

BACCALAURÉAT GÉNÉRAL

SESSION 2014

ANGLAIS

LANGUE VIVANTE 2

SUJET

Durée de l'épreuve :

Séries ES et S : 2 h

Série L : 3 h

Coefficient : 2

Coefficient : 4

L'usage du dictionnaire et de la calculatrice est interdit.

Dès que ce sujet vous est remis, assurez-vous qu'il est complet.

Ce sujet comporte 6 pages numérotées de 1/6 à 6/6.

DOCUMENT A

Mrs Beecham lived on the third floor at the back. The third floor of the house was much smaller than the others, and had only Mrs Beecham's room, a bath at the center rear, and a room the size of Mrs Beecham's at the left which Mrs McCartney slept in. David knocked gently on Mrs Beecham's door, and her sweet, high voice immediately called, 'Come in, David.' She knew his step.

She was in her wheel chair with some knitting and a book on her lap. On the book stood her rectangular magnifying lens which she moved downward on the page as she knitted and read simultaneously. She was eighty-seven, and she had been paralyzed in her left leg and partially paralyzed in her left arm for twenty years from a stroke. Her daughter in California sent her a little money regularly, but David had heard that she never came to visit her.

'Sit down, David,' Mrs Beecham said, gesturing to a broken straw-bottomed straight chair. 'I was hoping I'd catch you before you took off. Didn't you say your mother was about my size?' She had thrust her chair expertly over to her bureau and parked it sidewise.

'Just about,' David said, as he had many times before. 'Don't tell me you've made something else.' He had sat down, smiling, to be polite, but he leaped up nervously as she drew a pink garment out of her bureau drawer.

'It's just another bedjacket. You know it doesn't take me any time to make 'em, David, and who else've I got to give 'em to?'

David examined it appreciatively, and tried to think what he could give Mrs Beecham in return. He had given her several presents. But presents for Mrs Beecham were difficult for him to think of. 'It's really beautiful, Mrs Beecham. You know, though, she's still wearing that other one you made her - last year.'

'Won't hurt to have two. Two pairs of socks aren't hardly enough for you neither, David. Be sure you bring 'em to me when they got holey. I'm making my new little great-grandchild a coat and bonnet now, but socks for you come next.' She was fiddling with her knitting needles, too old and gray to blush with her pleasure at David's liking the bedjacket.

Patricia HIGHSMITH, *This Sweet Sickness*, 1960

DOCUMENT B

Rent-A-Grandma helping older women find work

Shelley Walta needed a job. Michelle Julien needed a grandma.

5 Todd Pliss saw an opportunity. Pliss paired the Simi Valley women through Rent-A-Grandma, a Los Angeles-based employment agency he founded in 2010. The agency places older women with families in need of everything from child care to domestic help to cooking to pet-sitting.(...)

10 Walta, 48, was laid off from her job in 2005, and separated from her husband. She needed a job, so in 2011, she answered an ad on Craigslist, where Pliss was advertising, and drove to Woodland Hills for an interview. Walta had worked as a receptionist but most of her skills were those she had gained as a mother to her children.

"I told him about how I've been told I'm a domestic goddess because I can do cooking and sewing and gardening and everything around the house really well," Walta said.

15 It was exactly what Julien, 40, needed. The Simi Valley first-time mom and her husband both work, and she wanted reliable care for her 2-year-old, Ryan. She wanted someone mature, rather than a young baby sitter.

20 "I worried about Ryan being unsupervised, and him being a 2-year-old, I was afraid he would get into something he wasn't supposed to and the teenager wouldn't be paying attention or watching TV or on the phone," Julien said. "With Shelley, I'm very at ease. I know she's watching Ryan and he's not going to get into the cupboards and get detergent and pour it all over the place." (...)

25 Pliss said he heard horror stories from the moms about how difficult it was to get reliable help with the kids. "Sometimes the sitters wouldn't show up. One fell asleep and locked the kids out of the house," Pliss said. "I started to think, who has the most experience taking care of kids, the household and baking delicious cookies? It hit me like a lightning bolt: Grandma on all counts."

So the New York native, who had business experience, launched his website, making it clear that these were jobs for older women, usually at least 45.

Kim Lamb GREGORY, *Ventura County Star*, 2012

NOTE AUX CANDIDATS

Les candidats traiteront le sujet sur la copie qui leur sera fournie et veilleront à :

- respecter l'ordre des questions et reporter la numérotation sur la copie ;
 - faire précéder les citations de la mention de la ligne ;
 - composer des phrases complètes ;
- respecter le nombre de mots indiqués qui constitue une exigence minimale.

En l'absence d'indication, les candidats répondront brièvement à la question posée.

I - COMPRÉHENSION

LES CANDIDATS DES SÉRIES ES et S TRAITERONT LES QUESTIONS :

1 – 2 – 3a) – 5 – 6 – 8

LES CANDIDATS DE LA SÉRIE L TRAITERONT LES QUESTIONS :

1 – 2 – 3 – 5 – 6 – 8

LES CANDIDATS DE LA SÉRIE L LVA TRAITERONT TOUTES LES QUESTIONS.

Document A : Patricia HIGHSMITH, *This SweetSickness*, 1960

1. Read from line 1 to line 12.

Give a quotation to prove that Mrs Beecham...

- a. has two main hobbies.
- b. is an elderly woman.
- c. is handicapped.
- d. is of modest financial means.
- e. has some reason to feel lonely.

2. Read from line 13 to the end.

- a. What does Mrs Beecham give David? (Nature, origin and colour)
- b. Who is the gift really meant for?

3. Read the whole text again.

- a. How does David react on seeing the gift from Mrs Beecham? (20 words)

Seuls les candidats de la série L (LVA inclus) traiteront la question 3 b.

b. How can you explain this reaction? (20 words)

Candidats de la série L LVA uniquement

4. a. What are Mrs Beecham's feelings for David? (30 words)

b. Give the reasons why she feels that way. (30 words)

Document B : Kim Lamb GREGORY, *Ventura County Star*, 2012

5. For each sentence write the appropriate subject from the following list.

Michelle Julien – Ryan – Shelley Walta – Todd Pliss

a. ...came up with an original business idea.

b. ...has little time to do the housework.

c. ...is good at doing the housework.

d. ...lost his/her job.

e. ...needs to be looked after.

f. ... recently had his/her first child.

6. a. Quote **four** examples showing the disadvantages of young baby sitters.

b. According to Pliss, why are grandmas better qualified to look after a child?
(20 words)

Candidats de la série L LVA uniquement

7. What were Pliss's motivations when he created his agency? (30 words)

Documents A et B

8. What are the reasons why Mrs Beecham and Mrs Walta need to feel useful?
(50 words)

II - EXPRESSION

Les candidats des séries S et ES traiteront UN sujet au choix en 150 mots minimum.

Les candidats de la série L (L LVA inclus) traiteront DEUX sujets au choix en un minimum de 150 mots chacun, soit 300 mots au total.

A. In what ways does the prospect of growing old frighten people?

OR

B. Is friendship between people of different generations possible? You may illustrate with examples from your own life.

OR

C. You wish to get a job as a baby sitter and you are having an interview with the parents of a young child. Write the dialogue.