## MATURITÉ GYMNASIALE

Gymnase français de Bienne

## ANGLAIS (60 MINUTES)

Note :

Total des points : \_\_\_\_\_/45 points

Votre nom et prénom :

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N° de candidat :

## Read the text below and do the exercises that follow.

# **A Road Less Travelled**

Amy Carter-James is small, blue-eyed and blonde, with a friendly smile. She doesn't look like she could change the lives of thousands of people but, remarkably she has.

It all started when Amy took a gap year in Africa after she finished university. "I spent eight months volunteering in a poor rural school in Kenya," she says. "That was the first time I saw poverty, I was so young and so easily inspired and I thought, "Why can't tourism do the same thing for community development?"

On her return to England, twenty-two-year-old Amy and her boyfriend Neal decided to take "the road less travelled". They drove across Mozambique, one of the poorest countries in Africa, but it wasn't exactly a holiday. Mozambique had two qualities which appealed to them:

- 10 great potential as a travel destination and local people who desperately needed help. When they arrived, they decided to take a route not normally used by tourists and headed for Quirimbas National Park, where they found a tiny stretch of white sand close to a village called Guludo. Life in Guludo was hard: there was little clean water and not enough food. Healthcare was poor and people in the village had a life expectancy of thirty-eight years.
- 15 Amy and Neal had no qualifications in tourism or healthcare but they had common sense, enthusiasm and determination. They talked to the villagers about their plan to create a small beach resort which would provide employment for people and reduce family poverty. "We took a translator with us, "says Amy. "Their only question was: "When can you start?"
- The couple set to work on a beach <u>lodge</u> (1), building beach huts from local materials and employing people from the surrounding area. Once the lodge was complete, they set up a charitable foundation called NEMA, which received 5 % of its revenue. This money was used to create clean water points, fund healthcare projects, build two primary schools and support

conservation projects- it helped to improve the lives of thousands of people. "We wanted to show the world the power of tourism, that could be a vehicle for change, "says Amy.

- 25 It isn't easy to get to Guludo. It's not a typical <u>package holiday</u> (2) with airport pick-ups and drop-offs. There's no public transport, either. The nearest city is Pemba and once there, you have to take a helicopter, a boat or go on a three-hour car journey along <u>bumpy</u> (3) roads. But Guludo Lodge is worth the effort. Today the lodge has nine "bandas" or beach huts, with beautiful sea views. There are no overpriced souvenir shops and other <u>tourist traps</u> (4). It's the
- 30 perfect place to relax, escape the crowds and sunbathe. Visitors can see the sights, explore Ibo island with a tour guide, go scuba diving or observe African wildlife at the Mogandula Bush Lookout. But the best part of this holiday for many is getting to know people in the village, taking part in festivals and learning about NEMA's work. "People who stay with us often come for diving or the beach," says Amy, "but it's the communities that are really impressive."
- 35 People like Amy and Neal believe that the tourist industry can do much good in the world and Guludo Lodge is leading the way, winning many awards for its responsible tourism. Back in the village, people are talking about NEMA. In the local dialect, it's a word with a special meaning. "It's difficult to explain," says Amy, "but it means that kind of hope that accompanies the end of suffering."

#### Glossary

a lodge: a collection of buildings used as hotel accommodation
a package holiday: a holiday where everything is organised by a travel company
bumpy: not smooth, uneven (= cahoteux)
a tourist trap: a place that attracts many tourists and where everything is more expensive than normal

## A. Comprehension check (see the text!)

<u>/ 8 marks</u>

#### Choose the best answer to each question.

#### 1 Line 3: "took a gap year" means...

- a) took an extra year to study more
- b) took a year's break
- c) took a year to train for a new job

#### 2 Line 4: "rural" means...

- □ a) in the countryside
- □ b) in a city
- □ c) in a distant place

#### 3 Line 11: "[they] headed for" means...

- □ a) they went far away from
- b) they were at the head of the trip in
- c) they went in the direction of

#### 4 According to the text, when Amy and Neal first arrived, people in Guludo

- a) didn't live long lives
- b) didn't like visitors
- c) didn't need clean water

- 5 One of Amy and Neal's goals was to
- a) create holiday hotels for the villagers
- b) create jobs for the villagers
- c) reduce the number of families in the village

#### 6 Why isn't Guludo a typical tourist destination?

- a) it is difficult to get to and is part of a conservation project
- b) it has a lot of expensive shops and festivals
- c) it attracts large crowds
- 7 What do tourists find the most interesting about Guludo?
- a) the beaches
- b) the local people
- c) scuba diving
- 8 If you stay in a beach hut, what you are able to see from your hut?
- a) the wildlife
- b) the sea
- c) Ibo island

## B. Vocabulary

Match the key words in the box with the definitions.

#### $\triangle$ There are two extra words/expressions which you do not have to use!

set up | wildlife | potential | suffering | improve | put down take part in | target | revenue | enthusiasm | win | poverty

1	the possibility to develop something in the future
2	_ when you join in an activity
3	_ the state of being really poor
4	_ intense enjoyment or interest in something
5	_ when you start, for example, a business, institution or other organisation
6	_ when you get better at something
7	_ when you experience something bad or unpleasant
8	the animals of a particular region
9	_ money that is gained
10.	when you are successful in a competition

#### C. Grammar

/ 15 marks

Change the following sentences into a) questions, b) negative sentences, c) sentences in the past.

1. NEMA can really make a difference for thousands of people.

	a) question:
	b) negative:
	c) past simple:
2.	Amy often thinks of others.
	a) question:
	b) negative:
	c) past simple:
3.	The beach lodge is a special package holiday.
	a) question:
	b) negative:
	c) past simple:
4.	Amy goes to England every year.
	a) question:
	b) negative:
	c) past simple:
5.	The lodge has nine beach huts.
	a) question:
	b) negative:
	c) past simple:

## D. Composition / 12 marks

## Choose one of the topics - (a) or (b) – and write about it.

a) Write about a special holiday that you have been on.

OR

b) Write about a cause / a project that you find particularly interesting or that you have volunteered for.

## Your text should be approximately <u>100 words</u> long.

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