

Corrigé du bac 2015 : Anglais LV1

Séries S-ES-L – Liban

BACCALAURÉAT GÉNÉRAL

Session 2015

ANGLAIS

Langue Vivante 1

Durée de l'épreuve : **3 heures**

Séries ES/S – coefficient : 3

Série L Langue vivante obligatoire (LVO) – coefficient : 4

Série L LVO et langue vivante approfondie (LVA) – coefficient : 8

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Répartition des points

Compréhension	10 points
Expression	10 points

COMPRÉHENSION (10 points)

Document A

1. Where and when does the scene take place?

The scene takes place during the holidays in a mountain village in India, mainly inside the shop Maneck's parents own.

2. What do you know about the main character? (full name, age, nationality)

The main character is an Indian boy called Maneck Kohlah, he is fourteen years old. He attends a boarding school, and comes back to his native village during the holidays to visit his parents.

3. a) Which members of the main character's family are present in the text?

The main character's parents appear in the text, as well as his uncle who is mentioned, and then also appears in the text.

- b) Give their full name and occupation if possible.

Maneck's parents, Farokh and Aban Kohlah, are shopkeepers. Maneck's uncle's name is Grewal, we do not know his surname. He is a brigadier, which is a military rank.

4. A "special treat" is mentioned in line 5.

- a) In your own words, explain what this "treat" consists of.

This « treat » consists of letting Maneck take over the family business for a few days while his parents are away, instead of closing the shop and sending their son to a neighbour's house. Maneck's parents wanted to please Maneck by demonstrating the confidence they had in him.

- b) On what occasion does it occur?

Maneck's parents are leaving for a couple of days to attend a marriage ceremony. This is the reason why they have to make an arrangement for their shop.

5. a) What do the clients think about the main character? Answer in your own words.

The customers are pleased with Maneck running the shop, in their opinion he is managing very well. They congratulate the young man on his work.

- b) Justify with a quote from the text.

The quote which shows the clients' enthusiasm for Maneck is, l. 14-18 « *The regulars (...) praised his ability. "Look at the boy, keeping the barracks shipshape. Deserves a medal." "Farokh and Aban could retire tomorrow if they wanted to," said Brigadier Grewal. "Nothing to worry about, with Field Marshal Maneck in charge of General Store." Everyone present laughed heartily at that.* ».

6. a) Explain Maneck's "idea" (line 26) in your own words.

At the end of his working day, Maneck wonders if a different disposition of some elements in the shop would look better. He decides to place the furniture in a new way, in order to enhance the merchandise by arranging a smarter display. He makes these changes overnight, so as to surprise his parents on the day of their return.

- b) Compare the desired impact of this idea with the actual reaction of his family. Answer in your own words and illustrate with quotes from the text. (30 words excluding quotes)

Maneck's aim was to pleasantly surprise his parents by making the shop's interior look better: l. 27-28 « *it seemed like a smart rearrangement of the display* », l. 28-29 « *What a surprise for Mummy and Daddy when they came back.* », l. 34 « *Perfect, he thought* », l. 39 « *hungry for his father's praise* ». Although it seemed good in theory, the innovations did not please Farokh, who ordered his son to put everything back in its place: l. 37-40 « *he told him to shut the door, hang out the Closed sign. "But there's still one hour left," said Maneck, hungry for his father's praise. "I know, Shut it anyway." Then his father ordered him to put everything back the way it was. His voice was barren of emotion.* », l. 43-44 « *this contempt, this refusal to even talk about it, was horrid.* »

7. In your own words, how do you explain the family's reactions? (30 words)

Mr. Kohlah is disappointed in his son as he feels he trusted him with his shop, all the more so as he specifically instructed him not to change anything (l. 7 : « *Just do things the way we do when I'm here* »), and yet Maneck betrayed him by making all these changes on his own without asking for permission.

8. (Filière L LVA uniquement)

"Maneck would have preferred it if his father had scolded or slapped him, or punished him in any manner he wanted. But this contempt, this refusal to even talk about it, was horrid." (lines 42-44)

Comment on Maneck's thoughts. (30 words)

Maneck feels frustrated, as not only all his efforts were shattered to pieces by his father, but he didn't even get a reaction, even a negative one, and had to obey with no discussion possible.

Document B

9. Answer the following questions in your own words.

a) What was Nick Applin's schoolboy dream?

