

**Epreuve du 2 groupe****ANGLAIS****AIDS**

My cousin Mariama was 16 years old when she died. She had been fighting the disease known as AIDS throughout her life. When I was a child I knew that she was sick in some way. Her right hand was malformed and she had to receive injections from her mother every day. But as young as I was, I was never afraid of her or of her sickness. Mariama and I were friends as well as we were family. We would play together and hatch our secret plots as we watched our parents chat in the corridors or the dining room. To me, Mariama was a normal child who just needed some extra medicine. But after her death, I learned that her condition was much more serious than it appeared to be.

The day after her death I asked my mom what Mariama died from and she told me she died from AIDS. I could not believe what she had told me. I never thought that a disease like AIDS could hit so close to home. Mariama was born with cerebral palsy\* and she had caught the disease three weeks after she celebrated her second birthday, from a blood transfusion. I wasn't worried at all when I learned of her disease. The only thing that truly bothered me was that my family did not tell me until she was gone. They said that they were afraid that my other cousins and I would have been afraid of Mariama if we had been told.

I don't think I would have been afraid, but we will never know for sure. After Mariama's death I learned more about her life. I learned that when the time came for her to go to school, there was some debate between school officials and some parents about the issue of other children going to school with her. After I had learned that, I was upset and I decided that I had to do something about it. Three years after her death, I walked in the AIDS Walk of the City Hall to support AIDS awareness. I also helped children in my community learn more about the disease. My aunt Alima, who is a nurse, has come to our school many times to talk about the disease.

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\*Palsy: paralysis, or loss of control or feeling in a part of the body.

**I. READING COMPREHENSION (8 marks)****A. Choose the right answer from the proposed ones (1 x 2 = 2 marks)**

- The parents did not inform the children because they didn't want them :
  - To make fun of Mariama
  - to catch the disease
  - to be afraid of Mariama
- There was some debate between school officials and some parents because :
  - Mariama was impolite
  - she could contaminate other children
  - Mariama was afraid of other children.

**B. Complete the table below according to the text:**  
**mark)**

**(1 x 4 = 4**

<b>Mariama's situation</b>	<b>Information from the text</b>
She had two health problems	3. .... 4. ....
The way she was contaminated	5. ....
Her age when she got AIDS	6. ....

**C. Say whether the following sentences are true or false and justify by quoting relevant passages from the text.** **(1 x 2 = 2 marks)**

7. The cousin knew about Mariama's infection before she died.....  
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8. The narrator later participated in AIDS education .....  
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**II. LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE (7 marks)**

**D. Complete the following dialogue between Mariama's mother and the cousin**  
**(1 x 3 = 3 marks)**

**Cousin** : Auntie, I really miss Mariama. She was very close to me.

**Auntie** : I know that you used 9. .... (play) a lot together.

**Cousin** : But Auntie, 10.why ..... (tell) that she was suffering from AIDS ?

**Auntie** : It's only because I didn't want you to run away from her.

**Cousin** : I don't think I would, she was so dear to me. I wish she 11. ....still  
alive.

**Auntie** : Any way, just pray for her. May she rest in peace!

**E. Complete the following passage meaningfully. Do NOT copy the text**  
**(2 x 2 = 4 marks)**

12. School officials were afraid Mariama .....  
That is why they wanted to 13 .....  
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**III. WRITING Choose ONE topic and write between 80-100 lines (5 marks)**

**TOPIC 1** : Your best friend Safietou has written you a letter in which she says that she no longer wants to visit her cousin who has got AIDS after a blood transfusion. Answer the letter and try to convince her that she can and should continue seeing her.

**TOPIC 2** : A lot of people are still dying from AIDS. First talk about the different ways of contamination, the effects on the body and propose solutions to fight it back.