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OFFICE DU BACCALAUREAT	SERIE A4	COEF : 3

### SECTION ONE: READING COMPREHENSION (5pts)

**SESSION NORMALE**

Read the following text carefully and answer the questions below.

TEXT: Our Cultural Heritage

All over the world, people have cultures and values proper to them. These practices, **customs**, morals and beliefs passed down from generation to generation are known as cultural heritage. Culture is the sum of everything we stand for as a person. Through culture, we express our identity, worldview as well as our differences with regard to other people. However, for a long time, African cultures have been subject to misunderstanding, contempt and mockery from foreigners. Sadly, today, many Africans are ignoring and losing cultural values their forefathers used to cherish. (...).

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-Djandjagou festival, the Nawdeba 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 community life. In the past, our **forefathers** used to do some activities together especially farming. (...). Contrary to the growing disregard portrayed by the youths nowadays, people used to have deep respect for old age. If they could find nothing to admire in an old man, his grey hair would earn him the right to courtesy and politeness....

Nowadays, due to the **impacts** of colonialism, globalization and social media, African cultures 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.

**ANONYMOUS**

### QUESTIONS

- 1) A culture is never transmitted from generation to generation. True or False?
- 2) According to the text, culture is..... (complete the sentence)
- 3) Where is the growing disregard for our cultures coming from?
- 4) Quote a passage from the text to show that cultural celebrations can bring unity.
- 5) In your opinion, what can we do to preserve our cultural heritage?

### SECTION TWO: LINGUISTIC COMPETENCE (4pts)

#### A- GRAMMAR (2pts)

° Choose the correct answer from the parentheses to complete

- 1) (what, where, which) do you live?      2) (when, what, which) do you do for a living?

° Write the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

3) It is high time we (to leave) school. late. 4) Students are used to (to come) to school

◦ Add a suitable question tag.

5) Winners never give up, .....? 6) Let's be good students.....?

◦ Ask questions based on the underlined words.

7) The weight of this car is 45 tons. 8) The director left yesterday.

**B) VOCABULARY (2pts)**

◦ Match the bolded words of the text with the corresponding definition

- 1) Significant or strong influences or effects.
- 2) Ancestors.
- 3) Rituals with religious or cultural significance.
- 4) Traditional beliefs or rituals.

◦ Derive a verb from these words.

- 1) acculturation    2) argumentation    3) modernity    4) traditional

**SECTION THREE: TRANSLATION (3pts)**

*Translate the following passage into French:*

Citizens should understand that destroying public properties is simply harming themselves. We have to consider all public properties as our own properties and then take care of them. There is no development without the protection and care taking of public properties. If we love our country, we have to see to it that its properties are secured and protected.

**SECTION FOUR: WRITING: (8pts)**

TOPIC I (4pts)

In the world today, many people are jobless and are struggling to create a business in order to satisfy family needs. In this group of people, a lot of women are engaging in the entrepreneurship just like men for the same purposes. In a well-structured paragraph, give the advantages of women's entrepreneurship for women, for their families and for the society.

TOPIC II (4pts)

During the period of COVID-19, most of the market women of your village noticed that some traders and sellers still continued making money through their commercial activities even though they do not go to the market and the customers do not visit them either. They did not understand how this can be possible. As the leader of the market women, use the knowledge you have acquired during the lesson on e-commerce to write an article entitled importance of e-commerce to be published in your national newspaper. Your name is Nana Benz.

	Relevance:	Coherence	Accuracy	Perfection
Topic: 1	1.25pt	1.25pt	1pt	0.5pt
Topic: 2	1.25pt	1.25pt	1pt	0.5pt