Nick Applin's schoolboy dream was to work with his father, who was among other things a musician.

b) To what extent did this dream come true? (30 words)

Even if he didn't get to work with his father who died early, Nick started a company with his own son, also in the entertainment sector, and managed to build a successful business.

Document A and B

10. Find one similarity in the father and son relationship, then two differences in their relationship. (40 words)

Farokh and Nick both involve their sons in their family businesses. But while Nick and Max have built a partnership together with equal rights, Nick praising his son's hard work, Farokh on the contrary considers Maneck as a simple employee and shows no respect for his son's ideas.

EXPRESSION (10 points)

Les candidats des séries S, ES et L LVO doivent choisir entre le sujet **1** ou **2**.
Les candidats de la série L LVA doivent obligatoirement traiter le sujet **1**.

- 1. Do you think it is easy to work with members of your own family? Would you be ready to work with them in a family business? Explain why or why not. (250 words, +/- 10 words)**

Indications de rédaction pour une proposition de correction :

Rédigez une introduction générale de quelques lignes (3 lignes environ), par ex. « Children of company owners often find themselves obligated to work within the family enterprise, to eventually take over the business. Although working with people you have grown with feels less stressful and comforting, it may also be a threat to your relationships with them. »

Ensuite, faites un plan qui n'apparaîtra pas sur la copie :

- I) Travailler avec des membres de sa famille est difficile.
- On déconseille généralement de mêler vie privée et professionnelle.
 - En travaillant avec sa famille, on finit par les voir tout le temps et être enfermé dans le cercle familial, cela peut devenir source de conflits.
 - On a moins l'occasion de rencontrer de nouvelles personnes, s'ouvrir au monde.
 - La hiérarchie dans la famille (enfant qui doit obéir aux parents) peut être transposée au travail également et cela peut être source de frustrations, questions d'ego.
 - Si l'entreprise appartient à un membre de la famille, et qu'on décide de partir, cela peut être incompris et mal interprété.
 - Une mauvaise expérience peut entacher pour toujours les relations dans la famille.
- II) Mais malgré tout travailler en famille peut aussi être une très bonne expérience.
- Moins de stress, environnement de travail plus confortable.
 - Les membres de la famille seront plus indulgents en cas d'erreur qu'un supérieur qu'on ne connaît pas en dehors du travail.
 - Traverser des épreuves et résoudre des problèmes ensemble peut rapprocher.
 - Réduction des coûts, moins de frais de salariés.

III) Votre opinion sur la question.

- Vous aimeriez (ou non) travailler en famille, expliquez pourquoi (I would love to work with my family, because we have an excellent relationship and it would be an opportunity to spend more time with them / I would rather not work with my family, as I don't want our differences of opinion at work to come between us).

N'hésitez pas à inclure des exemples du texte, ici vous pouvez comparer les situations de Maneck et de Max : la culture, le caractère des personnes est déterminant pour la réussite d'une entreprise familiale.

Concluez, en commençant par exemple par « On the whole ».

2. In document A, write what happens next. (250 words, +/- 10 words)

Indications de rédaction pour une proposition de correction :

Ecrivez à la troisième personne, gardez le style du reste du texte. Gardez le temps utilisé dans le texte : le passé, en faisant attention à la concordance des temps :

- Futur dans le passé : utilisez le conditionnel (would, could, should).
- Passé dans le passé : past perfect simple (insiste sur le résultat) et past perfect continuous (insiste sur l'action en elle-même et sa durée).

Exprimez ce que ressent Maneck après que son père n'ait pas réagi à ses changements comme il l'espérait. Il est dans l'incompréhension, attristé, en colère. Il pensait bien faire, et maintenant son père lui en veut, il a perdu sa confiance. Par exemple :

« Maneck was devastated. He had not been expecting such a reaction from his father. He quickly moved the glass case and the table back to where they were, and went directly to his room, sobbing. His mother called him to dinner, but he didn't move. He was not hungry, and too ashamed to eat with his father. If only he could go back in time, if only he could not have thought about this rearrangement... His father would be so proud of him now, for having managed the shop on his own. Why did he always have to ruin everything? »

Sa mère pourrait venir le reconforter dans sa chambre. Puis Maneck pourrait l'entendre parler à Farokh pour essayer de le raisonner. Le lendemain, Farokh pourrait revenir vers son fils et lui proposer de réarranger la boutique tous les deux.