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**SESSION NORMALE** Section One : Comprehension (7 points)

Text : Chambers of Commerce

We may define a chamber of commerce as the association or organization of businessmen in an urban area who agreed to come together in order to protect and further their business interest. Chambers of commerce differ from trade associations in the sense that while the former are regionally based, the latter have national colouration. Also while trade associations are formed by individuals in the same line of trade, chambers of commerce comprise businessmen from different commercial fields like industry, banking, transport, insurance, advertising, warehousing etc... However, both chambers of commerce and trade associations are formed with the main motive of protecting and promoting the interests of their members.

- Chambers of commerce promote both home and international trade through the organization of trade fairs.
- They educate their members by organizing conferences, seminars, symposia etc... where their members are taught the modern methods of manufacturing and trading; they act as pressure groups by influencing the government of the day on certain policies and decisions.
- Chambers of commerce, through their various activities contribute in the promotion and maintenance of the economic stability of a country; they act as an important link between the government and businessmen on one hand and other members of the public on another; they offer advice and pass information to the government which guides it in the making of legislations as they affect commerce.
- Chambers of commerce watch the activities of their members in order to prevent them from involving in any economic act that may be detrimental to the economy of the country. They act as arbitrators in any disputes between their members and between members and other organizations for groups.

Adapted from *Comprehensive Commerce* by Johnson U. Anyaele

**A/ Questions (4 pts)**

Choose the correct answer. Write only the number and the corresponding letter. Example: 8 = h

1. A chamber of commerce is an organization or association of businessmen in

- a/ a country      b/ a rural area      c/ an urban area,      d/ a public place.

2. Chambers of commerce

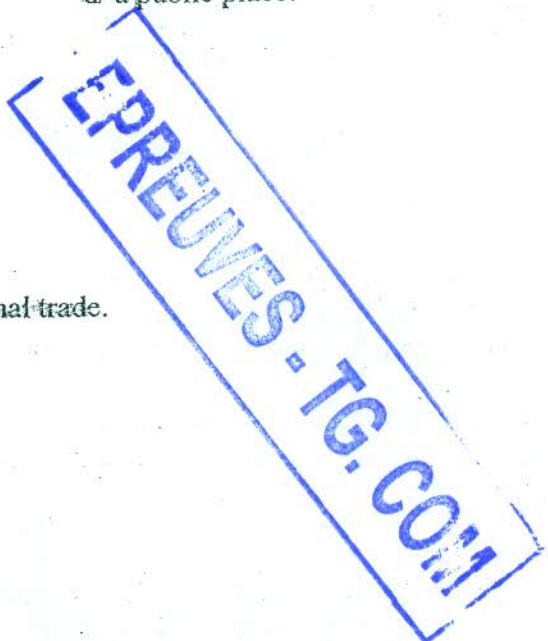
- a/ help businessmen and shareholders to come together as one.  
b/ protect and further the interest of businessmen.  
c/ prevent businessmen from embezzling funds.  
d/ allow businessmen to have loans from banks.

3. The role of chambers of commerce is

- a/ to organize trade fairs by promoting both home and international trade.  
b/ to encourage companies to improve their turnover.  
c/ to limit competition among businessmen.  
d/ to sanction bad businessmen.

4. Chambers of commerce serve as

- a/ link between businessmen and shareholders.  
b/ link between trade associations and their members.  
c/ important link between the government and businessmen.  
d/ link between sellers and buyers.



B/ Vocabulary (3 pts)

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B<sub>1</sub>- Find in the text the synonyms of the following words or expressions. Write only the number and the correct answer. Example : 14 = brush.

1/ place      2/ first ones      3/ carriage of persons and goods      4/ buying and selling goods.

B<sub>2</sub>- Find in the text the opposites of the following words or expressions. Write only the number and the correct answer. Example : 14 ≠ rich.

5/ rural      6/ different      7/ ancient      8/ night.

B<sub>3</sub>- Give the English equivalents for the French words or expressions. Write only the number and the correct word. Example : 14 = secretary

9/ ces derniers      10/ l'entrepotage      11/ foires commerciales      12/ empêcher.

Section Two : Linguistic competence ( 8 points)

A- Put the following sentences into plural (2 pts)

1. A hunter killed a mouse.
2. Does my mother sell corn?
3. His brother works here.
4. This woman is beautiful.

B- Put into passive or active voice ( 2 pts)

5. We are going to be given homework by our teacher.
6. Your son sold some watches.
7. The bedroom will be swept by our maid.
8. Our neighbour has sent off his children to the airport.

C- Choose the correct word and fill in the blanks ( 2 pts)

9. I have never eaten ..... delicious meal!  
a/ so a      b/ such a      c/ a such.
10. Betty is the .....of my twins.  
a/ fatter      b/ fattest      c/ the most fat.
11. .... you may do, pay attention.  
a/ however      b/ whoever      c/ whatever.
12. It is five days since they ..... at school.  
a/ meet      b/ met      c/ have met.

D- Put into direct or indirect speech ( 2 pts)

13. Ali said " my children left for school."
14. The nurse said that she had received many patients the previous day.
15. "We shall pass our final exams," some candidates said.
16. "Did you see the accident?" Kwami asked Mary.

Section Three : Writing ( 3 points)

One of your school mates, Dalia fell sick and was hospitalized. Some of your friends went to pay her a visit but you couldn't. Write a letter to Dalia to apologize; explain why you couldn't come and sympathize with her.

N.B.: You are Mola Ajasko and your address is BP 27, Lomé, Togo.

Section Four: Translation ( 2 points)

- 1- Our Company's turnover is higher than the capital used for its creation.
- 2- Je ne veux être ni comptable, ni secrétaire, ni agent commercial.