

**LANGUE VIVANTE I****Epreuve du 2^{ème} groupe****ANGLAIS****Senegal Champion of Africa**

Dakar erupted when Liverpool star Mane scored the decisive penalty to give Senegal the win. Hundreds of Senegalese supporters flocked to Independence Square, near the presidential palace in the heart of Dakar, to celebrate the victory. The square vibrated to the sound of car horns, vuvuzelas, whistles and firecrackers. A festive atmosphere spread across the capital, with national flags hung on buildings, on vehicles and sidewalks.

Tens of thousands of jubilant fans packed the streets of Senegal's capital Dakar on Monday to welcome the national squad home after its Africa Cup of Nations win. Others danced on the tarmac. As [Senegal](#)'s national soccer team touched down in the capital Dakar after winning their first [Africa Cup of Nations](#), each of the thousands of faces **there** to welcome them home was ecstatic.

10 Sounds of fireworks, horns and cheers rang through the night in Dakar and into Monday morning, when hundreds of people wearing soccer jerseys or draped in Senegalese flags gathered outside the airport to await **their** team's return.

15 Senegalese dance music echoed from loudspeakers over the crowd of adoring fans as the team stepped out of the plane to a hero's welcome. Roads surrounding the airport flowed with a river of supporters as far as the eye could see. Fans arrived by bicycles, motorbikes, cars and on foot, bringing the otherwise busy highways to a joyous standstill. Among **them** were government officials as well as opposition politicians, celebrating the country's victory together as one.

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I. READING COMPREHENSION: (8 marks)

A. Complete the table with adequate information from the text. (0.5 X 4 = 2 marks)

Senegalese celebrating their victory	Two places where fans celebrated	Two means of transport used by the fans
	1. _____ 2. _____	3. _____ 4. _____

B. Circle the correct options (a, b or c) similar in meaning to the underlined words. (0.5 X 3 = 1.5 marks)

- 5. Thousands of jubilant fans packed the streets of the capital city.
a. joyful b. grateful c. hopeful
- 6. Senegal's national soccer team touched down in Dakar.
a. took off b. flied c. landed
- 7. Hundreds of people wearing soccer jerseys or draped in Senegalese flags.
a. basketball b. football c. handball

C. All these statements are false. Justify them with specific information from the text. (1 X 2 = 2 marks)

- 8. All the celebrations took place at the airport and the neighboring areas.
Justification: _____
- 9. Senegalese authorities celebrated the victory alone.
Justification: _____

D. Complete this sentence with relevant words from the text. (1 X 1 = 01 mark)

10. Roads around the airport were overcrowded with _____

E. Who or what do the underlined words refer to in the text? (0.5 X 3 = 1.5 marks)

- 11. there (parag.2) _____
- 12. their (parag.3) _____
- 13. them (parag.4) _____

II. LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE: (06 marks)

F. Match the notions/functions (N/F) in the box with the statements they correspond to: (0.5 X 4 = 2 marks)

Advice – Excitement – Frustration – Perseverance – Pride

Statements	N/F
14. Each of the thousands of faces there to welcome them was ecstatic	_____
15. Despite Senegal's missed penalty, the Senegalese team continued its pressure on the Egyptian team.	_____
16. What a game! What a team! At last, we have become champion of Africa!	_____
17. Considering the performances of our team, we deserve better and more modern sports infrastructures.	_____

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The match's best goal opportunity came in the early minutes of the game for Senegal. In fact, Senegal dominated Egypt without (18) _____ (**score**) a goal with a penalty missed. So, (19) not _____ (**Surprising**), Senegal triumphed over Egypt on penalty kicks, winning the continental (20) _____ (**champion**) for the first time. That victory helped our team to (21) _____ (**strength**) their position as the top African football team.

H. Complete meaningfully this interview between a journalist and the Senegalese coach after their victory. (0.5 X 4 = 2 marks)

Journalist: To begin with, congratulations on your unprecedented triumph over Egypt!

Coach: You're most welcome! It's a real (22) _____

Journalist: What are your first impressions after this triumph?

Coach: First of all, let me thank God. I'm also thankful (23) _____ (**for – to – from**) the whole Senegalese nation for their unrelenting support.

Journalist: How can you be so grateful in the face of so much (24) _____ against your game plans?

Coach: It's true that things were hard, but I've forgiven anyone for their adverse views, which have ultimately led to this historic (25) _____.

Journalist: What are your plans with the team in the near future?

Coach: Well, (26) _____

III. WRITING: Choose ONE topic and write about 150 words on it. (6 marks)

TOPIC1: One of your classmates has decided to abandon school in order to become a professional football player. Write a conversation in which you try to convince him not to do so.

TOPIC 2: Many stadiums in Senegal are in a very bad state. That is why Senegal cannot host the Africa Cup of Nations. Write a letter to the minister of sports to complain about this situation. Ask him to build more modern stadiums to allow Senegal to organize continental competitions in the near future.