

Level:3ASL

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Second Term English Examination

1st subject

Part one: Reading Comprehension

Read the text carefully, and answer the questions

"People love China and India, like Asia, are skeptical about Latin America and hate Africa" opined accurately the manager of one of the few African investment funds.

This conventional view, however, is surprisingly inaccurate. Over the past decade, parts of Africa have taken various steps towards greater prosperity, security and democracy. Snake oil "African socialism" of the 1960 s has been supplanted by private enterprise and free markets. Even Nigeria today the most corrupt nation on earth is-by conventional standards-a macro economic success. Nigeria's annual GDP growth had more than doubled between 2003and 2006 to an average of 7.3%. Inflation is down to single digits last year. And thanks to boom in oil exports, foreign exchange reserves are approaching \$50 billion.

Nor is Nigeria alone. For the third year in a row, sub-Saharan African countries grew on average by 6% and are nudging toward 7% this year. At this rate, Africa's poverty rate will halve by 2015. Take India and China out of the equation, and sub-Saharan Africa is actually growing faster than Asia.

High oil and other commodity prices have provided a much needed tailwind to African growth rates. But here's the surprising news: non-oil producing African countries are recording similar rates of growth. Thanks to pragmatic government policies and an emphasis on tourism, Kenya is one of Africa's fastest growing economies-despite having no commodities. Zambia's copper exports are complemented by agricultural exports. Africa is even beginning to boast an emerging middle class. In Nigeria, mobile-phone penetration is 8% and rising fast. Optimists hope that a combination of debt forgiveness, improving infrastructure, and accumulated financial reserves have combined to create a momentum that could keep going even after the commodity boom turns.

1- Say whether the following statements are « True » or « False » according to the text

- a- Some African countries have taken steps towards prosperity.
- b- The most corrupt nation on earth is Algeria.
- c- African's poverty rate is decreasing.
- d- Even non-oil producing African countries can achieve their prosperity.

2- Answer the following questions according to the text:

- a- Do people really hate Africa? Justify your answer.
- b- What has Nigeria depended on in order to become prosperous?
- c- Mention there African countries which have realized steps towards prosperity?
- d- How did Kenya realize its prosperity?

3- In which paragraph is it mentioned that Nigeria is not only the African country which is going to realize prosperity?

4- Choose the general idea of the text:

- a- Investing in Nigeria.
- b- Corruption in Nigeria.
- c- Investing in Africa.

Text Exploration:

1- Find in the text words or phrases that are closest in meaning to the following.

- a- A period of ten years:(\$2).....
- b- Development:(\$2).....

2- Complete the following chart:

Verbs	Nouns	Adjectives
.....	Success
To prosper
To improve
To create

3- Ask questions that the underlined words answer:

a- Africa is widely viewed as complete basket .

b- People love china and India.

4- Each sentence contains a mistake. Rewrite the sentence without the mistake:

a- Today, South Korea was the world's 9th largest economy.

b- Somalia is a failed state whom civil war is spilling over to Chad.

5- Combine the following statements using the connector given in brackets. Make any necessary changes:

a- These illegal practices (be) eradicated. The authorities (take) the necessary measures.
(provided that).

b- People are working in bad conditions.

(...such...that)

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6- Rewrite sentence (b) so that it means the same as sentence (a)

a- Many companies are using child labour.

Child

b- Children endure lives of pure deprivation.

Lives

Written Expression: Choose one topic only

Topic one:

Write a composition of about 80 to 120 words on the following topic

Ethics is very important in our life and in all fields. Justify your answer.

Topic Two:

According to you, how can we fight bribery? Use the following notes to write a composition of about 100 words:

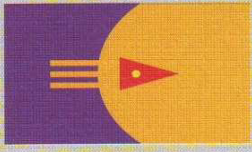
- Setting well- implemented system of Law.
- Punishing any offence (bribery activities)
- Making companies sign commitment contracts.
- Inspecting the work of public officials/ agents.

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Good Luck

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Correction of the second Term English Exam

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Section one :

A- Reading comprehension:

- 1- a- True, b- False, c- True, d- True
- 2- a- No, they don't. This view is inaccurate.
b- It depended on oil export.
c- Nigeria, Kenya and Zambia.
d- It did so through pragmatic government policies and an emphasis on tourism.
- 3- In the third (3rd S) paragraph
- 4- Investing in Africa.

B- Text Exploration:

- a- A decade b- prosperity
- 2- to succeed/ successful
Prosperity / prosperous
Improvement / Improved
Creation/ creative

3- Asking questions:

- a- How Africa is widely viewed?
- b- What do people love?

4- Correcting the mistakes:

- a- Today South Korea is/b-state whose

5- To combine the sentences:

- a- These illegal practices **will be eradicated** provided that the authorities **take** the necessary measures.
- b- People are working in **such** bad conditions **that** many countries are designating executives to oversee the area of social responsibility.
- 6- Child labour is being used by many countries.
- Lives of pure deprivation **are endured** by children