

BACCALAURÉAT GÉNÉRAL

SESSION 2009

ANGLAIS LV 1

Séries ES/S

Durée : 3 heures - Coefficient : 3

L'usage de la calculatrice et du dictionnaire n'est pas autorisé.

*Dès que le sujet vous est remis, assurez-vous qu'il est complet.
Ce sujet comporte 4 pages numérotées de 1/4 à 4/4.*

BARÈME

COMPRÉHENSION	10 pts
EXPRESSION	10 pts

The story is set in Australia in the 1930s, when a whole generation of Aboriginal children were taken away from their families to be put into reservations and turned into "good Australian citizens".

Approaching the farmhouse slowly, they looked about them. Glancing at the barking dogs they saw that both were chained near their kennels but they still gave the girls a scare as they tried to rush past them. Fortunately the strong chains held. The girls opened the wooden gate and were greeted by a little four-year-old girl who was playing with her toys on the large verandah.

"Come inside," she said warmly as she opened the door. "My name is Susan," she added as she rushed inside.

"Mummy," she yelled, "there's two girls outside and they're all wet."

Daisy and Gracie didn't accept the child's invitation to go inside, but stood politely on the verandah, letting the water trickle to the hems of their dresses then onto the timbered verandah.

Little Susan's mother came to the door and asked them, "Are you the runaways from the settlement?"

"Yes," they replied shyly.

"Where's the other one?" she asked.

"She's outside near the big tree, on the other side of the fence," Gracie informed her.

"Go and tell her to come inside and dry herself while I make something to eat," the woman said.

When she saw their reluctance, she smiled and said, "It's alright, you won't be reported." So Gracie dashed out in the rain to bring Molly inside the warm kitchen.

The woman, whose name was Mrs Flanagan, had received a phone call from Superintendent Neal on Tuesday afternoon asking her to watch out for three absconders and to report to him if she saw them. Mrs Flanagan asked the girls a lot of questions, especially about their ultimate destination.

"We are going to find the rabbit-proof fence¹ and follow it all the way home to Jigalong," Molly said.

"Well, I'm afraid you're going the wrong way. The rabbit-proof fence is not north. You must go east towards Ayres Find and Wubin. If you keep going north you will come to the coastal towns of either Dongara or Geraldton."

Mrs Flanagan made thick mutton and tomato chutney sandwiches, which the three girls stared at as if mesmerised. The aroma was overpowering, they could almost taste the cold mutton and crusty bread. Then they devoured them greedily, like the starving youngsters they were. These were followed by generous pieces of fruit cake and a cup of sweet, milky tea. A feeling of contentment prevailed in the comfortable, warm, dry farmhouse kitchen. Soon they became quite drowsy.

The girls watched as Mrs Flanagan filled a couple of brown paper bags with tea leaves, sugar, flour and salt and half a leg of mutton and a chunk of fruit cake and bread. She took three large empty fruit tins and said, "You will need these to boil your tea in. It may be easier to carry them in your bags. Have you all had enough to eat?"

"Yes, thank you," they said. They almost added, "missus" but managed to stop quickly.

"Right then, come with me and I'll give you some dry clothes to change into, and warm coats," she said as she led the way outside to a large shed opposite the house where there was a small storeroom. Inside was stored farm machinery, implements and grain. Mrs Flanagan pulled out some old army uniforms – a greatcoat for Molly and jackets for Gracie and Daisy.

"Here, you'd better take these too," she said, handing them some wheat bags. "Use them as capes to protect you from the rain and cold winds." [...]

50 Watching the three girls disappear into the open woodlands, she said loudly to herself, "Those girls are too young to be wandering around in the bush. They'll perish for sure. They don't know this part of the country. And the three of them with just dresses on. It's a wonder they didn't catch colds or worse, pneumonia. I'll have to report this to Mr Neal for their own good before they get lost and die in the bush," she said. "It's my duty."

Doris Pilkington, *Rabbit-Proof Fence*, 1996 (abridged)

(1) Rabbit-proof fence (line 25): a barrier put up in order to protect Australian farmlands from the invasion of rabbits

NOTE IMPORTANTE AUX CANDIDATS

Les candidats traiteront le sujet **sur la copie qui leur sera fournie** en respectant l'ordre des questions et en faisant apparaître la **numérotation** (numéro et lettre repère le cas échéant). Ils composeront des phrases complètes chaque fois qu'il leur est demandé de rédiger les réponses. **Le nombre de mots** indiqué constitue une exigence minimale. En l'absence d'indication, les candidats répondront brièvement (moins de 20 mots) à la question posée.

COMPRÉHENSION

1. When possible, give the full names of the six characters to be found in the extract and say whether they are present or just mentioned in the extract.
2. The scene is set in the countryside. Justify your answer with three precise quotations from the extract.
3. Say what the weather is like that day. Justify your answer with three quotations from the extract.
4. This is a summary of the beginning of the extract. Read lines 1 to 15 and find the missing words.
Before taking to the road, the three girls were living on a **(a)**, which is a kind of reservation. But they decided to escape, so now they are considered as **(b)**. They have just arrived at a **(c)**.
5. In your own words, say what the girls' ultimate plan is. (20 words)

6. The following adjectives apply to the girls. Justify each of them with a quotation from the extract.
 - a. well-behaved
 - b. intimidated
 - c. apprehensive
 - d. inexperienced
 - e. determined

7. Find the equivalents for the following words in lines 21 to 39 (in no particular order).
 - a. a piece
 - b. hypnotized
 - c. sleepy
 - d. irresistible
 - e. runaways

8. Describe the physical state the girls are in when arriving at Mrs Flanagan's. (15 words)

9. Why does Molly trust Mrs Flanagan and tell her where they are going? (25 words)

10. Are the girls out of danger at the end of the extract? Justify your answer in your own words. (30-35 words)

11. Show that Mrs Flanagan seems to be a warm-hearted person. (60 words)

12. True or false? Justify your answer by quoting from the extract.
 - a. The girls seem to be on the right track.
 - b. Mrs Flanagan is inquisitive.
 - c. Mrs Flanagan decides to break her promise to the girls.
 - d. She has mixed feelings about reporting the girls to the police.

EXPRESSION ÉCRITE

Choose **one** of the following subjects. Write 300 words.

1. As soon as the girls are out of sight, Mrs Flanagan picks up her phone and calls Superintendent Neal. Write their conversation.

2. Would you call Mrs Flanagan a traitor or a responsible person? Give your reasons.