

EXAMEN DU BACCALAUREAT - SESSION DE JUIN 2010

**SECTIONS : Mathématiques + Sciences expérimentales +
Economie et Gestion + Sciences de l'Informatique**

ÉPREUVE : ANGLAIS

DURÉE : 2 h COEFFICIENT : 1

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

I – READING COMPREHENSION (12 marks)

1. Ever since I was twelve years old, I've wanted to help people live vibrant and healthy. I have always wanted to be a physician. When I turned 21, however, I was so disenchanted with the medical community that I passed on medicine in favor of working my way around the world for a year. During this journey, I learned that every interaction has the potential to change your perspective on life.

2. After I started working as a research assistant in a hospital, my perspective changed. I walked into Rodney's room frustrated and ready to quit. As I entered his room, he picked up his head, leaned over and told me in a serious tone 'You know what the worst part about this place is ? It's that it is so lonely, depressing and sterile. Hospitals should make you feel good to be alive. They don't. They just suck the life right out of you!' Three weeks later, Rodney died at the age of 38.

3. Last April, I spent two days with Patch Adams, a physician and a professional clown, during his visit to a nearby university. The first time I saw him, he was sitting atop a table wearing fluorescent clown clothes and mismatched purple and green as he spoke to a crowd of students. 'I am building the world's first silly hospital,' he says. For 27 years,

Adams has shown that a sense of humor and fun can help heal a sick community by challenging traditional medical models.

unhealthy. Adams began

4. Not willing to practice medicine in a system that he deemed

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

3) Complete with words from paragraph four. (2 marks)

After having (1) to his colleagues the world over, Adams found out that he was not the only one to believe that (2)..... was the worst illness ever.

4) Find in the text words having nearly the same meaning as (3 marks)

- a) full of enthusiasm (paragraph 1) :
- b) dissatisfied (paragraph 1) :
- c) has strongly supported (paragraph 3)

5) What do the underlined words in the text refer to ? (2 marks)

- a) this place (paragraph 2) :
- b) it (paragraph 4) :

II – WRITING (12 marks)

1) Use the following notes to write a short biography of Pablo Picasso. (4 marks)

- Birth : 1881 / Genius / early age
- 6000 paintings / drawings / sculptures
- Famous portrait : Guernica, 1937
- Death : 1973.

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2) A friend of yours is thinking of moving from the countryside to live in the city.
Write your friend a letter in which you mention the numerous benefits of country life
and try to persuade him/her not to move. (8 marks)

DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME OR ADDRESS

Dear friend,

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Yours,
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III – LANGUAGE (6 marks)

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

Girls are bullied for longer periods of time than boys, a study revealed yesterday. Girls **(target)** ①..... at the age of six are more than twice as likely as boys to still be victims at 10. The nature of bullying tends **(change)** ②..... as a child gets older **(move)** ③..... from direct physical threats to relational **(bully)** ④..... Girls at the age of six are **(likely)** ⑤..... than boys to become victims of bullying over a long period. **(Research)** ⑥..... from universities say that bullied girls become visible in their peer group, leading to some getting a reputation for being a victim that is difficult to change.

2) Fill in the 6 blanks with the appropriate words from the box. (3 marks)

passion – interactive – For – attitudes – unwilling – empower – By – discourage

The EU-funded iClass project has been working to develop an innovative learning platform based on ICT. It is designed to ①..... pupils to make more control of the learning process. 'We aim to make education more ②....., worthwhile and enjoyable', explains Eric Meyvis, the project coordinator. 'Pupils are becoming ③..... to learn. We are using ICT, the internet and an attractive interface to make learning more fun. ④..... providing greater self-reliance and a ⑤..... for inquiry among pupils, iClass helps equip them with crucial ⑥..... for the emerging knowledge-based economy. This requires pupils to upgrade their skills and knowledge throughout their lives.