

**LANGUE VIVANTE I****Epreuve du 1^{er} groupe****ANGLAIS**

Since the beginning of 2023, Dakar's police have evicted around 3,000 street vendors from Petersen Market, reaching other regions in Senegal. The reason behind these evictions is the current urban development projects aiming at cleaning up the country and achieving the government's Zero Waste Program goals (*Programme Zéro Déchet*), launched in 2019. In an address to the Nation on December 31, 2019, the president called for "a national mobilization against insalubrity and anarchic occupation of the streets."

However, street vendors claim that if the authorities refuse to let them work in the streets, they should provide better vending sites. They accuse national and local authorities of lack of transparency and having failed to include street vendors so far in the decision-making process, even though **they** are significant actors in the social fabric.

The authorities have proposed financial compensation based on a census contested by street vendors because **it** seems to exclude most of them. In addition, the authorities are proposing to relocate them to recently built shopping centres, which are poorly accessible to street vendors' traditional customers given the geographic location.

The street vendors' organizations are committed to working together to federate and speak on behalf of all their members to avoid obstacles in future mobilizations seeking to defend their rights.

To find a way out of the crisis, street vendors have already identified private plots of land for sale in several locations around the city, where they could carry on with their work. Through the Platform of Informal Sector Actors, they have requested city authorities' support to purchase the land. However, so far, negotiations with the authorities have resulted in unfulfilled promises. Numerous case studies conducted have shown that forced evictions are counterproductive.

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I- COMPREHENSION: (8 marks)

A. Find in the text the equivalent of the French statement. (1 x 1 = 1 mark)

French statement	Equivalent in the text
Ils reprochent aux dirigeants de n'avoir pas fait preuve de clarté.	1. _____ _____

B. Complete this chart with adequate information from paragraph 1.

(0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

	Two purposes	Two Causes for evicting street vendors
Urban Development Projects	2. _____ _____	4. _____ _____
	3. _____ _____	5. _____ _____

C. Complete the passage with adequate words or phrases from the indicated paragraphs. (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

Most Senegalese youths have no qualification. Thus, they find it difficult to get decent jobs in town. Consequently, they illegally occupy roads, public places and sidewalks in (6) _____ (parag. 1) areas. To solve this problem, the government has launched a program to remove these unwanted (7) _____ (parag. 2) from the streets and proposes to relocate them. In response to this measure, their association asks for (8) _____ (parag. 3). The population positively appreciates this decision. However, they think this might be (9) _____ (parag. 5) if there is no sustainable monitoring.

D. These statements are FALSE. Justify them with relevant information from the text. (1 x 2 = 2 marks)

10. The government launched the urban development projects in collaboration with all the street vendors.

Justification: _____

11. After the mass eviction, streets and sidewalks were totally cleared, making the programme successful.

Justification: _____

E. Say who or what the underlined words refer to. (0.5 x 2 = 1 mark)

12. they (paragraph 2) = _____

13. it (paragraph 3) = _____

LANGUE VIVANTE III- LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE:

(6 marks)

F. Fill in the gaps with words derived from the ones in brackets. (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

Residents of urban areas are always complaining about the anarchic occupation of the streets. The government has initiated some measures to (14) _____ (solution) the problem. In this regard, they have proposed the (15) _____ (relocate) of street vendors. Much to their great surprise, the street vendors contested this measure in a (16) _____ (defend) manner invoking a lack of transparency and the fact of not being associated in the decision-making process. They have reacted this way because they believe the government's approach is (17) _____ (question).

G. This is an extract of an interview between a journalist and the president of the street vendors' association about the crisis. Complete it meaningfully.

(0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

Journalist: How do you welcome the Zero Waste Program initiated by the government?

Street vendor: The (18) _____ concerning the street vendors haven't been discussed over by both parties. So, we can't accept them!

Journalist: (19) For what reasons _____?

Street vendor: It is necessary to relocate us in adequate areas before (20) _____ (plan) any eviction procedures.

Journalist: The government has already identified a site for you, but most of you refuse to go there. What's wrong with that site?

Street vendor: In fact, there is no harm in going there, but we would rather (21) _____

H. Complete the following passage with the right prepositions from the box.

(0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

on - with - for - in - from

In Dakar and its suburbs, anger is growing among street vendors. The government has decided to evict them (22) _____ the streets and the sidewalks. The president of the street vendors' association is dissatisfied (23) _____ this decision. They insist they should be involved (24) _____ the management of this issue. According to him, the search (25) _____ a consensus is the only viable option.

III- WRITING: Choose ONE topic and write about 200 words on it. (6 marks)

TOPIC 1: Modu, a taxi driver, strongly believes that street vendors must stop selling on sidewalks and street corners. Amadu, a vendor, disagrees with him. Write down their conversation.

TOPIC 2: The number of street vendors has considerably increased over the past few years. Are you for or against evicting them from the streets? Develop your arguments in about 200 words.

ANSWER KEY

- I- COMPREHENSION: (8 marks)**
- A- English equivalent: (1 x 1 = 1 mark)**
1. They accuse national and local authorities of having shown a total lack of transparency
- B- Information transfer: (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)**
2. cleaning up the country 3. achieving the government's Zero Waste Program goals
4. the insalubrity 5. the anarchic occupation of the streets
- C- Cloze passage: (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)**
6. urban 7. vendors 8. compensation 9. counterproductive
- D- False statements / Justifications: (1 x 2 = 2 marks)**
10. They accuse national and local authorities ...having failed to include street vendors so far in the decision-making process.
11. Yet, numerous case studies conducted have shown that forced evictions are counterproductive.
- E- References: (0.5 x 2 = 1 mark)**
12. street vendors.
13. financial compensation
- II- LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE: (6 marks)**
- F- Word derivation: (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)**
14. solve 15. relocation 16. defensive 17. Questionable
- G- Dialogue completion : (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)**
18. measures / decisions 19. **Any relevant answer** 20. planning 21. **Any relevant answer**
- H- Using prepositions (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)**
22. from 23. with 24. in 25. for
- III- WRITING: (6 marks)**
- Presentation: (1 mark)
 - Topic understanding: (1 mark)
 - Coherence: (1 mark)
 - Relevance: (1 mark)
 - Accuracy: (1 mark)
 - Originality: (1 mark)