



BACCALAUREAT BLANC 2026

ANGLAIS

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Durée : 2heures
Coefficient : 2

Water is a natural resource essential to life on earth. In many parts of the world, such as Africa and especially the Sahel, it has become a scarce and poorly distributed commodity. Drought, land degradation and climate change have led to a decline in available water, exacerbating security problems in the region. Water supply is now a major issue in **this part of the world**, with significant implications for food sufficiency, health, economic and social development, and even security.

According to the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), nearly 40% of Africa's population does not have access to a safe water source. Sub-Saharan Africa is also the region of the world most affected by water scarcity, with more than 300 million people without access to an improved water source. 70% of the region's population lacks adequate sanitation. **The situation** is even harder in the Sahel, where people depend mainly on agriculture and livestock for their livelihoods, making them vulnerable to climate change.

Valere Nzeyimana, senior water development and management officer at FAO Africa, told Anadolu that the difficulty lies in the lack of a "clear vision" by governments in terms of water use. "We need policies and strategies for water use before we can even think about financing. With a clear vision, it is easy to formulate coherent and bankable projects. Then there is the problem of expertise. There is a real lack of engineers who can mobilise or formulate projects. For example, there are very few universities that teach water management. Worse, governments do not use the people who are trained," he said. [...] Local communities in the region are particularly affected by water scarcity. Women and children are often responsible for collecting water for their families, **which** limits their access to education and participation in economic and social life.

Adapted from: <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/environment/water-a-crucial-security-issue-in-the-sahel/2854912>

COMPREHENSION (8 points)

A) Read paragraph 1 and find specific passages that correspond to the following descriptions. 1.5pts

1. A specific part of Africa where water has become rare. ☞ _____

2. Three phenomena that aggravate security problems in Africa. ☞ _____

3. A public service that significantly affects food sufficiency and health. ☞ _____

B) Read paragraph 2 and quote a specific passage to indicate that these statements are all TRUE. 1.5pts

4. More than a half of the people living in Africa face lack of water.

☞ _____

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5. The Sahel faces more water problems than the rest of Sub-Saharan Africa.



C) Read paragraph 3 and fill in the boxes below with phrases mentioned by Valere Nzeyimana as part of the solutions to the water crisis in Africa. 2pts

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8.

7.

9.

D) Indicate WHAT or WHO the following words or expressions refer to.

1.5 pts

10. this part of the world (lines 4-5): _____

11. The situation (line 10): _____

12. which (line 21): _____

E) Match ideas 13 and 14 with the paragraphs they summarize.

1pt

Main idea in paragraph	Paragraph number
13. Data about the Water Crisis	
14. Lack of Water and its Impacts	

F) Choose option a), b), or c) to answer question 15.

0.5 pt

15. A good title for this text could be:

- a) How the FAO Solved the Water Crisis in Africa
- b) Water Scarcity in Sub-Saharan Africa
- c) Water Supply in Africa

II. COMMUNICATION (6 points)

G) **Situation 1:** Your community is facing a serious water crisis. Complete meaningfully the following statements about its causes, consequences, and solutions.

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16. Droughts and climate change are _____

17. When people have no access to clean water, _____

18. _____ can help reduce health problems.

19. Campaigns for raising awareness _____

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H) Situation2: A company is planning to start a banana plantation in your village where the residents are facing serious problems of access to water.

2pts

Task: Complete these residents' reactions to the banana plantation project.

20. Resident #1: I totally disagree with this project. If we allow them to have a plantation here, we _____

21. Resident #2: That's absolutely true. The larger their plantation grows, the _____

22. Resident #3: You are both right, but _____

23. Village Chief: I've listened to everybody. Why don't we _____ ?

I) Situation3: Now, the residents are listing their conditions before they can allow the project to settle in their village.

Task: Read residents 1 and 2's proposals. Then imagine and write the proposals residents 3 and 4 could make.

2pts

24. Resident #1: They should hire some of our youth if they want to use our land and water.

25. Resident #2: We need to determine the quantity of water they can use every day.

26. Resident #3: _____

27. Resident #4: _____

III. ACTION (6 points)

J) Situation4: The banana plantation company has found an agreement with the villagers and funded a water supply system in the area. Today, the villagers are celebrating the inauguration of the new water infrastructure. The village chief is planning to deliver a speech.

Task: Use the framework provided below to imagine and write the chief's speech.

6pts

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Greetings & thanks 0.5pt	_____ _____ _____
Purpose of the speech 1pt	_____ _____
Details of the agreement 2pts	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Suggestions for proper use of the infrastructur	_____ _____ _____ _____
Closure 1pt	_____ _____ _____