

EXAMEN DU BACCALAUREAT - SESSION DE JUIN 2010

SECTION : S P O R T

EPREUVE : A N G L A I S

DUREE : 2 H

COEFFICIENT : 1,5

I – READING COMPREHENSION (5 marks)

In today's world, many adults find themselves unsatisfied with their jobs and wishing for something more. Many people wish that they could gain more job skills and make more money, but demands on their time and schedule make this seem impossible. The good news is that the Internet has many online learning opportunities available that will allow you to gain a higher education and learn new skills. Moreover the great thing about online learning is that you can get an education according to your own schedule and can do it from the comfort of your own home. In fact, thousands of working professionals have been able to increase their knowledge and job skills without ever having to enter a classroom.

While there are many learning opportunities available on the Internet that can help you increase your job skills and earn a degree, there are many opportunities that can simply help you become a more well-rounded person. Some adults, such as stay-at-home moms or retirees, often find themselves pursuing online learning just for the joy of learning. There is no limit to what you will be able to learn and how you will be able to enrich your life.

So whether you are looking to pursue a degree or to gain personal enrichment, you do not have to spend thousands of dollars at a university and take hours out of your day and work schedule. By finding the right learning opportunity on the web, you will be able to enrich your life and gain new skills at your leisure.

Adapted from [Online learning Market place.com](http://OnlinelearningMarketplace.com)

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1) Tick (✓) the right alternative. (1 mark)

The text is mainly about

- a) learning opportunities ☐
- b) professional learning ☐
- c) online adult learning ☐

2) These statements are false. Correct them with details from the text.
(2 marks)

- a) Many professionals can't study to increase their job skills because it's too expensive.
(paragraph 1)

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- b) Only professionals are interested in distance learning. (paragraph 2)

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3) Tick (✓) the right alternative. (1 mark)

A well – rounded person (paragraph 2) is a person

- a) who is overweight ☐
- b) with great knowledge ☐
- c) who is addicted to the internet ☐

4) What does the underlined word in paragraph 1 refer to ? (1 mark)

"this" refers to

II – LANGUAGE (10 marks)

1) Fill in the blanks with 7 words from the box below. (3.5 marks)

performance – Olympics – final – medal – hard – victory – championship – training – score

Eight years ago, Laura Wilkinson thought her Olympic dreams were over when she broke three bones in her right foot just six months before the Sydney Games. But the Texan decided to keep 1) and postpone surgery until after the 2000 Olympics. Wilkinson's 2) work paid off. In the 3)..... round of the women's 10-meter platform diving event, her 4)..... vaulted her from fifth place, past the dominant Chinese, to win the gold 5)..... for the United States. She became the first American to win the event since 1964. After her great 6) in Sydney, Wilkinson won both the 2004 world cup and the 2005 world 7)

2) Circle the right alternative. (3 marks)

The collapse of major ice sheet will not raise global sea levels as much as previous projections suggest, a team of scientists has calculated. Researchers said that the melting of the west Antarctic ice sheet would (**result / lead / feel**) in a sea level rise of 3.3 metres. Previous estimates had (**forecasts / forecasting / forecast**) a rise in the region of five to six metres. However they added, the rise would still (**pose / solve / ask**) a serious threat to major coastal cities (**but / such as / unlike**) New York. Sea rise level is considered (**to be / being / been**) one of the (**most / more / much**) serious consequences of climate change.

3) Fill in the blanks with the right tense / form of the bracketed words. (3.5 marks)

The first guide book of "last chance holidays" will be published tomorrow. For travellers who want to visit the most (**danger**) tourist destinations across the world, the book entitled "500 places (**see**) before they disappear" (**list**) places where it is still possible to see rare animals, special landscapes, and (**culture**) sights. Holly Hughes, one of the authors of the book said "we all know about (**devastate**) brought by climate changes and humans, but this book is a list of last – chance destinations that (**travel**) can visit if they go soon for (**probable**)the last time .

III – WRITING (5 marks)

Read Mary's letter to the columnist.

Dear Sir,

I do not enjoy physical education at school. I know I am a bit overweight and I am unfit and I always avoid physical education whenever I can. I would like to be more active but it's really hard to know what to do.

Mary

Write a reply giving Mary the appropriate advice.

Dear Mary,

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Yours
The columnist