

**THE READING PASSAGE**

Day after day he sent job applications, and day after day the envelopes that returned contained rejections. He is just one of thousands of Africans who leave the continent each year in the hope of starting a new life abroad.

"I knew it was going to be difficult and I was going to have to do menial jobs," he recalls. Abdul, 30, arrived in London three years ago from Ghana after emigrating because his girlfriend moved to the UK.

A first class degree in arts and graphics led to a job at one of the country's most respected advertising agencies, where he spent three years handling major accounts for high-profile companies. After moving to Norbury, in south London, Abdul completed a one-year diploma in video production at Lambeth College, while working part time at Starbucks. But the search for full-time work after the course ended proved to be difficult and Abdul took on jobs at Mc Donalds and Ikea to make ends meet. "It was difficult to get a job that matched my experience and I was determined that I wanted a creative job like the one I had in Ghana," he says. "I got dozens of rejection letters. I didn't have the time to prepare for interviews because I had to work - sometimes two jobs - to pay the bills. I gradually realized that London is a very expensive city."

Abdul's persistence eventually paid off. Last year, he landed a job as an advertising and marketing manager at a firm based in Canary Wharf, east London.

"I love my job because it's skill-based work in a pressurized environment," he says.

"I feel like I've made it because I'm doing something that I really enjoy."

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(Adapted)*

## I - READING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (12 marks)

### 1) Fill in the table with reference to the text (4 marks) :

PERSON CONCERNED	QUALIFICATIONS	JOBS OBTAINED
Abdul	a- .....	a- .....
	b- .....	b- .....
		c- an advertising and marketing manager.

### 2) Correct the following False statements with details from the text (2 marks) :

a- A low percentage of emigrants from Ghana moved to the UK yearly. (paragraph 1)

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b- The African emigrant received favourable mails offering him jobs. (paragraph 2)

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### 3) Fill in the blanks with words from the text (paragraphs 2/3) (3 marks) :

The African emigrant finally ..... it and got a job based on .....

Now he could easily pay the .....

### 4) Find in the text a word meaning nearly the same as (1 mark) :

a- boring (pg 1) : .....

### 5) What does the underlined word refer to in the text (1 mark) :

a- the one (pg 2) : refers to : .....

### 6) Give a personal and justified answer to the following question (1 mark) :

What do you think of the movement of the highly qualified and skilful African to developed countries? Is it a gain or a loss for their continent?

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## II- LANGUAGE (6 marks)

1) Fill in the blanks with 6 words from the box below (3 marks) :

**winner - remains - unless - field - equally - Foundation - if - will**

Every year since 1901 the Nobel Prize has been awarded for achievements in physics, chemistry, physiology or medicine, literature and for peace. A prize for achievements in a particular field may be awarded to an individual, divided ..... between two people, or awarded jointly among two or three people. According to the Nobel .....’s statutes, the prize cannot be divided among more than three people, but it can go to an institution. A prize may go unaware ..... no candidate is chosen for the year under consideration, but each of the prizes must be awarded at least once every five years. If no one is to be awarded a prize in a given year, the prize money ..... in the trust. In 1948 Nobel prizes were about \$32.000 each ; in 1997 they were about \$1 million each. In addition to a cash award, each prize- ..... also receives a gold medal and a diploma bearing his name and ..... of achievement. Those who win are known as Nobel laureates.

2) Put the words in parenthesis in their right tense/form (3 marks) :

Steven Jobs was the co-founder of Apple with his high school friend Stephen Wozniak. He considered himself a technology leader choosing the best people possible. In early 1976 they (**begin**) ..... Apple with an initial investment of \$1300, Mr Wozniak would be half technical and Mr jobs the marketing half of the (**origin**) ..... first computer which created a sensation and sales skyrocketed from \$ 2 million in 1977 to \$ 600 million in 1981. After the death of Jobs, Tim Cook (**be / appoint**) ..... chief executive in 2011. Apple share has increased from \$ 55 to \$125. Now, over the world Apple (**have**) ..... more than 70 m iPhone users. Recently Apple (**inaugurate**) ..... three new smart phones such as iPhone 8,9,X. Numerous (**innovate**) ..... and new features are brought in these smart phones.



### III- WRITING (12 marks)

1) Use the following information to write the biography of Malala Yousafzai (4 marks) :

Occupation	Birth	Award	Death threat
Pakistani education advocate / Activist	July 12, 1997 Mingora, Pakistan.	October 2014, age 17 receive the Nobel Peace Prize	Taliban gunman / shoot Malala in the head / 2012.

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2) TOPIC : (8 marks)

“ Some inventions have come to facilitate our lives while some others have brought destruction.” Write a 12 line article, to be published in your school website, where you (dis)agree with this statement. Support your arguments with concrete examples.

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