



LYCEE D'EXCELLENCE

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PREMIER SEMESTRE

Première Série

DEVOIR DE ANGLAIS

CLASSES: SECONDES C₁ & C₂

DUREE : 2 HEURES

DEVOIR D'ANGLAIS

Text : The Great Drought

The time when the rains didn't come for three months and the sun was a yellow furnace in the sky was known as the great Drought in Trinidad. It happened when everyone was expecting the sky to burst open with rain to fill the dry streams and water the parched earth.

But each day was the same. The sun rose early in the blue sky, and all day long the farmers lifted their eyes, wondering what had happened to panjanya, the rain god, for they were all Indians and still believed in the religion they had brought with them from India. They rested on their hoes and forks and wrung perspiration from their clothes, thinking that work could not save them. They were frightened by the thought that if no rain fell soon, they would lose their crops and livestock and face starvation and death.

From Carnival. By Samuel Selvon

A- Comprehension. 4pts

1. Answer the following questions.

- How long did the great drought last?
- Who is panjanya?
- What frightened the Indians?
- Why did they think that work could not save them.

2. Say whether the sentences are true or false. 1,5pts

- It regularly rained in Trinidad.
- The Indians didn't believe in the religion
- They brought with them their religion from india

3. Find in the text words that match the following definitions. 3pts

- A long period with little or no rain.
- Domestic animals, as cattle or horses raised for house use or profit.
- The liquid which comes out on the surface of your skin when you are hot or frightened.

II- Linguistic competence

A- Put the verbs in parentheses into correct form. 5pts

1. My brother (go) to pilgrimage next year.
2. Fati's neighbor usually (make) a lot of noise. I (not think) she is a nice person.
3. Look ! My uncle (dig) a deep well.
4. Bibata sometimes (carry) her baby on her back
5. A car (hit) him last Tuesday.
6. -We (follow) this way to get home next time ?
7. Doudou rarely (talk) to a girl.
8. W.F.P. (be) the world good programme.
9. They sweep) the compound just.
10. His father (build) our house ten years ago.

B- Write down the past form and past participle form of these verbs. 2,5pts

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|-------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. To find; | 2. To understand; | 3. To fly; | 4. To ride; | 5. Blow; |
| 6. To see; | 7. To forgive; | 8. To seek; | 9. get; | 10. To dig. |

III- Writing. 4pts

Describe a drought you have known in a short paragraph.

connection

- A - Put the verbs in parentheses into correct form
- 1- My brother will go to pilgrimage next year.
 - 2- Fati's neighbor usually makes a lot of noise. I don't think she is a nice person
 - 3- Look! my uncle is digging a deep well.
 - 4- Bibata sometimes carries her baby on her back.
 - 5- A car hit him last Tuesday.
 - 6- ~~we will follow this way to get home next time.~~
will we follow this way to get home next time?
 - 7- Doudou rarely talks to a girl.
 - 8- W.F.P is the world good programme.
 - 9- His father built our house ten years ago.