

IA: Tambacounda

COMPOSITION DU SECOND SEMESTRE 2021-ANGLAIS-1ère S- Durée : 2H

DAKAR, Jan 21 2013 (IPS) - A 25-year-old mother of five hailing from Senegal’s eastern Tambacounda province believes that contraceptives **damage** the womb and cause health problems in the long term, such as a rise in blood pressure and chronic headaches.

“This is what I heard some women saying in the bus I boarded to go to town,” the woman, now living in the capital city of Dakar after her tragic divorce, tells IPS.

She was only 16 when she was **forced** to marry her 35-year-old cousin. When she tried to discuss contraception with her former husband, “he beat me up and swore that he would kill me if I ever mentioned **it** again. So we kept having babies.”

As a result of misconceptions about children and family planning, religious dogma and a lack of reproductive health services, thousands of women across Senegal share her **plight**.

Children are a symbol of wealth in this West African country of 12 million people, a perception that has led to a “baby boom”, experts here say.

“The moment women get married, they start making children as if a high-speed train has taken off late at a station, and is flying to catch up.

“And though I’m using Senegal as a case study, **the trend** is almost the same all over West Africa,” according to marriage counselor Fatoumata Sow, the mother of nine children.

She says family planning is taboo in many parts of West Africa, especially in rural communities where illiteracy is **rife** and awareness about family planning services – let alone access to contraception and birth control – is non-existent.

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I – READING COMPREHENSION (8pts)

A – Whose words are close to these? Match each person with an idea below. (3pts)

The husband – Fatoumata Sow – A 25- year –old mother

Persons	Ideas
1.	“Family planning is detrimental to the health”
2.	“Contraceptives are out of question. I don’t want to hear that anymore.”
3.	“Brides seem to be rushing to make children”

B – Vocabulary. Find synonyms of the given words from the box. (2 pts)

plight – – rife – damage –forced

4.....: destroy

5.....: widespread

6.....:trouble

7.....obliged

C – True or False? Say whether the following sentences are true or false, and justify with quotations from the text. (2pts)

8. The case of the 25-year-old mother is unfortunately not the only one in the country.
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9. In Senegal people believe that more children means more problems.
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D – Referencing. What or who do the following words refer to in the text? (1pt)

10. It (L8):

11. The trend (L 15).....

II – COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE (8pts)

E – Read the following text and complete the sentences below accordingly to keep the same meaning with the underlined sentences. (2.pts)

Thinking back of the past, Grandfather is sorry that things have changed. “Contraceptives or whatever, It’s a white man’s stuff. So stop bothering us with all that.” He said angrily. “We did not have that in our times. However, we made children happily. I prefer my grand children not follow this nonsense. It’s bad for the health. Children are a gift of God. So, we should make as many as possible. It is only by making more children that we can get rid of poverty.” . He concluded

12. Grandfather **wishes things**.....

13. According to him we **must**contraceptives

14. He **would rather** his grandchildren.....

15. **If** wewe’ll remain poor for ever

F – Verb Tenses & Forms. Complete correctly this paragraph with the verbs in brackets (2pts)

A marriage counselor: “Most illiterate women **16**.....(**not / know**) much about contraceptives before. They refused **17**..... (**do**) any because they were afraid. They were even afraid of **18**.....(**go**) to medical structures to enquire. Now they **19**..... (**make**) up their mind.

G – Word-building. Complete the following sentences with the words derived from those in brackets. (2pts)

It’s a wrong(**20believe**) to think that contraceptives can damage the health. On the contrary I believe that one can’t remain(**21health**) with a new baby every one or two years. This is how sensible people should
(**22.perception**) the thing. Family planning services should call for more
(**23 discuss**) on the matter to sensitize people on this way.

