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EXAMEN BLANC DIOCESAIN SESSION DE MAI 2024 : BAC

EPREUVE : ANGLAIS

SERIES : C-D

Durée : 3 heures

Coef : 2

Compétences à évaluer

CD N°2 : Réagir à des textes ou supports multimédia.

CD N°3 : Produire des textes ou supports de types et de fonctions variés.

L'épreuve

I- Réaction à un message lu

A- Contexte: Les tensions politiques sont dangereuses car elles nuisent à la cohésion sociale.

B- Support

Text: Senegal a new risk for democracy in Africa.

1- Senegal has been a valuable international partner for peace and democracy since its independence in 1960. It is one of the few nations in Africa that has never suffered a military coup. At home, Senegal has used its constitution, with regular elections and peaceful transfers of government authority to build a democracy rooted in a social consensus that respects communal and religious pluralism.

2-However, democracy remains a work in progress. Senegalese civic leaders warn that recent changes to election rules and politically motivated prosecutions of opposition leaders have constricted democratic competition. Senegal's people are among the most inflexible in Africa in preferring democracy as their mode of governance, according to repeated surveys by the independent research group, Afrobarometer — but most Senegalese say their democracy has been weakened in the past five years.

3- Senegal's instability has grown only more important over recent years in which disparate insurgencies and eight armed coups around the Sahel region have spread violence and left about 150 million people under military rule. A critical threat to African and international stability is a spread of violent crises from the Sahel. It is the world's largest bordering region where soldiers rule now across the immensely more populous coastal West African states such as Senegal. [...] On February 3, 2024, President Macky Sall announced a decision to postpone the vote indefinitely. Macky Sall cited risks from disputes over which candidates can be listed on the ballot, disputes that his administration, and a presidentially appointed constitutional council, have largely created by blocking prominent opposition figures or their parties from the electoral process.

4-On February 5, 2024, the National Assembly voted to delay elections until December 15, 2024, a step that would carry Senegal onto dangerous, unpredictable terrain: an unconstitutional extension of Sall's presidency. Worse, that parliamentary vote was spoiled by the authorities' forcible removal beforehand of legislators who were protesting the proposed election delay, and by other government steps to suppress the public outcry or protestation over the postponement. The government cut cellphone access to the internet and suspended broadcasts of an independent television channel, which drew protests from the national journalists' union.

5-The election postponement is unconstitutional, which activated immediate street protests, citizens' confrontations, riots and arrests. Prominent Muslim and Catholic clerics are among the civil society leaders who have urged the government to adhere to the electoral calendar.

Adapted from : <https://www.usip.org/publications/2024/02/suddenly-senegal-new-risk-democracy-africa>

C- Critères d'évaluation:

Après avoir lu le texte, tu montreras que tu l'as compris en:

- reconnaissant certains de ses détails;
- répondant à des questions de façon approfondie;
- démontrant ta maîtrise de son vocabulaire;
- montrant ta maîtrise de certaines structures grammaticales;
- reformulant certaines de ses idées de façon autonome;
- traduisant un passage du texte en français.

D- Tâches

Item 1: Write “true” or “false” according to the text.

- 1- Senegal has not been victim of a military coup so far.
- 2- Armed coups around the Sahel region have led to violence.
- 3- According to the text, Macky Sall is also responsible for the disputes.
- 4- Some legislators were against the proposed election delay.
- 5- Prominent Muslim and Catholic clerics accepted the election postponement.

Item 2: Answer these questions on the text.

- 1- How has Senegal built a solid democracy?
- 2- What has constricted democratic competition in Senegal?
- 3- Was the journalists' union indifferent to the suspension of the broadcasts of an independent television channel? Quote a passage from the text to justify your answer.

Item 3: Find from the text opposites to the following words:

- 1- aggressive (Paragraph 1)
- 2- strengthened (Paragraph 2)
- 3- insecurity (Paragraph 3)
- 4- acceptance (Paragraph 4)
- 5- reject (Paragraph 5)

Item 4: Write down what or whom each of the following pronouns refers to in the text.

- 1- **It** in “ It is one of the few nations.....” .
- 2- **Their** in “.....as their mode of governance.....”
- 3- **Where** in “....region where soldiers rule now....”
- 4- **His** in “....disputes that his administration...”
- 5- **Which** in “.....activated immediate street....” .

Item 5: Rewrite these sentences as indicated. Don't change their meanings.

- 1- Some people have urged the government to adhere to the electoral calendar.
➤ The government.....
- 2- “It is the world's largest bordering region where soldiers rule now”, the narrator said.
➤ The narrator said.....
- 3- Just as the president postponed the election, the youth started street protests.
➤ No sooner.....
- 4- People hope to have a strong constitution in each west Africa country.
➤ People look forward to.....
- 5- If presidents modify the constitution in their favour, trouble will not be avoided.
➤ Presidents.....otherwise.....

Item 6: Translate into French :

From “It is one of the few nations ...” down to “..... communal and religious pluralism.”
(Paragraph1)

II- Production d'un texte de types et de fonctions variés

A- **Contexte** : Il est important de comprendre les différents aspects liés aux conflits politiques.

B- **Critères d'évaluation** :

Tu montreras ta compétence à produire un texte explicatif en:

- respectant le contexte et le type de texte;
- respectant la logique interne;
- construisant des phrases grammaticalement correctes;
- utilisant le vocabulaire, l'orthographe et la ponctuation appropriés.

C- **Tâche** :

Writing

Write an explanatory text to show the causes and consequences of political conflicts in west Africa, and suggest measures to solve them.