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PICTURE A



PICTURE B



SECTION B

COMPOSITION (40 marks)

MARK DISTRIBUTION:

Content and Organization	(12 marks)
Expression	(16 marks)
Accuracy	(12 marks)

Choose ONE topic to write about from the list below. You are advised to write clearly and effectively, to spell and punctuate correctly, and to ensure that your writing is appropriate in style and content to the topic chosen. Avoid obscene language and do not disclose your identity. You should write between 450 – 500 words.

- a) "When I saw my sister running and smiling, I guessed that she was bringing good news ..." Continue the story.
- b) Parents.
- c) Write about your favourite game or sports and state what can be done to improve on it.
- d) Should every village in Cameroon have a government secondary school?
- e) Tell a story to illustrate the proverb, "Every cloud has a silver lining."
- f) You failed in the last G.C.E. Examination. Write a letter to your father giving reasons for your failure and how you intend to improve on your results. Your name is Peter Kings and your address is P.O. Box 111, Bandundu.
- g) Describe how a very important meal in your area is prepared, and bring out its importance during traditional ceremonies.
- h) Write a story, a description or other form of composition suggested by one of the following pictures. Your composition may be directly about the subject of the picture or take some central suggestion(s) from it. There must be a clear connection between the picture and your composition.

Handwritten notes and calculations:

EPHAI
BOMERIO

850
100
500
3

59
228
167

injuries

Handwritten mark: 137

Turn Over

SECTION A

DIRECTED WRITING (30 marks)

MARK DISTRIBUTION

Content	(14 marks)
Expression and Accuracy	(12 marks)
Slanting	(4 marks)

You are the Minister of Women's Empowerment and the Family. You think that the Cameroonian woman is undergoing negative changes that are affecting the family. Selecting relevant material from the passage below, write a speech in 2 paragraphs of not more than 150 words, stating the reasons for these changes and what the women should do to uphold African values. Write in a convincing manner paying attention to grammar, spelling, punctuation and handwriting.

In every society women play a vital part. Visitors of West Africa often describe the lot of women as "depressed or staidish". In their functions as guardians of the physical well-being of the family and the tribe, they occupy a very strategic position. What is more, the women are in many cases, not merely "builders" but guardians of their traditions. They greatly influence the fate of their people.

Let me say here that I am not a feminist. I find it impossible to subscribe to the view that women are equal to men. I believe the male and female species are complementary to one another. In Britain, for example, the equality of the sexes has been stressed to such an extent that most men see no reason why the so-called "weaker sex" should be given any preferential treatment. I feel this is a great pity, for in their fight for equality and better conditions, some societies seem to have ignored the very nature of women.

In most parts of West Africa we find the other extreme. She is the subordinate of the male, relegated to those duties which her lord and master finds irksome, or rather degrading to perform.

The ideal seems to be the mean between the British and African extremes.

West African society is now undergoing a period of transformation. Contact with the western way of life has brought changes to most urban areas and their women, from whom new standards infiltrate into rural parts and womenfolk therein. Many women in larger towns have had education alongside the men; now they can argue with their fathers, brothers and husbands and hold their own. The former African social structures are breaking down. Instead of presiding over farm and home, most African women now either confine their influence to the home alone or extend it to the office, the hospital or the school. But the tendency seems to be to follow very closely the British pattern of equality among the sexes.

But while striving to improve their position women must keep ever before them the goal of truly feminine career woman; a mother no less in public affairs than her husband, and participating fully in his career. Anything threatening to interfere with this balance should be sacrificed. It may mean a part-time job instead of a full-time one, where there are young children to consider. The true mother should be prepared to do that much to ensure a successful rearing of her home.

In searching for a new way of life that would at once embrace all that is good in women of other races, the woman has traditions of her own that she must not lose. Much has been said about the extended family system with its rather elastic hospitality; the African idea of hospitality is one of the things we should do well to preserve. Our respect and consideration for elders is another; so are many tribal customs and rituals which give colour and originality to our way of life.