

 LYCEE D'EXCELLENCE	<u>Année Scolaire:</u> 2016-2017	<u>Devoir de:</u> Anglais
	Premier Semestre	Classes: Terminales C&D
	Deuxième Série	<u>Time allowed:</u> 3 hours

May in Mehanna.

In May people scan the eastern sky in the late afternoon, hoping to see the formation of the fleecy clouds on the horizon. As the cloud pattern develops, the most knowledgeable people among the Songhay can divine whether the clouds will bring nothing, wind and dust only, or, with the grace of the spirits, wind and dust followed by rain.

When a band of storm clouds develops on the eastern horizon, the sleepy tranquillity of a hot afternoon in Mehanna is transformed into a flurry of frenetic activity. The deep orange colour of the clouds matches the baked laterite of Songhay steppe. Before the direction of the wind changes, people scurry about, tethering animals, putting their beds inside their houses or huts. The dust cloud looms large as it approaches Mehanna, until, like an ocean wave crashing on to the beach, it inundates the town, blocking out the sun. The sky becomes solid with reddish-brown dust, which filters the late afternoon light to a dim red, as though a fire were burning in the distant sky. The temperature drops precipitously and the scent of rain is in the air. If Mehanna is fortunate, the wind and dust will be followed by a downpour. If the town is not blessed with good fortune, the dust will blow for hours, bringing discomfort, disease, and another hot grimy day. Even though it was almost June, Mehanna had not been blessed with rain. Only the wind and sand of ferocious storms.

Paul Stoller. (in sorcery's shadow-1987)

A) Comprehension : (7,5 pts)

1) Say whether these sentences are true or false: (5 pts)

- The Eastern sky in the morning brings rain to Mehanna.
- The writer is describing what usually happens at this time of year.
- The dust will blow for hours unless the town is blessed with good fortune.
- At this time of year in Mehanna the weather is variable.
- There are some people who can read clouds in Mehanna.
- The writer is describing Mehanna in June.
- The sky fills with reddish brown dust before the wind changes.
- Mehanna has a thick forest.
- 'The Songhay steppe' means the surrounding treeless land.
- It is almost June and the rain has not fallen in Mehanna.

2) Find in the text words with the same meanings as : (2,5 pts)

- violent ; b) tying ; c) hurry ; d) investigate ; e) perfume.

B) Linguistic competence: (7,5 pts)

1) Choose the correct tense: (5 pts)

- The students arebefore the end of October.
1) be registered 2) register 3) to register.
- He always made usour lessons.
1)to learn 2) learning 3) learn.
- Since October, they.....like mad.
1) have been working 2) are working 3) work.
- While youI will go shopping.
1)will be working 2) will work 3) are working.
- The students were letyesterday.
1)going 2) go 3) to go.

2) Correct errors in these sentences if there are: (2,5 pts)

- He will let us to know as soon as he learns the news.
- He was first to learn the news.
- You should share this cake equal.
- This man was punish for his religious believes.

C) writing: (5 pts)

Emigration in Africa : (use 200 words)

- What is emigration?
- Why do people emigrate? Have you or your family got any experience of this?
- Is unemployment a factor in emigration?
- How can governments help?