(5) Noòni

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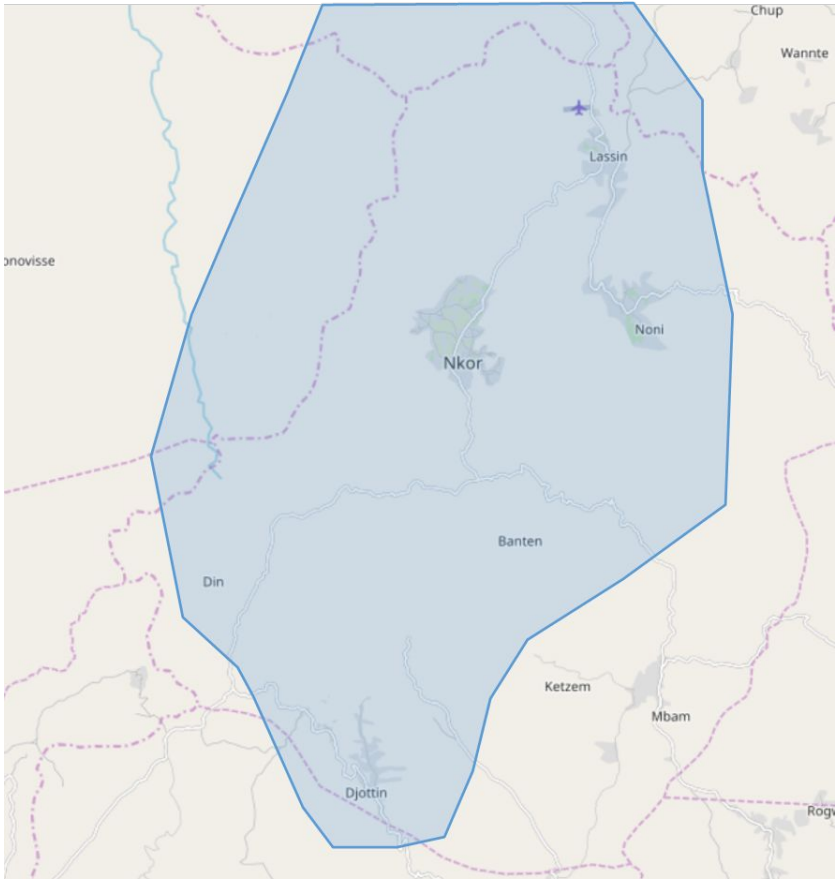
Where is it spoken?

- Cameroon
- North-Western region
- Bui division (mostly)



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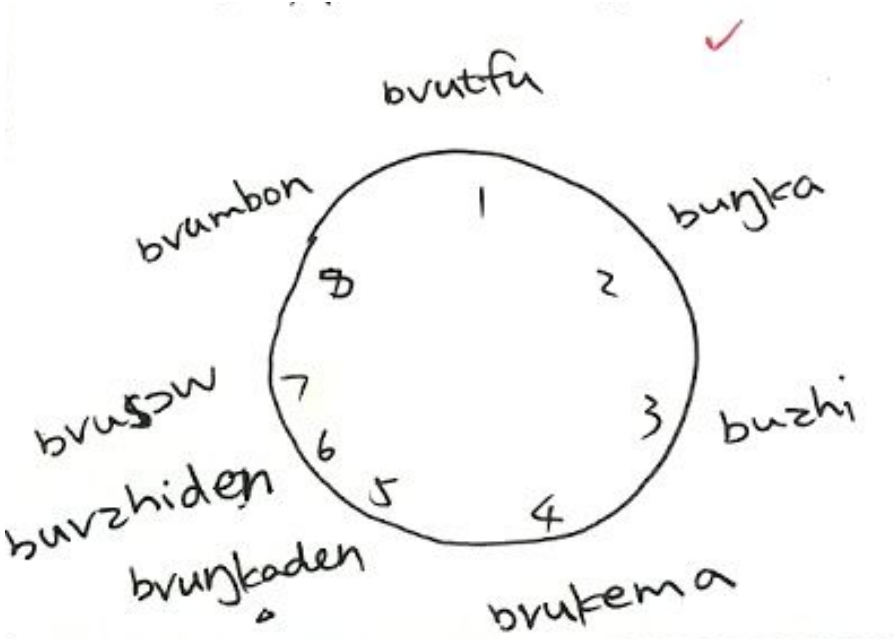

