



LANGUE VIVANTE II

Épreuve du 2^{ème} groupe

ANGLAIS

Money Makes the World Go Round!

There is a saying, "Money makes the world go round". There is some truth to that statement. After all, it takes money to buy food, obtain clothing, and pay for rent or buy a home. "The role of money in society is incredibly important", writes one financial editor. "If money was removed as a means of exchange, we would be in a state of panic and war within a month".

5 Of course, money has its limitations. Norwegian poet Arne Garborg said that with money "you can buy food, but not appetite; medicine, but not health; soft beds, but not sleep; knowledge, but not wisdom; glitter, but not beauty; splendor, but not warmth; fun, but not joy; acquaintances, but not friends; servants, but not faithfulness".

When a person maintains a balanced view of money – regarding it as a means to an end
10 rather than an end in itself – it is possible to enjoy a greater measure of contentment.

A distorted view of money can cause people to become judgmental. For example, a wealthy person might assume that those who are poor are too lazy to better **themselves**. Or a person with lesser means might hastily conclude that those who have more are materialistic or greedy. Leanne, a teenager in a relatively wealthy family, was a victim of that type of prejudice. She
15 relates: "I used to be known as the girl whose father makes loads of money. So I often got comments such as: 'If you want something, all you have to do is ask Daddy' or 'Sorry we aren't all rich and cannot afford nice cars like your family'. I finally asked my friends to stop saying those things, and I explained to them why **their words** hurt me. I wanted to be known, not as a person who has money, but as someone who does kind things for others".

20 Never allow the love of money to take root in your heart. Rather, keep money in its place – always subordinate to friends, family, and your emotional and physical health. **By doing so**, you will show that you have a balanced view of money.

<http://www.jw.org/en/publications/magazines/g205/09>

I. TEXT COMPREHENSION: 08 marks

A) Read the text and write a '✓' to choose the correct answer.

(01.5 marks)

1. The author of this text has an opinion on money which can be considered as:

- a) extreme;
- b) distorted;
- c) balanced;
- d) negative.

2. "Money makes the world go round" means:

- a) it can buy everything;
- b) it circulates everywhere;
- c) it is essential in life;
- d) it causes trouble in many places.

3. "...cannot afford nice cars..." (Line 17) means:

- a) not have money for nice cars;
- b) not allowed to drive nice cars;
- c) not obsessed by nice cars;
- d) not planning to buy nice cars.

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B) List 3 things mentioned in the text, which people cannot obtain with money. (03 marks)

4. _____
 5. _____
 6. _____

C) WHO or WHAT do the following words refer to? (01.5 marks)

7. 'Themselves' (Line 12): _____
 8. 'their words' (Line 18): _____
 9. 'By doing so' (Line 21): _____

D) Complete these sentences with information from the paragraphs indicated. (02 marks)

10. Life on earth would be a total chaos if money _____ (parag.1)
 11. Some rich people refuse to help the poor because they think _____
 _____ (parag.4)

II. COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE: 06 marks

E) Below is part of a conversation between Jules and Thioro, his girlfriend. Complete it correctly and meaningfully. Use the prompts, where given. (03 marks)

Jules: Tell me, Darling. I do not doubt about your love but, would you still agree to marry me if something terrible 12. _____ (*happen*)?

Thioro: Of course, I would! Why are you asking me those things now?

Jules: Well... It's because I had a violent dispute with my boss yesterday. And this morning, I received this notification: I'm 13. _____ (*hired – fired – tired*)!

Thioro: What? I'm sorry but that's too much. I can't live with a man who cannot take care of me.

Jules: 14. Hey! Didn't you just say that you 14. _____ ?

Thioro: And then what? It does not mean that I should suffer from any foolish mistake you make!

Jules: Wow! Is that you, Thioro? You certainly are the most unfaithful girl I have 15. _____ (*ever – never – already*) seen. Everybody told me that you are a materialistic person but I 16. _____

Thioro: Hey, listen! I don't care what people think of me, okay? It's about MY life, not theirs. So they 17. _____ (*would – had – did*) better mind their own business. Now I'm gone!

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F) React meaningfully to situations 1, 2 and 3 by completing the sentences started in 18., 19., 20. (03 marks)

Situation1: You gave priority to money over friendship. Now you are sorry you have no friends.

Reaction: 18. If only _____

Situation2: You have decided to be cool with everyone, except people who are unkind to you.

Reaction: 19. As long as _____

Situation3: Someone's gets more and more money and his love for money grows bigger.

Reaction: 20. The richer _____, the greedier _____

III. WRITING: 06 marks

Choose **ONE** topic and write about 150-200 words on it.

Topic 1: Money is often associated with happiness. What importance do you think money should be given in life? Give examples to support your view.

Topic 2: Imagine you are a journalist interviewing the Minister of Justice on the occasion of the International Day celebrating the struggle against corruption. Write down your conversation.

ANSWER KEY**A) MCQ:** (01.5 marks)

1. c. balanced; 2. c. it is essential in life; 3. a. not have money for nice cars

B) Listing of the 3 things: (03 marks)

4. You can buy food but not appetite; 5. Medicine but not health; 6. Soft beds but not sleep.

C) Contextual Reference: (01.5 marks)

7. **Themselves:** Those who are poor (or poor people).

8. **their words:** If you want something all you to do is ask Daddy or sorry we aren't all rich and can afford nice like your family.

9. **By doing so:** Never allowing the love of money to take root in your heart. Keeping money in this place always subordinate to friends, family and your emotional and physical health.

D) Sentence Completion: (02 marks)

10. ...did not exist.
11. ...the poor are lazy.

II. COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE: 06 marks**E) Dialogue Completion:** (03 marks)

12. happened; 13. fired; 14. would still agree to marry me; 15. ever
16. didn't/wouldn't/refused to listen (or any other coherent and correct answer); 17. had

F) Reacting to Situations: (03 marks)

18. I wish I hadn't given priority to money/I had given priority to friends over money.
19. As long as people are not unkind/are kind to me, I will be cool.
20. The richer he is/gets, the greedier he behaves/acts/looks/becomes, etc.

III. WRITING: 06 marks

- ☞ Understanding of the topic, variety of ideas, coherence and cohesion: 04 marks
☞ Appropriateness of language and originality: 02 marks