

BACCALAURÉAT GÉNÉRAL

SESSION 2013

ANGLAIS

LANGUE VIVANTE 1

CORRIGE

Durée de l'épreuve :

Séries ES et S : 3 h

Série L : 3 h

Coefficient 3

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.

20 points

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?

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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
100 points à diviser par 10	

II – EXPRESSION

10 points