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“Week”

- Translation into some languages was difficult:

● Bangla:	সপ্তাহ	>	অষ্টাহ?
● Bulgarian:	сѐдмица	>	ѐсмица?
● Hungarian:	hét	>	nyolc?
● Romanian:	săptămână	>	octămână?

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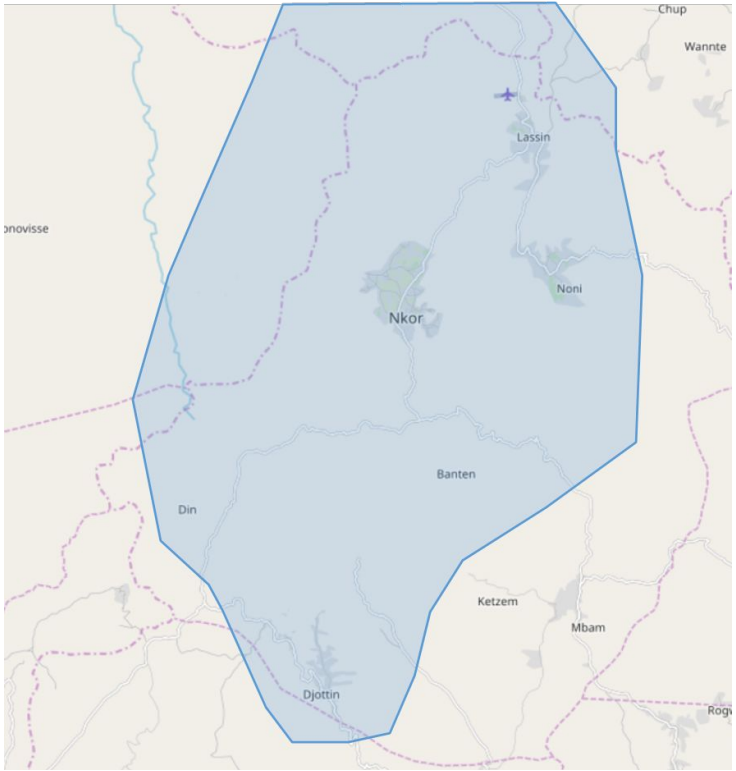

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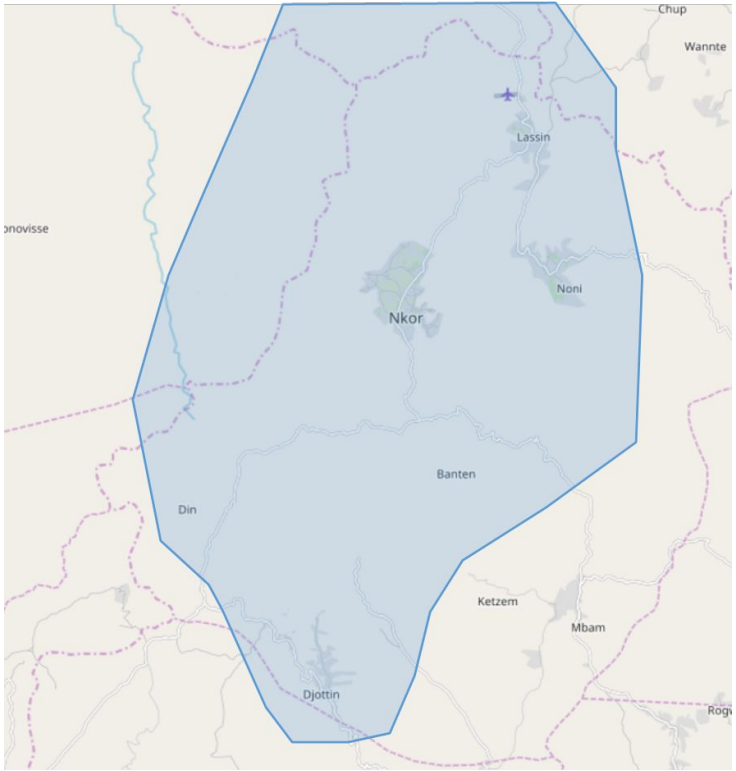
- What about this one?



