

 LYCEE D'EXCELLENCE	<u>Année Scolaire: 2016-2017</u>	<u>Composition de : ANGLAIS</u>
	Deuxième Semestre	Classes: Secondes C₁ & C₂
		Durée : 2 Heures

Text: The rebel

There had been the case of old Bishara. He refused to hand over to Mzee Matata The maize the fetish priest demanded from him as an offering to the gods.

“ Mzee Matata, “ Bishara said, bowing humbly before him, “ my wife is sick and she needs the maize. If she doesn’t eat, she’ll die. “

“ Your wife won’t die unless the gods say so.” Mzee Matata’s manner was that of one who knew he was all-powerful and not to be defied. He sat aloof and disdainful but there was the petulance of anger about his mouth. He was not accustomed to opposition.

“ But there are my children too,” Bishara protested. “ They...”

“ Enough ! “ Mzee Matata rose up ,his flywhisk extended imperiously. “ Bring me the maize or your wife and children will die. Already, the gods are annoyed that you should dare oppose them.”

Bishara had not obeyed the fetish priest. Even the oldest man in the village could not remember anyone showing such defiance before. All said that Bishara’s wife would die and perhaps also Bishara himself. And that was what happened. Bishara and his family all fell ill at the same time. They were lashed by an agony which caused them to writhe on the ground, whimpering, moaning and screaming.

I) Comprehension questions . (4pts)

A) Read the text and answer all the questions:

- 1 . Who is the rebel in the text and why was he considered as a rebel ?
- 2 . Why did the case of Bishara surprise his people ?
- 3 . According to the text ,did these village people use to see this kind of disobedience towards their gods ?
- 4 . Why are the gods angry with Bishara ?

B) Read the text and answer by True or False. (2pts)

- 1 . Bishara accepted to give the maize ended.
- 2 . Mzee Matata was used to opposition .

C) Find in the text words meaning almost the same as : (2pts)

- 1 . was used to
- 2 . the fact of making a very loud high-pitched cry, when you’re in pain or frightened

II) Linguistic competence

A) Correct these sentences if necessary. (4pts)

1. The thief entered in my friend's house last night. ✓
2. She don't have many money in her purse. ✗
3. Hadjara has lived in Maradi since sixteen years. ✗
4. Suley aren't agree with what I said.

B) Turn these sentences either direct or indirect speech. (4pts)

1. He said, " I must go home before 6.30 "
2. He said that his junior brother would come there the week after.
3. He said, " If I had any money, I'd buy you a drink."
4. She says my husband does not dance well.

III) Writing: (4pts)

Write a short paragraph saying whether you are for or against your traditions.

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