

BACCALAUREAT GENERAL

ANGLAIS

SERIES ES/S

LANGUE VIVANTE 1

Durée : 3 heures

Coefficient : 3

Note importante

- ◆ Les réponses doivent impérativement être portées sur la copie d'examen à en-tête.
- ◆ Il est inutile de recopier les questions posées. En revanche, il faudra inscrire scrupuleusement les numéros et/ou lettres des questions de chaque exercice.
- ◆ Les réponses devront impérativement être proposées dans le même ordre que celui de la feuille de sujet.

L'usage du dictionnaire et des calculatrices est interdit.

COMPREHENSION	10 points
EXPRESSION	10 points

Avant de composer, le candidat s'assurera que le sujet comporte bien 3 pages numérotées de 1/3 à 3/3

When I was about to go around the world in a hot-air balloon – a venture I knew was very risky and from which I might not return – I wanted to leave my children a small piece of advice from my heart, something I thought would guide them in the years ahead. Before I left, I wrote a letter to Sam and Holly, in which I said, 'Live life to the full. Enjoy every minute of it. Love and look after Mum.'

Those words sum up what I believe in. Don't waste time. Have fun. Love your family.

Notice that making money isn't in that list.

I didn't set out to be rich. The fun and the challenge in life were what I wanted – and still do. I don't deny that money is important. We are not cave men and women who can live on just roots and berries. However much an idealist might resent it, we live in an era when we must have some money to survive. I once said I only need one breakfast, one lunch and one dinner a day, and I still live by those words. I never went into business just to make money – but I have found that if I have fun, the money will come. I often ask myself, is my work fun and does it make me happy? I believe that the answer to that is more important than fame or fortune. If something stops being fun, I ask *why*? If I can't fix it, I stop doing it.

You might ask, how do I know that fun will lead to money? My answer would be that I don't know it – I can only offer myself and my way of living my life as an example. Success doesn't always happen and I have had my downs as well as ups, and of course I don't fritter¹ away every day playing – I'd quickly get bored. Relaxation is good, holidays are important, but I think what I really mean is that we should enjoy what we do, whatever it is. Our work should inspire and satisfy us. We spend so much of our lives working to make a living that doing something we loathe seems pointless. I believe in balance, what Buddhists call harmony. On the whole I have been very lucky maintaining this balance. For almost as long as I can remember, I've had fun and I've made money.

My very first business enterprises, or moneymaking schemes, were not a success, but I learned from them. One Easter holiday, when I was about nine years old and home from prep school, I came up with a great plan. I would grow Christmas trees. Everyone wanted a Christmas tree, so it seemed logical to conclude that quite literally Christmas trees were a cash crop – and what's more, they just grew themselves. Pound signs danced in my eyes. I found out where to get the seedlings² and sent away for them. As soon as they arrived, I asked my best friend, Nik Powell, to help me plant some 400 seedlings in our field at home. We worked hard making holes with a gadget called a dibble and dropping in the seedlings, but like all boys who like to mess about on the farm, we also enjoyed ourselves. All we had to do was wait for the seedlings to turn into Christmas trees in eighteen months, sell them and count the money. Even at an early age I planned long term.

The first lesson I learned was how to use maths. I was not good at sums at school. On paper, they were too cerebral and made no sense because I had the kind of mind that needed to visualise figures that had a purpose. As I planned our Christmas tree business I saw at once that if a bag of 400 seedlings cost £5 and each tree sold for £2, we would make £795 in profit. That was real money, worth waiting for.

My second lesson was that money doesn't grow on trees! Sadly, rabbits ate all the seedlings. We got some revenge. I'm sorry to say we had fun shooting the rabbits, which we sold for a shilling each to the local butcher. Overall, we did make a small profit on the original £5 investment and all our friends had rabbit pie. We all – except the rabbits – gained something.

Richard BRANSON, *Lessons in Life and Business* 2007

¹ fritter away : waste away

² the seedlings : very young plants

I – COMPREHENSION

1. What do we learn about the narrator's name, age group, nationality, family, profession, social status, childhood home? Write a paragraph of about 40 words.
 2. Focus on the first paragraph.
In what circumstances did he write a letter to his family?
What two aspects of his personality are revealed? (50 words)
- Focus on lines 8 to 24
3. Choose the most suitable title.
 - a) The less I work, the better I feel.
 - b) Always look on the bright side of life.
 - c) Money is not enough to make happiness.
 - d) A successful life is only based on hard work.
 4. True or False? Justify your answers with a quotation from the text.
 - a. His first aim in life was to make a fortune.
 - b. Nowadays people have fewer needs than in the past.
 - c. Enjoying himself has always been the main pursuit of the narrator's life.
 - d. His life has been a bed of roses so far.
 - e. Happiness and work are incompatible.
 5. Lines 22-23: "On the whole I have been very lucky maintaining this balance".
Explain in your own words what the narrator means by "this balance". (20 words)

Focus on lines 25 to 44

6. Which of the following titles is NOT suitable?
 - a) Learning from one's mistakes.
 - b) A mitigated success.
 - c) A Christmas celebration.
 - d) My first business experience.
7. a. Line 27: "I came up with a great plan."
Explain in your own words what the plan was.
Say why he found it great and justify your answer with two quotations. (50 words)
b. What does the narrator think of the result of the experience? Develop your answer and include 3 quotations. (70 words)
8. Analyse the tone in the last paragraph. (40 words)
Then justify your answer with two quotations.

II – EXPRESSION

.....Choose ONE of the following subjects. (300 words).....

1. Do you approve of people who do extreme sports?
What are their motivations? Do such sports appeal to you?
2. After high school you decide to take a year off (to travel around the world or try any other experience...)
Imagine the conversation in which you break the news to your parents.