Nooni weekdays

1. **Bvutfu** = Day of *Tfuu* (village also called *Mbinon*/*Noni*)
2. **Bvuŋkaa** = Basket day, Day of *Nkor*
3. **Bvuzhii** = Black day, day of mercy
4. **Bvukema** = Week day, day of reconciliation
5. **Bvuŋkaaden** = Basket day in *Din*
6. **Bvuzhiiden** = Black day in *Din*
7. **Bvu(n)sɔw** = Day of *Lamnso*
8. **Bvumbon** = Day of peace

Solution

- word order:
  - A - (T) - **nú** - B (**“A is/was B”**)
    - T = **cí** (near past)
    - T = ∅ (near future)
  - S - T - V - O - (**lé**) - L - D
    - “to see” = **yɛ́n** (O) **lé** [1 mark]
    - after a consonant, **lé > é** [1 mark]

Solution

- tense:

	immediate	today	near (<3 days)	remote (>3 days)
Past **(LM)**	**nɔ̂ː**	**bɛ̂ː**	**cí nɔ̂ː**	**tɔ̀ nɔ̂ː**
Future **(H)**	**nú**	**nú géː**	**nú bóy**	**nú yúː**

- Verb tones [2 marks]
- Remoteness [1 mark]
- Tense markers [2 marks]

Solution

- When S = **me**, **n-** is added to tense marker and verb. [1 mark]
  - **nb** > **mb**, **ng** > **ŋg**, **nn** > **n** [1.5 marks]

- H tone > LH tone after a tone that ends low (L/ML). [2.5 marks]

- Theory is worth 12 marks.

Solution

Tasks are worth 8 marks:

(a) [2 marks]

16. Bvusɔw is the day after tomorrow.

17. Today I will see the yam.

18. On ***bvumbon***, he saw us.

19. On ***bvuzhiden***, we will come to the market.

Solution

(b) Bvutfu, Bvuŋka, Bvuzhi, Bvukema, Bvuŋkaden, ***Bvuzhiden***, Bvusɔw, Bvumbon [1]

(c) [5 marks]

20. me ncí nɔ̂ː nfī dìɛ̀msɛ̌n bvúsɔ̀w.

21. cɔ̌ŋ nɔ̂ː cɔ̃ŋ kèŋkfǔ.

22. me nú nyúː nyów mutù bvûŋkà:dɛ̀n.

23. kwɔ̀:n nǔ géː yó dìɛ̀msɛ̌n ɛ̀bɛ̀n.

24. dìɛ̀msɛ̌n bɛ̂ː yɛ̃n wɔ̀ lě ɛ̀bɛ̀n.

