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**Plastic bags ....., but at a price!**

JOHANNESBURG : Some people were **resentful** yesterday when they realised they would have to pay for their plastic bags from Friday when buying groceries.

"Sometimes it's your last **R20** in your pocket. Are you now **expected to** spend it on plastic bags?" a domestic worker asked.

5 The price of a bag ranges from 25 to 46 cents.

Mary Phiri, 64, said the rich would **be able to afford to pay**, but the poor would not. "This will cause problems."

Phil Dukashe, 27, **a freelance producer**, said he disagreed with the new legislation because "people now have to budget for plastic bags and for groceries".

10 The new law, which requires **manufacturers** to produce thicker bags that last longer, is to promote repeated use of the bags and encourage recycling. [...]

Customers may choose whether to buy the new government-specified bags, take their own bags or carry their shopping without bags.

15 Many people interviewed at supermarkets in Johannesburg **were unaware of** the new law.

Simon Molele, a gardener, said: "I didn't know I'd have to pay for plastic bags. This is a bad idea."

Celia Theart, a social worker, disagreed. "It's a good idea. It's environmentally friendly. In the beginning it might be a problem, but people will get used to it."

20 Giovanni Pisanello, 76, said: "In Europe people pay for plastic bags. When you go shopping, you just hang your bag on your shoulder and go."

Supermarkets have been advertising the reasons for the change.

25 Environmental affairs and tourism spokeswoman Phindile Makwakwa said some of the money made from the new plastic bags would be used to run a non-profit company to **manage** recycling. "This company will encourage the recycling of plastic bags and will set up points across the country where bags can be dropped off for recycling," she said.

*Cape Times - May 6, 2003*

Vocabulaire:

resentful: amer, plein de ressentiment

R20: 20 rands (rand = devise monétaire)

expected to: censé

be able to afford to pay: avoir les moyens de payer

a freelance producer: un producteur indépendant

manufacturers: fabricants

be unaware: ignorer, ne pas savoir

manage: gérer

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## COMPREHENSION

1. Parmi les propositions suivantes, entourez la bonne réponse :

1,5 pts

a) This document is:

- a literary document

- a press article

- an advertisement

b) The country concerned is :

- South Africa

- China

- The USA

c) The document is about :

- plastic bag regulations

- tourism

- gardening

2. Relevez les expressions suivantes dans le texte.

2 pts

a) Le prix d'un sac est compris entre 25 et 46 cents :

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b) Désormais les gens vont devoir prévoir un budget pour les sacs plastiques et un budget pour les courses :

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c) Cela pourrait poser problème au début, mais les gens s'y habitueront :

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d) Les supermarchés ont fait de la publicité sur les raisons de ce changement :

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3. Dites si les affirmations sont vraies  ou fausses  et justifiez votre choix en citant le texte. (Toute réponse non justifiée sera considérée comme nulle).

3 pts

a) - The new regulation promotes recycling.

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b) - Customers are obliged to buy government-specified plastic bags

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c) - Supermarkets haven't informed customers about the change.

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**4. Traduisez :**

**1,5 pts**

" Some people were resentful yesterday when they realised they would have to pay for their plastic bags from Friday when buying groceries."

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**COMPETENCE LINGUISTIQUE**

**5. Conjuguez les verbes suivants au temps qui convient .**

**4 pts**

- a) Next week, people ..... their plastic bags. (buy)
- b) The government ..... the law one month ago. (vote)
- c) At the moment, people ..... for information. (wait)
- d) Customers ..... usually ..... shopping bags. (not recycle)

**6. Avec les éléments donnés, réécrivez les phrases en formant des comparatifs de supériorité (+), d'infériorité (-) ou d'égalité (=).**

**3 pts**

- a) Carrying your own plastic bags is (- expensive) / buying some at the shops.

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b) Paper bags are (+ good) / plastic bags.

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c) The rich are (= concerned) / the poor about such issues.

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**7. Posez les questions correspondant aux éléments soulignés.**

**2 pts**

a) Plastic bags are about 30 cents.

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b) Phil Dukashe disagreed with the new regulation.

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**EXPRESSION**

**3 pts**

**8. En 50 mots minimum, répondez en anglais aux questions suivantes :**

- What can you do to protect nature ?
- Are you ready to pay for plastic bags? Why?

**Faites des phrases complètes** et utilisez, si vous le souhaitez, les mots proposés : *throw away* : jeter / *sort (out)* : trier / *rubbish* : ordures / *environment* / *waste* / *recycle* / *pollution* / *nature* / *ressources* / .....

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