

# ANGLAIS

## EXAMEN BLANC

BACCALAUREAT

SESSION 2016

SERIE A2 –Coefficient : 2

Durée : 4h

SERIE : A

### PART ONE



Read the text below and do the tasks that follow

Evidence from the Machakos region of Kenya contradicts widely-held views about the consequences of population growth in rural parts of Africa. The popular view is that the more people farming the land, the greater the damage to the environment, particularly in the forms of soil degradation and destruction of trees. Since the 1930s the population in the Machokos region has increased to five times what it was. It is now nearly one and a half million. In the same period of time not only has the total agricultural output per person has increased and there are no signs of it diminishing. The increase has come about not in spite of the population increase, but precisely because of it. The larger population has provided the manpower required to make the terraces and other earthworks needed to prevent erosion. It is not only the extra labour that has made this possible, it is also the spirit of enterprise of the people, their intelligent adoption of the most suitable techniques and methods and the cooperative structure and institutions of their society. The result is that hillsides which were once scarred with sheet and gully erosion and crops both exporting and local consumption. Research in other parts of Africa reveals a similar experience.

## I – COMPREHENSION CHECK



### A – VOCABULARY

Match the words or phrases in column (A) with synonyms or meanings in column ( B ) according to the text. There are more option in column (B) than column (A). Write your answers like in this example. Example: 7 – g

#### **Column A.**

- 1-evidence
- 2-widely-held views.
- 3-comes about.
- 4-local consumption.
- 5-the manpower required
- 6 – bare of
- 7 – neatly
- 8 – gully erosion
- 9 – agricultural
- 10 - earthworks

#### **Column B.**

- a -removal of rock and soil into  
Narrow valley
- b-large long pile of earth
- c-harvest
- d -changes direction
- e- happens
- f – domestic consumption
- g – tidily
- h – all trained workers available for  
particular king of job
- i – popular opinion
- j – sign that something exist or is true
- k – nearly absence of

## B – COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

- 1 – What is the general ideal of the text?
- 2 – Is there according to the text no need to worry about African population growth?
- 3 – What have done Machakos people to block earth erosion?
- 4 – Explain this assertion "the more people farming the land, the greater the damage to the environment" in maximum three sentences.

## **PART TWO**

Choose the appropriate form of the verb in brackets to make correct sentences. Write your answers in this way. Example: **1 – wouldn't have built**

1. If little Henry Ford had known he (would not build - wouldn't have built – won't build) a dam.
2. If the farmer ( to catch – caught – catches )
3. Let me (to go - going - go)
4. Stop (to talk - talk - talking)
5. As soon as the farmer arrived – will arrive – had arrived )



## **PART THREE**

**Task A:** Write an essay to justify this popular opinion: the more people farming the land, the greater the damage to environment, 25 lines maximums.

**Task B:** In your schools newspaper, write an article in about ( 20 )lines ,to reveal the dark side of rapid African popular growth and the necessity for Africans pratice family planning.