

## Compréhension de l'écrit et expression écrite

Le sujet porte sur l'axe 1 du programme : **Identités et échanges**

Il s'organise en deux parties :

- 1. Compréhension de l'écrit ;**
- 2. Expression écrite.**

Afin de respecter l'anonymat de votre copie, vous ne devez pas signer votre composition, ni citer votre nom, celui d'un camarade ou celui de votre établissement.

### Back home

5 The Bakweri people of Limbe<sup>1</sup> believe August is a cursed month. The rain falls too hard and for too long; rivers rise up too high and too fast. Dry days are few; chilly nights are many. The month is long, dreary, and hostile, and it is for this reason that many in the tribe do not marry, build houses, or start businesses in August. They wait for it to go away, along with its curses.

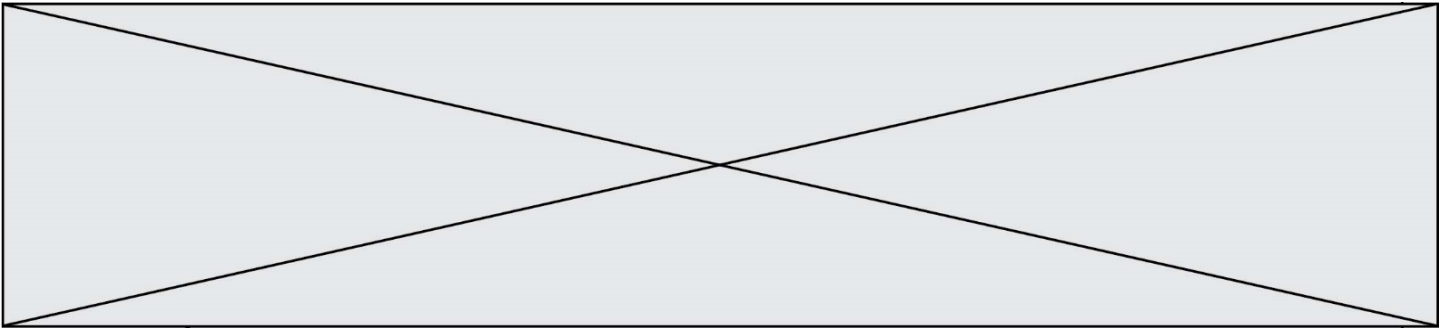
Jende Jonga, a Bakweri man, believed nothing in curses.

10 August or no August, it was time for him to go back home, and that was that. Walking through the streets of New York during his last days in America, he couldn't bring himself to feel sad about leaving or wish his experience were ending differently. Enough was enough. He wanted no more of life in a roach-filled apartment in a Harlem neighbourhood of fried chicken joints, storefront churches, and funeral homes where young men in cornrows and saggy pants perpetually lingered outside, mourning one of their own and carelessly spitting in his direction. He wanted no more of climbing five flights of stairs to share a bed with his daughter while his son slept in a cot inches away. He wanted no more of smiling for appearances as he stacked dishes and polished silverware, and he certainly wanted no more of riding the subway from work  
15 late at night, arriving home sweaty, greasy, and drained.

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<sup>1</sup> Limbe is a seaside town in Cameroon.





### 1. Compréhension de l'écrit (10 points)

Give an account of the document, in your own words and **in English**.  
In your account,

- present the two characters Jende and Neni (relationship, native land, place of residence) and describe their living conditions;
- explain what the characters have decided to do;
- compare and contrast the two characters' feelings;
- explain what the narrator means by "a magnificent land of uninhibited dreamers" (l. 40-41).

### 2. Expression écrite (10 points)

Vous traiterez **en anglais**, et en 120 mots minimum, **l'un des deux sujets suivants au choix** :

#### **Sujet A**

Imagine the email Neni writes to a friend who stayed in their native country. She tells him/her about her life in her new country.

#### **Sujet B**

Do you think the American dream still exists today?