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Statistics

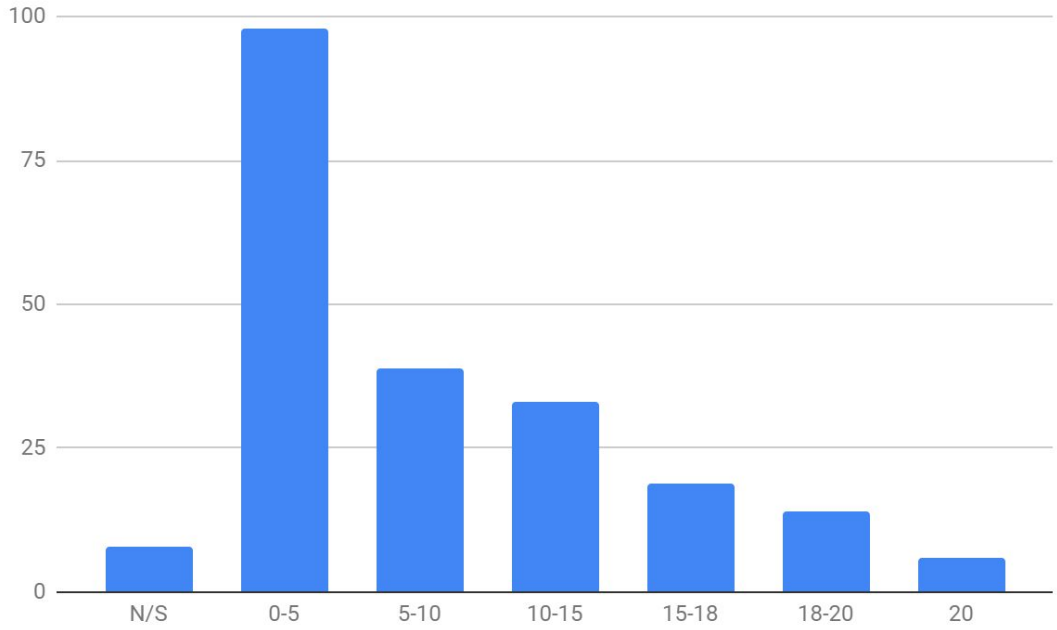
- Submitted by 195 contestants

- 7.2% said it was the hardest problem (3rd most)
- 21.5% said it was the easiest problem (3rd most)

Statistics

- Average score: 7.3
- (3rd hardest)

- 6 contestants received 20



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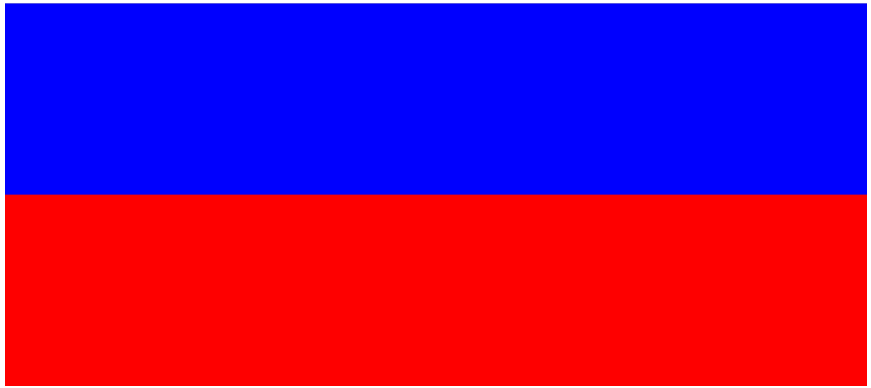

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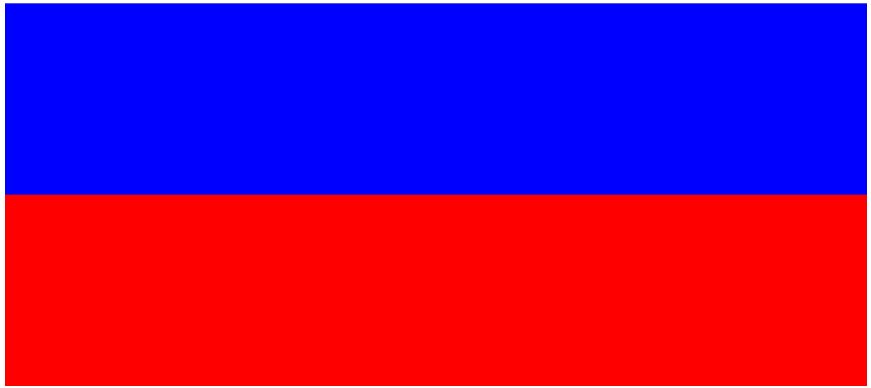

