

**Consignes :**

1. L'usage de la calculatrice programmable est formellement interdit.
2. Tout gadget électronique (Tél., tablette, iPad, montre intelligente) est formellement interdit dans la salle d'examen.
3. Le silence est obligatoire dans la salle, il crée de meilleures conditions de travail.

Durée de l'épreuve : 2 heures**Natural resources**

People who live in or near the Tai forest know the value of their trees and use them for many purposes. They also know that some logging companies break the rules which control their work and cut down more trees than they are permitted to. Very often they also cut down those which are useful to the local inhabitants. As a result, the people complain and try to make the companies obey the regulations.

Tai's plants have been used as medicines by traditional doctors for a long time because they contain certain substances. Some of these substances, such as the alkaloids found in a plant called henbane, are used for the relief of pain and insomnia. Other substances are used to treat rheumatism, Salicin, for example, which occurs in the African willow tree, is one of these.

Like the inhabitants of Tai, scientists also realize the value of its plants and are carrying out research. They identify the chemical substances in the plants and study these substances to see if they have medicinal uses. If they do, Cote d'Ivoire will not need to import so many drugs. The forests plants will provide other benefits, too. Research will enable scientists to develop varieties of crops which resist diseases.

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I. Compétence Interprétative (30 pts.)**A. Read the text carefully, and then answer the following questions about it (20 pts.)**

1. Name a bad action that the logging companies sometimes do.
2. The text mentioned two types of people who know the importance of the Tai forest plants. Who are they?
3. According to the text, what type of plant is used to relieve insomnia?
4. Explain how scientists are carrying out research on Tai Forest.
5. According to the text, what is the main use of Salicin?

B. - Summarize the text in four complete sentences (10 pts.)**II. Compétence linguistique (30 points)****A. Turn into passive voice the following sentences. (10 pts.)**

1. They would take the opportunity.
2. My brother gives me three dollars every day.
3. People speak Portuguese in Brazil.
4. My grandfather built two houses in 1943.
5. Did he write three books last year?

B. Match the words of column A to their meaning in column B (10 pts.)

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| 1- Conservation efforts | a) the ongoing relationship between living things and their environment. |
| 2- Ecosystem | b) plants and animals living in a natural environment |
| 3- Food chain | c) measures to protect and restore the natural world |
| 4- Global warming | d) the gradual increase in temperature on earth |
| 5- Wildlife | e) a group of organisms that feed off of each other |

C. Select the right letter to complete the sentences below (10 pts.)

1. Our friends live in this house. It's our _____.
a) friends' house b) house of friends c) friend's house d) house for friends
2. John behaves as if he _____ a baby.
a) were b) is c) be d) will be
3. We still have _____ work to do.
a) a great deal of b) several c) many d) a few
4. A book of maps that travelers often carry on trips is called _____.
a) an ocean b) an atlas c) a cliff d) a mountain
5. I hardly _____ watch TV.
a) never b) yet c) already d) ever

III. Compétence Pragmatique et interpersonnelle (20 pts.)

Problem-solving situation

Hello, my name is Jenna, and I am a senior in college. I will be graduating this semester. Last week, my university offered me a full scholarship for MA studies. This scholarship is only offered to students with excellent grades like me. My parents do not think I should accept this scholarship. They want me to work in the family business instead. This is a great opportunity that I don't want to lose. What should I do?

Write a short paragraph to provide me with your advice.

IV. Compétence discursive et argumentative (20 pts.)

Choose one of the two given topics and write a twelve-line paragraph about it.

1. Why is it important for people to protect their environment? State your reasons with clear and supporting details.
2. Some entrepreneurs believed that paying their workers more would get them to work better, and become better consumers. Express your pros and cons about his financial approach?

END OF EXAMINATION ...