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ENGLISH FIRST TERM EXAM (2021)- Niveau: 2nde

Duréé: 2h

TEXT: I was absolutely determined to pass my exam. I had studied hard for three years; I had neither forgotten the promise I had made to my father, nor the one I had made to myself; I had always been among the top three in my class, and I had some hopes that things would not go very differently in the examination. Nevertheless, I wrote a letter to ask my mother to go and see the marabouts and obtain their help. Was I being particularly superstitious at that time? I don't think so. I simply believed that nothing could be obtained without the help of God; and I felt that the marabouts would be the natural intermediaries between God and me.

My aunts, too, offered up sacrifices, and presented kola nuts to the various persons indicated to them by the marabouts they consulted. I could see that they were all very anxious about my fate.

Marie was even more anxious. She did not attach much importance to her own studies; but I learned from my aunts that she, too, had been to see the marabouts, and that touched me more than

Finally, the day of the examination came. It lasted three days, three days of agony. But I must assume that the marabouts had given me all the help they could. I was placed first out of seven candidates who passed.

From The African Child, CamaraLaye

I- <u>K</u> E	ADING COMPREHENSION (opts)
·	ving statements true or false and justify by quoting from the text
(3pts)	
1- The boy has always bee	n a brilliant student.
2- Marie was a student to	0.
3- The boy's mother was the only one to go and see the marabouts.	
B- Match the words or ex	pressions in column A to their synonyms or definitions in B (2pts)
Column A	Column B
4 -Superstitious	a-supreme suffering.
5- Sacrifices	b -destiny
6 -Fate	c -believing in supernatural spirits or forces.
7 -Agony	d -what is offered to God or the spirits to obtain something.
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	ords in bold refer to in the text? (1.5pts)
	9-She:
10- It:	
D- Read the text and answ	ver the following questions (1.5pts)
11- Why was the boy confid	dent?
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12- What did the marabout	s represent according to the boy?
13- How did the boy qualify	the three-day exam?

II- <u>LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE</u> passage with theright tense of verbs in brackets. (2pts)

A-	Complete the passage with theright tense of verbs in brackets. (2pts)
	My best friend Malick14/ (to get) his baccalaureate last year. During the course of his
	study, he 15/ (to be /always) placed among the top three. Right now, he
	16/ (to prepare) his formalities because next year, he 17/ (to
	study) in France.
B-	Two friend are talking about marabouts. Complete their conversation meaningfully. (2pts)
	Cheikh: Hello my friend, 18/believe in marabouts?
	Ndiaga: Yes, I do.
	Cheikh: 19/?
	Ndiaga: I believe in marabouts because they can help you succeed.
	Cheikh: 20/?
	Ndiaga: My marabout is <u>SeydinaOusmane</u> .
	Cheikh:21/?
	Ndiaga: He lives in <u>Kaffrine</u> .
C-	Rewrite the sentences using comparative or superlative. (1.5pt)
	22/No student is as intelligent as her in the class.
	She
	23/Sport is important, education is very important.
	Education
	24/All student are older than this boy in the school.
	This boy
D-	Complete the passage with the right word taken from the box. (1.5pt)
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	ago – always – never– now.
Ast	ou is a punctual and brilliant student. She 25/ comes on time and she respects all
the	teachers. She got her B.F.E.M two years 26/, and she is in the sixth form at
Birl	kelane High school 27/
	III- WRITING: Choose one topic and write 10 lines (5pts)
Top	ic one: One of your friends who lives in Dakar wants to know the place where your study. Make
him	her a description of your school with clear information.
Top	ic two: Marabouts have a lot of charm in our society. According to you, can marabouts motivate
son	neone's success? How?

