

EXAMEN DU BACCALAUREAT - SESSION DE JUIN 2010

SECTION : LETTRES

EPREUVE : ANGLAIS

DUREE : 2 h COEFFICIENT : 2

Le sujet comporte 4 pages numérotées de 1/4 à 4/4

READING COMPREHENSION (15 marks)

THE TEXT

1- Anne Marie signed up for her first course at City College, Garrets Green in 1997. A single mother working as an office cleaner, she decided that it was time to get a better life for herself and her two sons. Over the years studying at City College she has gained several qualifications in administration, I.T. and teacher training and has won a prestigious national adult learners award. She is now employed by City College as a course enquiry advisor where she gives advice to others who want to take up further education. Going back to education has really helped her to rebuild her confidence.

2- "I would say to any adult who is thinking about going back to education that it's not just about the academic achievement you get at the end but you also get to learn more about yourself and you meet lots of new people. The cleaning job I had before going back to college wasn't providing me enough to sustain me and my two boys. Education was the only way forward for me. Looking back, I could have still been cleaning and wishing I could own my own house and car. But I came to realise there was no point in wishing if I can do something about it.

3- I stopped wishing and signed up for a course at college. Nine years on and I am now working for City College but I'm also still studying. Learning is a pleasure not a chore. It's a chance to change things in your life which you thought were unchangeable. Further education is a second chance for people who left school with few or no qualifications and have settled for jobs they would rather not be in."

4- Anne Marie has won the National Adult Learners Award. One of Anne Marie's tutors and mentor Liz Millman nominated Anne Marie for an award in 2006. She explains: "I nominated Anne Marie because she is happy to share her personal story with everyone about how City College has made the difference to her life. She has done so much and I am very proud of her. She even got her mom into further education...."

Adapted from BBC Home

SECTION : LETTRES - session de contrôle

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Why did Anne Marie sign up at City College? What did she study? For how long?
Write short answers in the blanks provided. (3 marks)

Reason for signing up at City College:
Subjects studied:
Duration of the studies:

2. What professional and personal benefits has Anne Marie gained from the course?
Complete the table with the appropriate information from paragraphs 1 and 2 (4 marks)

At the professional level	At the personal level
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3. Which word in paragraph 4 means the following: (1 mark)

To propose that somebody should be chosen:

4. Find in the text details showing that the following statements are false. (3 marks)

a) Anne Marie stopped studying at the end of the course. (Paragraph 3)

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b) She doesn't like to talk about her experience. (Paragraph 4)

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c) She doesn't recommend adult education. (paragraph 4)

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5. Circle the 3 qualities that apply to Anne Marie. (3 marks)

determination – arrogance – tolerance – perseverance – gratitude – pride

6. Do you agree with Anne Marie when she says that "learning is a pleasure, not a chore"? Why or why not? Justify your answer. (1 mark)

I with Anne Marie because

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WRITING (15 marks)

Task one: (5marks)

Use the notes below to write a biography of Maria Montessori.

- Date of birth : 1870 .Place of birth : Northern Italy.
- Parents : well – educated . Father's job: Soldier
- Higher education : biology and medicine at Rome University.1907 : graduation as a doctor.
- Working with disabled kids / trying out her new educational methods
- One of the world greatest teachers.
- Death : age: 82 / Holland.

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Task two : Essay (10marks)

You saw a sign calling people to protect the environment by not using plastic bags for shopping.

Write a 12-line article for your school magazine in which you raise the issue of pollution and strongly advise your school mates to save the environment where they live.

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LANGUAGE (10 marks)

1- Fill in the blanks with 8 words from the box: (4 marks)

stunning – highlight- sights –to- looking -resort – ranging- with – wealth – for

Tunisia is the smallest of the North African countries but a very popular one. Its culture and historical compete with the best in North Africa. For such a small country, Tunisia has a.....of sights and activities for the visitor. Tunis, the capital, is a relaxed place and it is easy to stay therea few days without wanting to escape. The coastline is fantastic with somebeaches and bays and there is something for everyone..... from the jet-setters amongst you to those..... for a more secluded place to stay. Another..... of a visit to Tunisia is visiting the Oasis town of Tozeur,its spectacular scenery and vibrant market life.

2- Put the bracketed words in the correct form. (3 marks)

Delivering quality education has never been quicker or easier. Even the top U.S. **(education)** institutions now use the **(late)** technology to spread learning further. Distance learning makes it possible to combine a career with enhancing your **(qualify)**..... at a prestigious college or university. The exchange of media and literature does not **(necessity)** require physical contact, even if students are **(require)** to attend occasional lectures or examinations, which means that distance learning is the ideal solution for the modern business persons **(try)** to improve their career and future prospects.

3- Circle the correct alternative (3marks)

The travel agency has agreed to pay you full compensation. They **(excuse – apologize – pardon)** profusely for your inconvenience and **(disappoint – disappointed – disappointment)**. Apparently, they were forced **(on – of – to)** change your accommodation because the facilities advertised at your hotel would not have been **(available – booked – refunded)** until 2003. **(Unlike – However – As well)**, you should have been kept **(fully – full – fullness)** informed about the changes made by the agency.