

<b>REPUBLIQUE TUNISIENNE</b> <b>MINISTRE DE L'EDUCATION</b> 	<b>EXAMEN DU BACCALAUREAT</b> <b>SESSION DE JUIN 2012</b>		
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**Le sujet comporte 4 pages**

## THE TEXT

According to research carried out by insurance group More Than, one in twelve drivers admitted crashing following a quarrel, with one in three saying they have seen red and taken off in their car following an argument. Such an action can lead to an accident, just as was the case with Tiger Woods, who crashed his Cadillac Escalade into a tree after an argument with his wife.

Apparently, driving after a heated row with a partner is a fairly common phenomenon. It is thought to have affected more than nine million drivers and was responsible for nearly 2.5 million bumps, scrapes or full-blown smashes on Britain's roads.

The acute emotional agitation after a quarrel makes drivers wound up, distressed and unfocused. This can lead to erratic driving, speeding, tailgating, cutting up other drivers, dangerous overtaking and "stealing" parking spaces.

Mark Christer, from More Than, said: "It's vital that drivers understand how getting behind the wheel in an overly emotional state could be the cause of a serious, or even fatal, accident." Psychologist Honey Langcaster-James has compiled a unit system, based on the version for alcohol, to help motorists understand the risks. Silent treatment poses the same risk as drinking two units of alcohol and leaves drivers twice as likely to have a crash compared to those who remain calm.

Hitting a road after a blazing row, the most severe form of romantic road rage is classified as 12 units. Mrs. Langcaster-James recommends drivers in such an emotional stress to take at least an hour to cool down. This cooling off period allows physical and emotional stress levels to fall and gives the person sufficient time to regain their concentration for driving safely.

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**READING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (5 marks)**

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

The research warns drivers against :

- a. drink driving. (.....)
- b. driving after a quarrel. (.....)
- c. driving too fast. (.....)

**2. Complete with two adjectives from paragraph 3. (2 marks)**

After a heated row, the driver feels a ..... and b .....

**3. List the two benefits of cooling down after a blazing row. (paragraph 5) (2 marks)**

- a. ....
- b. ....

**LANGUAGE : (10 marks)**

**1. Circle the right option. (3.5 marks)**

Do the names MySpace, Facebook, Orkut, etc. ring a bell ? They probably do because they are some of **(the most popular/popular/more popular)** sites in the internet today. These sites are all called "**(society/social/ sociable)** networking" sites because they help people **(cheat/meet/greet)** and discuss things online. Each of these sites has its own strengths: MySpace is especially popular **(of/between/among)** teenagers, Facebook is popular with college age people, Orkut is especially **(loving/love/loved)** in Brazil, and CyWorld is the site to visit in South Korea. The common thread between all of these networks is that they **(need/provide/take)** a place for people to **(interact/argue/exchange)**, rather than a place to go to read or listen to 'content'.

2. Put the bracketed words in the right tense or form. (3.5 marks)

A study that assesses the extent to which dog owners located in Brisbane, Australia, wish (holiday)..... with their pets and whether there is a gap between this desire and (real) ..... . It also (examine) ..... the extent to which this demand is being catered for by the tourism (accommodate) ..... sector. The need for this study reflects the (increase) ..... significant role dogs are playing in the lives of humans. The results suggest that, although there is a (strength)..... desire among dog owners to take holidays with their pets, a significant obstacle to the realization of this desire appears to be a (short) ..... of pet-friendly facilities.

3. Fill in the blanks with six words/expressions from the list below. (3 marks)

dioxide – warning – journalist – so called – needed – extra – labeled – produced

Carbon emissions usually refer to man-made production of a series of gases that accumulate in the atmosphere and help to warm it. Strictly speaking, not all of these ①..... greenhouse gases contain carbon. So some – including *New York Times* ②..... Andrew Revkin – have ③..... the phrase misleading. Some use the phrase as shorthand for emissions of carbon ④....., which is the most important greenhouse gas ⑤..... . Often the emissions of other greenhouse gases are measured by converting them to the equivalent quantity of CO<sub>2</sub> ⑥..... to produce a similar warming effect.