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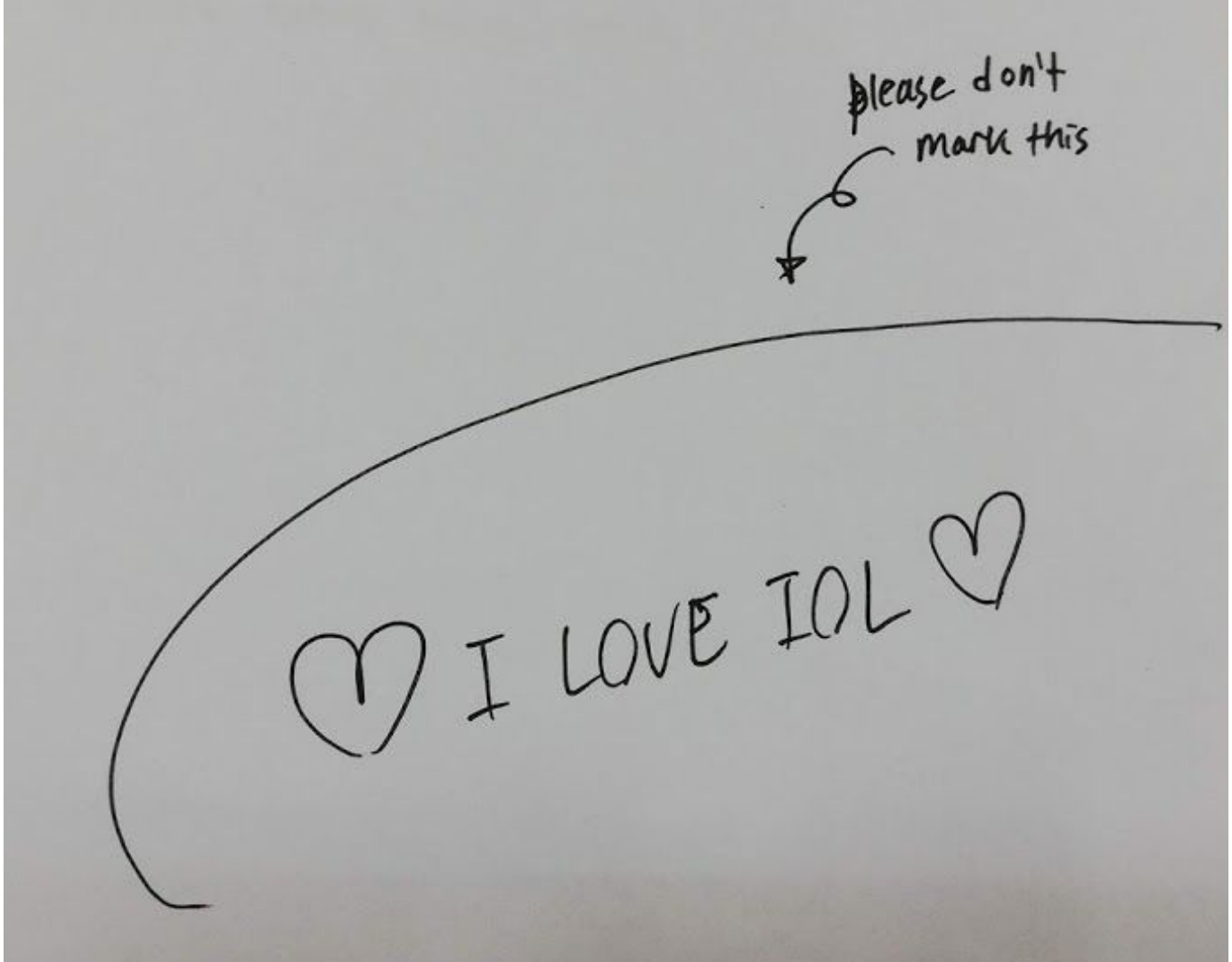
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