

Baccalauréat Technologique

Session 2011

ANGLAIS

LANGUE VIVANTE 1

LV1 STG (GSI), ST2S, STI et STL

Durée de l'épreuve : 2 heures – coefficient : 2

LV1 STG (CGRH, CFE, MERCATIQUE)

Durée de l'épreuve : 2 heures – coefficient : 3

STG, ST2S :	Compréhension : 10 points	Expression : 10 points
STI, STL :	Compréhension : 12 points	Expression : 8 points

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

**Avant de composer, le candidat s'assurera que le sujet comporte bien
4 pages numérotées de 1 à 4.**

Feeling lonely? Don't have anyone to go to the pub with? Then a friend rental service could be just the thing you need. But what's it like to spend a day with someone you're paying to be your friend?

- 5 I meet my friend Andy in a café. Over a coffee we chat about music, current events and the ups and downs of our working lives. We don't spend a lot of time talking about our feelings or our relationships, or rehashing the past. It's not that kind of friendship. I prefer it that way and I know Andy feels the same. In fact, I'm paying him £40 an hour to feel the same.
- 10 Not so long ago, friendship belonged to the things that money couldn't buy, including happiness, wisdom and good weather. In a cold and indifferent world full of cold and indifferent strangers, a friend was something you had to make for yourself. But no more: now you can purchase friendship at your convenience, by the hour. For a certain consideration, you can hire someone to go to a museum with you, or hang out at the gym, or keep you company while you shop.
- 15 This disturbing development has its origins in Japan, but it has also become big in the US. The website *rentafriend.com* maintains a database with 218,000 names on it. Apparently, 2,000 people pay to subscribe in order to find friends to take to dinner or to invite round. Although *rentafriend.com* has plans to bring this alarming innovation to Britain, there is currently no such service on offer. So I have had to make my own arrangements.
- 20 Andy is an actor. He has never been paid to be someone's friend before, but he understands why someone might resort to buying companionship. When he first came to London from Scotland a year and a half ago, he found socialising difficult. "It actually took a long time to make some kind of contact with people other than workmates," he says.
- 25 I think Andy likes me. I can't tell for certain, of course, but when you hire a mate for a few hours I suppose you're also buying the luxury of not caring what he thinks about you. When we go to the park with a football, I get him to lob the ball at a height where I can head it into an invisible goal, over and over. It never occurs to me to give him a turn. A real friend would probably get pissed off at some point. Not Andy.
- 30 Our failure of imagination takes us to the pub where, over beer and newspapers, we settle into a simulacrum of male companionship. If you saw us, you would never know we weren't friends – maybe it's because Andy is a very good actor.
- Shortly after we sit down for lunch at another café, we run into my friend Sam. He's a real friend – not in the sense that he's always been there for me, just in the sense that I've never paid him.
- 35 "This is Andy," I say. "He's my friend." Sam eyes Andy with suspicion and, I think, a little jealousy.
- "Hello, Andy," he says. "So, what have you two been doing?"
- "We've been to the park," I say. "And then the pub, we're friends."
- 40 I really enjoyed my day with Andy. He's a nice guy and I'm sure we could be actual friends, despite the 20-year age gap. Our parting is still a bit awkward though. There's no promise of future arrangements. Just a handshake and a smile. A few hours later, I have already started to forget what he looks like.

Adapted from www.theguardian.com.uk, Wednesday, 21 July 2010.

NOTE AUX CANDIDATS

Les candidats traiteront les exercices sur la copie qui leur sera fournie et veilleront :

- à respecter l'ordre des questions et reporter la numérotation sur la copie (numéro de l'exercice et, le cas échéant, la lettre repère ; ex. : 1 a, 1 b, etc.) ;
- à faire précéder les citations demandées du numéro de ligne dans le texte.

Les candidats des séries STI et STL traiteront les questions I, II (A, B, C, D, E) et III.

Les candidats des séries STG et ST2S traiteront les questions I, II (A, B, C, D, E, F, G) et III.

I - GENERAL COMPREHENSION

Write down the right answer.

- 1) The text is
a- an article. b- a letter. c- a film review.
- 2) The meeting takes place in
a- Japan. b- the US. c- the UK.
- 3) In the text, the author meets
a- one person. b- two people. c- three people.
- 4) The main issue is
a- ageing. b- loneliness. c- alcoholism.
- 5) In this text, friendship is easy to
a- buy. b- find. c- keep.

II - DETAILED COMPREHENSION

A- Focus on this new concept. RIGHT or WRONG? Answer and justify by quoting the text.

- 1) It turns friendship into a business.
- 2) It is popular in America.
- 3) It exists thanks to the Internet.
- 4) It is commonly used in England.

B- Focus on the day they spend together. RIGHT or WRONG? Answer and justify by quoting the text.

- 1) Andy is doing this job for the first time.
- 2) Andy says that after moving, he made new friends easily.
- 3) They look like real friends.
- 4) Sam is Andy's friend.
- 5) When Sam meets them, he doesn't find anything unusual.
- 6) Andy and the narrator plan to meet again.

C- Who or what do the following pronouns refer to?

- 1) line 20 "... **he** understands ..."
- 2) line 25 "... what **he** thinks about you."
- 3) line 26 "... I can head **it** ..."
- 4) line 37 "... what have **you** two been doing?"

D- Find equivalents in the text for the following words and expressions:

- 1) buy
- 2) real
- 3) difference
- 4) plans

E- Pick out the sentence showing that the author will probably not remember Andy.

Les questions suivantes seront traitées uniquement par les candidats des séries STG et ST2S

F- Find the sentence showing that the service is perfect for self-centred people.

G- Pick out two adjectives showing that the author is critical about the service.

III - EXPRESSION

Les candidats de toutes les séries traiteront les 2 sujets.

Do both subjects (one and two).

1- After Andy leaves, Sam and the author talk together. Write the conversation. (80 words)

2- In your opinion, what is a real friend? (120 words)