTIONS: (5 marks)

1. In the past, young people had no regard for aged people. True/false? 0,5pt
2. Choose the correct proposal: The main idea in the second paragraph of the text is: **a.** colonialism and loss of identity; **b.** traditional values and new trends; **c.** Globalization and culture preservation. 1pt
3. Propose a suitable title to the text. 1pt
4. Mention two African cultural values in the text. 1pt
5. Should the youth continue bowing to elders nowadays? Justify your answer. 1,5pt

SECTION TWO: LINGUISTIC COMPETENCE

A. VOCABULARY (2 marks)

1. Give the opposite of the words in bold in the text.
 2. Find the odd man out: beliefs-rites-traditions-customers-festivals
 3. Give the synonym of the following words: proudly =..... prospective =.....
 4. Derive an adjective from the word "community"
 5. Fill in the blanks with: values, heritage, community life.
- 5.1. and land problems represent more than 60% of cases at the tribunal.

