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**ENGLISH TEST N°5**

**Text: Urbanization and poverty**

**African urban ministers forecast that the continent will experience unprecedented urbanization over the next quarter century. Since most African cities are unprepared to accommodate the additional population, this will lead to a further mushrooming of squatter settlements of high densities.**

**Already, Africa’s urban population is growing at an average annual rate of four percent, the highest of any world region. Currently, Africa is still the most rural continent, with only about 38 per cent of its population living in cities and towns. But within the next three decades, more than half of all Africans will be in the urban centres.**

**Some of this urban growth is the result of natural population increase, but most comes from rural – to – urban migration. Drought, environmental degradation, rural poverty and wars continue to push young villagers towards the cities in searches of jobs and other economic and social opportunities. But with the economic crises of the past decades few regular jobs are available.**

**Africa’s urban problems have been worsened by the 1980s, largely at the urging of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund. The initial privatization programs often led to reduce formal sector employment, as did trade liberalization, which contributed to the failure of many local business unable to compete with cheap imports. Without steady jobs, many residents have been unable to afford adequate shelter. “Homelessness does not mean that there are no homes”, it exists because “people don’t have employment to have access to homes”.**

**Ernest Harsch, Africa Recovery, June 2001**

**A\_ Guided commentary**

1. **What are the different causes of high rate urbanization in Africa?**
2. **What problems do the young migrants face in African cities?**
3. **What were the consequences of trade liberalization on Africa’s local economy?**
4. **In your opinion, what can be done to stop young Africans’ migration to the cities?**

**B\_ Translation**

**Translate the third paragraph of the text into French ( from “some of this urban growth…” down to “… regular jobs are available”)**