

# **BACCALAURÉAT GÉNÉRAL**

**SESSION 2013**

**ANGLAIS**

**LANGUE VIVANTE 1**

<b>CORRIGE</b>
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**Durée de l'épreuve :**

**Séries ES et S : 3 h**

**Coefficient 3**

**Série L : 3 h**

**Coefficient 4**

## I - COMPREHENSION

Document 1 : Sherwood Anderson, *The Egg*, 1921

1. Copy the following sentence and fill in the gaps :

The narrator's father was originally a **farmhand** (l. 2) (job) while his mother was a **schoolteacher** (l. 9) (job). They got married when the father was **35** (l. 8) (age) and he had a baby boy when he was **36** (l. 9) (age).

**8 points: 4 x 2 points**

2. Focus on line 1 to line 7.

Choose the adjectives which best describe the father. Justify with quotes from the text.

**b) joyous:** "My father was (...) a **cheerful** man" (l.1)

**d) contented:** "**quite happy in his position in life**"(l.6)

**e) sociable:** "**spend a few hours in social intercourse with other farmhands**" (l.4-5)

**9 points : 3 x 3 points (adjectif + justification exacte, sinon 0 point)**

3. What changed the couple's life? (20 words)

- the couple **had a baby**
- they both **became ambitious...**

**4 points : 2 x 2 points**

4. Now read line 12 to the end of the text.

Are the following statements true or false? Justify your answer in each case by quoting the text.

- a) The mother was influenced by the lives of successful people.

**True** (l.13-14): "**She had, I presume, read of how Garfield, Lincoln and other Americans rose from poverty to fame and greatness.**"

- b) She encouraged her husband to leave his job.

**True** (l.16): "**She induced father to give up his place as a farmhand.**"

- c) She wanted him to be self-employed.

**True** (l.16-17): "**... embark on an independent enterprise of his own.**"

- d) The father was much more ambitious than his wife.

**False** (l.18-19): "**For father and myself she was incurably ambitious.**"

- e) The family business was successful.

**False** (l.20): "**The first venture into which the two people went turned out badly.**"

- f) They started breeding horses as a business.

**False** (l.21-22): "**... launched into chicken raising.**"

- g) Now, the narrator feels optimistic about his life.

**False** (l.23-24): "**I am a gloomy man inclined to see the darker side of life.**"

h) His childhood memories are rather negative.

**True** (l.24-25): "I attribute it to the fact that what should have been for me the happy joyous days of childhood were spent on a chicken farm."

**16 points: 8 x 2 points (chaque item sera noté 2 ou 0)**

5. Explain in your own words, in retrospect, how the narrator judges his mother's ambitions. (30 words)

**The narrator holds his mother responsible for being so ambitious that the family business was a failure. He also blames her for forcing her husband to launch into the unknown. Moreover, he accuses her of having ruined his childhood with her unrealistic and out-of-proportion dreams of social success.**

**12 points**

**Document 2 : Casting Crowns, *American Dream***

6. Choose the correct answer and justify with the text.

The narrator identifies himself with "Jack" in the English proverb because:

**c) He works too much.**

**Accepter ligne 6 : "I've no time to waste" et/ou ligne 10 : "he works all day"**

**Refuser ligne 1 qui est la citation du proverbe.**

**5 points : réponse correcte + justification, sinon 0**

7. As a father, what does the narrator want to offer his family? Explain in your own words.

**He wants to offer his family "the finer things", that is to say the best for them.**

**5 points**

8. Use your own words to explain what he does not have the time to do. Give three elements.

**He does not have the time to play with his son, to attend one of his son's matches, to enjoy his wife's company, to spend a peaceful weekend...**

**9 points : 3 x 3 points**

9. Does the father manage to reach his goal? Explain in your own words. (20-25 words)

**Although the father succeeded in securing material comfort for his family, he is unable to enjoy the "kingdom" he has built for them.**

**12 points**

## Documents 1 et 2

10. Can you show the dark side of the American Dream illustrated in these two texts? (60 words)

**In the first text, the mother's ambition to follow the examples of famous models led to the ruin of the whole family and the narrator's bitter and pessimistic feelings.**

**In the second text, however, in spite of the material comfort the father provided for his family, he failed in his personal and family life.**

<b>20 points</b>
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## II - EXPRESSION

Choose **one** of the two subjects. (260 words +/- 10 %).

A. Document 1, lines 14 and 15: "She may have dreamed that I would someday rule men and cities."

Imagine a dialogue between the mother and her young son.

**OR**

B. What sacrifices would you be ready to make in order to give your family a better life?

## Barème

### I – COMPREHENSION

10 points

Questions	Points
1	8
2	9
3	4
4	16
5	12
6	5
7	5
8	9
9	12
10	20
<b>100 points à diviser par 10</b>	

### II – EXPRESSION

10 points