

**EPREUVE ECRITE D'ANGLAIS**  
*Cette épreuve comporte deux (02) pages*

Coefficient : 2  
Durée : 2 heures

**Text: Africa Must Feed Itself**

Clearly, global abundance is not enough to ensure that Africa eats. To feed the continent's 900 million people, Africa must achieve its own food security. To do that requires nothing less than a complete transformation of the agriculture sector. As Asia did in the 1960s and 70s, Africa needs a Green Revolution of its own. But our Green Revolution must be deeply-rooted in present day African realities, while drawing lessons from the positive and negative experiences of the past. It must recognize smallholder farmers as the key to increase production, promote change across the entire agricultural system, and put equity and protecting the environment at its heart. Indeed, we need a uniquely African Green Revolution.

More so than Asia, Africa has a great diversity of crops and crop varieties which we must conserve. This diversity is a result of the great variety of landscapes, soils, climates and cultures. Africa needs dozens, if not hundreds, of improved varieties of our indigenous staple food-crops better able to adapt to climate change, and to endure recurrent droughts and attacks by insect pests and diseases.

Also unlike Asia, farming in Africa is largely done under rain-fed conditions. Less than 5 percent of our farm land is irrigated, compared to some 40 percent in South Asia. We need to scale up wise water resource management through a variety of innovations and reduce the continent's dependence on increasingly erratic rainfall.

We must also revitalize Africa's soils. Continuous farming, without replacing nutrients taken up with each crop, has left our soils the poorest in the world. We need to encourage integrated soil management practices and the increased use of fertilizers, which in Africa are scarce and expensive, and we need to ensure that our farmers understand how to deal with soil health problems in efficient and environmentally safe ways.

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I. COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (14 pts)

Answer the following questions using your own words. Do not use dashes (-).

1. Referring to the text, give a condition for Africa to produce enough food for itself. (2 pts)
2. According to the text, what are the two (2) main qualities of African crops? (2 pts)
3. Basing on the text, find out the condition to reduce the dependence of Africa's agriculture on rain. (2 pts)
4. Relying on the text, point out four (4) characteristics Africa Green Revolution must have. (4 pts)
5. Cite two (2) strategies suggested in the text to improve soils quality in Africa. (4 pts)

II. ESSAY WRITING (6 pts)

What are three (3) consequences of food insecurity in Burkina Faso?  
Organize your ideas coherently in paragraph(s). (in 100 words).