



**A**

Série : A

Epreuve de : Anglais

Durée : 03 heures

Code matière : 002

Coefficients : A1 = 2; A2 = 1

(...)According to the World Bank report, in 1988 alone, 330 million urban dwellers in developing countries were said to be poor, a situation that was not expected to change much in the following years. When people are too poor to afford basic necessities such as food and clothing, how can they afford to rent or build a decent house?

High interest rates and inflation push bank loan payments far out of reach of many families, and soaring utility costs make it difficult for people to get ahead. Unemployment rates as high as 20% in some countries make it impossible to make ends meet.

These factors have forced hundreds of million people in every corner of the earth to live in substandard housing. They live in old buses, shipping containers and cardboard boxes, under staircases, plastic sheetings and scraps of used lumber. Even abandoned industrial sites have become shelters for them.

To address this housing crisis, substantial efforts are being made by organizations and governments. In Japan, for example, several agencies have been set up to construct affordable housing. Other countries, such as Madagascar, have directed their efforts toward identifying construction methods that will result in inexpensive housing(...)

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**A- READING COMPREHENSION**

**I- Find in the text:**

**(0,5pt)**

- 1- the synonym of: finding =
- 2- the opposite of: cheap ≠

**II- Find in the text the words that match the following definitions**

**(0,5pt)**

- 1- To be able to pay for something:
- 2- Home:

**III- Find a suitable title for the text.**

**( 1pt)**

**IV- Are the following statements true or false? Justify your answer.**

**(1pt x3)**

- 1- Poor people have nowhere to live in.
- 2- Some people can't buy basic necessities but can afford to rent a decent house.
- 3- Organizations and governments have done nothing about poor people's housing problems.

**V- Answer the following questions**

**(1pt x2)**

- 1- According to the text, why can't everybody borrow money from the bank?
- 2- How do poor people solve their housing problems?

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**B- GRAMMAR IN USE**

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate grammatical items

(0,25x8)

Dear Sam,

We arrived ....(1)... Greece at about 11 o'clock. We took a taxi....(2).... the airport to the harbour. I enjoyed looking...(3)..... the scenery on the way. When we reached the island we looked.....(4)....our villa but we ....(5).....find it. So I bought a map ...(6)... it wasn't of much help. Fortunately I saw a nice-looking local man...(7)... accepted to take us....(8)....

1: 2: 3: 4: 5: 6: 7: 8:

**C- INDIRECT TEST OF SPEAKING**

I- Complete the following dialogue

(0,5ptx6)

Shop Assistant: (SA)

Customer :(C)

SA : Good morning, Madam. ....(1).....?

C : I'm looking for a new pair of blue trousers.

SA : .....(2).....?

C : I take size 38.

SA :Do you like these?

C : Let me see. ....(3).....?

SA : Of course. The fitting room is over there.

Some minutes later.

SA : Wow! They really look nice on you.

C : How much are they?

SA : (Ar 43,650. Write out the number in full) .....(4)..... Ariary.

C : That is a bit expensive. Can I have them at Ar 35,000?

SA : That's OK.

C : .....(5).....

SA : Here's your change. Thank you very much.

C : .....(6).....

1: 2: 3: 4: 5: 6:

II- Match the utterances in A and B

(0,25ptx4)

A

B

<p>1- If only it would stop raining!</p> <p>2- I've just called in to say goodbye.</p> <p>3- I've got a toothache.</p> <p>4- Would you care for a cup of coffee?</p>	<p>a- When are you off?</p> <p>b- Only if it's not too much trouble.</p> <p>c- Yes, I'm fed up with staying in.</p> <p>d- Thanks. Same to you</p> <p>e- Have you?</p>
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1: 2: 3: 4:

**D- WRITING**

(7 pts)

Is it important for a girl to finish her high school studies if she wants to become a housewife?  
Express your opinion in 120 words.

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