

Epreuve d'Anglais Economique

I. READING COMPREHENSION

Read the following text carefully and do the tasks on it.

Text:

- 1- Before the discovery of oil in Nigeria some years ago, our economy depended predominantly on the agricultural sector. In other words the agricultural sector fetched us the most required foreign exchange. After the discovery of oil, the agricultural sector went into oblivion and oil became our main foreign exchange earner.
- 2- Recently, it has been discovered that the price of our oil has drastically fallen in the world market and not only this, the amount of oil we now produce for exportation is no more something to write home about and so this is the core of our economic problems.
- 3- Now that we have discovered the origin of our economic problems, it will be of utmost importance to explore some avenues whereby solutions can be found to these problems. One will not be fair enough if the Federal Government is not commended for steps taken so far to combat our present economic problems. Nevertheless, the government should be advised about the need to move a step further in finding lasting solutions to the problems.
- 4- The first solution that I will suggest to the aforementioned economic problems is the re-ordering of our country's priorities. Agriculture should be made to assume its proper position of eminence. By this it means that efforts on green revolution should be intensified. Our government should realize that Nigeria's rich soil should be exploited to the maximum. Less money should be spent on the importation of fertilizers.
- 5- Secondly, it should be realized that the money we spend annually on importation is too much. Attempt should be made to see that goods that are being produced in the country are not imported again while emphasis should be shifted to goods which are

much needed in the country but which are not produced in the country. This is a sure way to the required economic reliance.

- 6- Finally, it will not be an overstatement to say that with the eradication of our economic problems, most of the problems of our society like unemployment, robbery and examination malpractices will all become a thing of the past. For example, if the suggested steps are taken, more foreign exchange will be conserved and this can be used to provide more work for Nigerians. Also if agriculture can reassume its proper position, then the problem of feeding and her allied problems will go into oblivion and our country will be a nice place to live in.

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A- Are these statements right or wrong?

- 1- Nigeria is confronted with an adverse economic situation.
- 2- With the discovery of oil, agriculture was taken more seriously.
- 3- They still ignore the causes of their problems.
- 4- The quantity of oil exported is very high now.
- 5- The money spent on import is negligible.
- 6- The solutions suggested will put an end to all the other social problems Nigeria is facing.

B- Answer these questions on the text.

- 1- What is the main cause of the problems in text?
- 2- Find in the text two solutions suggested to the problems.
- 3- What does the author mean by "green revolution"?

II. LINGUISTIC PERFORMANCE

A. Select the most suitable item to fill in each gap.

NB: Use numbers and letters only.

- 1) Importers and exporters are basically engaged in (a- overseas trade; b- retailing; c- home trade; d- wholesaling)
- 2) The direct exchange of one article for another is referred to as (a- direct service; b- tangible exchange; c- barter; d- business)
- 3) The minimum number of shareholders in a private limited company is (a- seven; b- twenty; c- two; d- fifty)