

ENGLISH EXAMINATION
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Section A- Language

I. Write the following numbers in English: (3 marks)

Bus n° 805 _____
 (hotel) room 407 _____
 In year 1990 _____
 7.66 _____
 0.05 _____
 € 10.95 _____

II. Match the verbs with the nouns (3 marks)

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| 1. access <i>e accéder</i> | a. cheque books |
| 2. get <i>c</i> | b. interest rates |
| 3. fix <i>b changer</i> | c. a loan <i>emprunt</i> |
| 4. pull out of <i>b</i> | d. a policy <i>politique</i> |
| 5. implement <i>d subtil</i> | e. the internet |
| 6. issue <i>a puller</i> | f. a deal <i>affaire</i> |

Answers

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III. Complete the following sentences with the correct word. (3 marks)

1. All home _____ (done – made – baked – run – grown) products are becoming so expensive that we find it difficult to sell them abroad.
devenir *done* *à la* *en* *de la* *de la*
2. We _____ (insure – make – certify – ensure – provide) that you pay the correct amount of tax.
assurer *faire* *certifier* *garantir* *assurer*
3. Our country's economy is coming in for a _____ (hard – soft – low – calm – serene) landing thanks to a light fisted monetary policy.
difficile *dur* *facile* *calme* *serène*
4. Analysts _____ (tell – say – said – told – have told) that inflation will edge lower to a 12% – 15% range.
dire *parler* *raconter* *dire* *avoir dit*
5. The monthly inflation rate in March _____ (dropped – hopped – bounced – went – jumped) to 1.54% from 1.10% in January.
tomber *sauter* *rebondir* *aller* *sauter*
6. We are convinced that the Key to keeping inflation _____ (fixed – running – down – straight – high) is fiscal reform.
fixer *faire tourner* *descendre* *aller droit* *monter*

Section B- Comprehension (1,5 marks)

Read carefully the following passage then answer the questions underneath

WHO PROMOTES CORRUPTION IN AFRICA

Every country in Europe or America has laws that specify that theft is usually committed by two actors – the thief and the dishonest "receiver" that is, the person to whom the thief sells the stolen goods, and without whose services thievery ceases to be a lucrative undertaking.

But when it comes to corruption, the offence, although equally defined by law as a hydra – headed monster like thievery, is somehow transformed into a "cyclops" of an offence: only bribe – taking is of any interest. Especially to the media.

It is not that no attempts have been made to show that corruption is a complex activity practiced as much by many of the so-called "blue - chip" companies of the world as by politicians policemen, and civil servants in Africa or Latin America. No, the simple reason is that the companies know how to cover their tracks. Banks, whose secret activities are well – nigh impenetrable help them in this, as do the Western governments which benefit from the taxes the companies pay or the employment the companies provide to their citizens.

But gradually, the landscape of corruption has been changing. Both the US and the countries of the European Union – some unwillingly – have enacted strong laws that provide for the prosecution of companies that carry out corruption abroad, in order to win contracts. In the US, the relevant law is called the foreign Corrupt Practices Act 1977. In Britain, corrupt companies can be Anti – Terrorism, Crime, and Security Act of 2001.

In spite of the existence of such laws, some governments continue to shield companies that corrupt foreign nationals. The most notorious example of this was the halting, in Britain, by Tony Blair's government, of an investigation by the British Serious Fraud Office (SFO) into a "slush fund" in Saudi Arabia, amounting to billions of dollars, that was established by the British armaments production company, BAE Systems...

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Questions

1. How many actors are involved in every theft?
2. What aspect of corruption is highlighted by the media?
3. What is the role played by banks as far as corruption is concerned?
4. Does the author say that corruption is over in western countries? Justify your answer using the ideas from the passage.

Section C: Essay (5marks)

Choose a or b and write an essay of 200 words

- a. Investment banking and economic development.
- b. Electronic banking in the developing countries.