### **SESSION DE CONTROLE**

Le sujet comporte 04 pages.

#### THE TEXT

1-In the spring 2009, 16-year-old Breon Johnson was on the verge of giving up on school. With a report card of Ds and Fs, success seemed out of reach. Breon struggles with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), causing him to have trouble focusing and staying on task. To add another challenge, Breon was faced with racism and discrimination from elementary school on – even from teachers.

2-Breon's mum Melissa was very involved in the school, doing her best to ensure her son got what he needed. "He had no confidence," Melissa told us. Tears welled up as she described what life looked like for her son. Fortunately, Melissa got a call from Breon's school counsellor, recommending she looks into online public school. That was the beginning of a revolutionary chapter in Breon's life. With teachers" support, Breon Johnson went from a defeated teenager to an honour roll student in

#### one school year.

3-In his own words, teachers in his old school "don"t care whether or not kids get through high school." These experiences were enough to kill his confidence in himself and in his ability to learn. Breon described his teachers at Insight Online School of Washington: they are invested in his success, they answer his questions promptly and they are available around the clock.

4-When asked what has been the biggest surprise with online learning, Melissa answered, "His grades. He's on the honour roll. His confidence has shot up." I asked him what his future would have been like were it not for public online learning. He didn't miss a beat. "I probably would have been that guy on the side of the street asking for money."

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# **READING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (5 marks)**

1. Tick ( □) the correct alternative. (1 mark)

The text is mainly about:

- a. How online learning changed Breon's life.
- b. Breon"s health problems.
- c. Dropping out of school in Washington.

2. Complete with information from paragraph 1. (2 marks)

Breon was about to drop out of school because he ..... and

3. Focus on paragraph 4 and state the positive effects of online learning. (2 marks)

- a. On Breon"s education:....
- b. On Breon"s psychology:

## LANGUAGE (10 marks)

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

when - sorrowful - provide - well - for - around - support - of - memorable

Friends can motivate us when we're ready to give in and they can .....us when life falls apart.

They are there when all is ...... and we want someone with whom to share life's pleasant and ...... moments. We often just want them ...... to have a good time. In how many ways have friends enriched our lives and made us feel loved, accepted, respected and cared .....? Probably, too many to list and the list grows daily.

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

At the 2012 Olympic Games in London environmental and social responsibility played a prominent role. For those who build and run sports facilities, energy issues have become (increase)...... important. In a cold country like Sweden, it can be very expensive (heat) ...... stadiums during the winter. In Sweden, there are plenty of poorly insulated

tennis halls where heating and (light) ...... consume large amounts of money. Now, an important step has been taken (make) ...... tennis greener. The southern Climate Arena is the world's first tennis club made of wood that meets the (require)

...... to be an energy-efficient and climate (friend) ...... construction. The tennis hall (be) ...... inaugurated in the summer of 2012 and it's a concept that represents a model for the future of sport.

3- Circle the correct option. (3 marks)

Forget music lessons, sport clubs and trips to the theatre. The only out-of - school activity that will really (attract – endure – enhance) a teenager's career prospects is reading, research shows. Oxford University academics have found that 16-year-olds (which – who – whose) read books at least once a month were significantly (less – more – most) likely to be in a managerial job at thirty three than those who did not read books at all. No other activity from sport to (socializing – enjoying – amusing) with friends, going to museums and concerts, or doing practical activities such as cooking or sewing, affected their careers, (should – unless – if) they were also reading. Youngsters who spent a lot of time playing computer games reduced their chances of going to university, (although – despite – unlike) it was not found to hurt their employment prospects. Education experts say the findings are proof of the importance of reading.

WRITING (5 marks)

May the 31<sup>st</sup> is the world no-tobacco Day. Write an anti-smoking article for your school magazine, state the negative effects of tobacco and advise students who smoke to quit smoking.