

RÉPUBLIQUE TUNISIENNE MINISTÈRE DE L'ÉDUCATION ♦♦♦♦ EXAMEN DU BACCALAURÉAT SESSION 2015	Épreuve : ANGLAIS
	Durée : 2 H
	Coefficient : 1
Section : Sciences Techniques	Session principale

Le sujet comporte 4 pages

I-READING COMPREHENSION (12 marks)

A- THE TEXT

1) At the top of his addiction, Ryan Cleave had little time for his real life. "World of Warcraft", the video game, had crowded out everything: his wife, his children and his job as an English language professor in Edinburgh. Before classes or late at night while his family slept, he would squeeze in time at the computer. He would eat foods that required only one hand, leaving the other free to work the keyboard and mouse.

2) Living inside "WoW", "World of Warcraft", seemed preferable to the boredom of everyday life, especially when it involved fighting with his wife about how much time he spent on the computer. "Playing WoW makes me feel godlike," Ryan wrote, "I have absolute control and power. The real world makes me feel helpless - a crying child, a dead mobile phone battery - the smallest trouble in daily living feels disabling." His wife used one word to describe her feelings: "disgusted". She felt abandoned. "I couldn't believe that someone could choose a virtual family over a real one," she said.

3) Ryan's life began to fall apart. He realised that the teachers at university disliked him and wanted him gone. His kids hated him and his wife threatened to leave. Finally, he was convinced he had a serious problem. His self-examination pulled him back to reality. He went home and deleted the game from his computer. For the next week, he felt like an addict withdrawing from drugs. Staying away from WoW was difficult, but he did not reinstall the game. Rather, he worked on his professional life and was hired as an English language professor at a university in Florida, USA, where he became game-free.

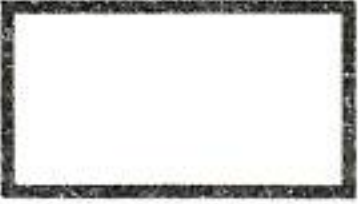
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ANGLAIS (SECTION: Sciences Techniques)

B- COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS :

1) Read the text and tick (✓) the right option (1mark)

The text is mainly about someone who finally

- a) freed himself from his addiction. ☐
- b) gave up his job and left his family. ☐
- c) managed to start a different career. ☐

2) For each of the following statements, pick out one detail from the text showing that it is false
(3 marks)

- a) The video game « World of Warcraft » had almost no effect on Ryan's family and professional life. (parag1)
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- b) For a new start, Ryan got a job as an English language professor in the United Kingdom. (parag3)
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- c) Despite his addiction, Ryan did not face any problems at university. (parag3)
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3) Fill in the blanks with words from paragraph 2 (2 marks)

In his real world, Ryan feels ratherin front of any problem; whereas in his world of gaming, he is powerful and inof everything.

4) Pick out 2 details showing the family's reaction to Ryan's addiction. (parag.3) (2 marks)

- a) His wife b) His children

5) Tick (✓) the right explanation: (2 marks)

1) required (parag 1) means:

- a) needed ☐ b) acquired ☐ c) rejected ☐

2) game-free (parag3) means:

- a) playing games without paying ☐ b) without games ☐ c) able to play games ☐

6) What does the underlined word in the text refer to ? (1 mark)

'it' (parag 2) refers to

7) Give a personal justified answer to the following question (1 mark)

Would you advise people to choose video gaming to escape their problems ? Why or why not ?

I advise people to choose video gaming to escape their problems because
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II- WRITING (12 marks)

- 1) Use the notes below to write the biography of Marie Curie (4 marks)

Date and place of birth	1867 / Warsaw, Poland
Achievements	discovery : polonium and radium / development of X-rays
Award	first woman / win / Nobel Prize / two different fields / physics and chemistry
Date and cause of death	1934 / prolonged exposure to radiation

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- 2) Because of the huge amounts of rubbish piled up in the streets, you have decided to write a 10-line article for the local newspaper to call for an action plan to clean up your neighbourhood. (8 marks)

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III- LANGUAGE (6 marks)

1) Put the bracketed words in the right tense or form (3 marks)

Over the last five years, communication technology has been rapidly changing and expanding in every field. Smart phones are now capable of (act).....as standalone computer devices that can take pictures, (search) the Internet, send emails and text messages. While it might seem that the technology of today has reached its limits, it is still actually spreading. Only 20 years ago, personal computers were becoming small and (afford)..... enough for family home use. Since then, the world of technology (show)no signs of slowing down and practically every device available today is (tie) to computer technology. It (seem)hard, these days, to imagine the huge size of first computers and how small they have become in the last decade. Isn't that wonderful!

2) Fill in the blanks with 6 words from the box. There are 2 extra items. (3 marks)

side – addicted – why – advantages – instead – similar – fast – into

The electronic cigarette was introduced to the USA in 2007. It offers those who are to nicotine an alternative to smoking tobacco. Most "e-cigs" arein appearance. They don't contain tobacco;, there is a mechanism that heats up liquid nicotine, which turnsvapour that smokers inhale and exhale. Manufacturers and satisfied smokers say that this nicotine vapour offers many..... over traditional cigarette smoke. But some health experts aren't sure. They are asking questions about the possible..... effects of inhaling nicotine vapour as well as other health risks e-cigarettes may pose, both to users and to the public.