

Baccalauréat Technologique

Session 2007

ANGLAIS

LANGUE VIVANTE 1

LV1 STG (GSI), STI, SMS, STL

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

LV1 STG (CGRH, CFE, MERCATIQUE)

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

STG : Compréhension 10 points

Expression : 10 points

SMS, 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.**

Once I was invited to a wedding; the bride suggested I drive up from New York with a pair of other guests, a Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, whom I had never met before. It was a cold April day, and on the ride to Connecticut, the Robertses, a couple in their early forties, seemed agreeable enough—no one you would want to spend a long weekend with, but not bad.

5 However, at the wedding reception a great deal of liquor was consumed, I should say a third of it by my chauffeurs. They were the last to leave the party—at approximately 11 P.M.—and I was most wary of accompanying them; I knew they were drunk, but I didn't realize *how* drunk. We had driven about twenty miles, the car weaving considerably, and Mr. and Mrs. Roberts insulting each other in the most extraordinary language, when Mr. Roberts, very understandably, made a wrong turn and got lost on a dark country road. I kept asking them, finally begging them, to stop the car and let me out, but they were so involved in their invectives that they ignored me. Eventually the car stopped of its own accord (temporarily) when it swiped against the side of a tree. I used the opportunity to jump out the car's back door and run into the woods. Presently the cursed vehicle drove off, leaving me alone in the icy dark. I'm sure my hosts never missed me; Lord knows I didn't miss them.

10 But it wasn't a joy to be stranded out there on a windy cold night. I started walking, hoping I'd reach a highway. I walked for half an hour without sighting a habitation. Then, just off the road, I saw a small cottage with a porch and a window lighted by a lamp. I tiptoed onto the porch and looked in the window; an elderly woman with soft white hair and a round pleasant face was sitting by a fireside reading a book. There was a cat curled in her lap, and several others slumbering at her feet.

I knocked at the door, and when she opened it I said, with chattering teeth: "I'm sorry to disturb you, but I've had a sort of accident; I wonder if I could use your phone to call a taxi."

25 "Oh, dear," she said, smiling. "I'm afraid I don't have a phone. Too poor. But please, come in." And as I stepped through the door into the cozy room, she said: "My goodness, boy. You're freezing. Can I make coffee? A cup of tea? I have a little whiskey my husband left—he died six years ago."

I said a little whiskey would be very welcome.

Truman Capote, *Music for Chameleons*, 1975

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 éventuellement demandées du numéro de ligne dans le texte.

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

Les candidats de la série STG traiteront les questions I, II (A, B, C, D, E) et III.

I - GENERAL COMPREHENSION

Complete the following sum-up with words taken from the text (one blank is one word).

The narrator left a reception with a couple in their _____ (1) _____ (2) who had had too much _____ (3) to drink. He was afraid of being in the car with them and the man was _____ (4) his wife. The narrator managed to _____ (5) _____ (6) of the vehicle and ran through the woods to a house. He wanted to _____ (7) but he couldn't. He was happy to have a _____ (8).

II - DETAILED COMPREHENSION

A- Right or wrong? Answer and justify by quoting the text.

- 1- The narrator knew the Robertses very well.
- 2- The narrator went to the wedding in the winter.
- 3- On the way home the narrator was determined to leave the car.
- 4- The narrator supposes his disappearance was not noticed.
- 5- He saw the house immediately after leaving the car.

B- Write down:

- 1- one element which indicates that the Robertses couldn't find their way home.
- 2- two elements which indicate that the weather was bad.
- 3- two elements which indicate that the lady looked welcoming.
- 4- one element which indicates the lady had money problems.
- 5- a sentence which indicates that the lady used to be married.

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

- 1- line 8 "we"
- 2- line 12 "its"
- 3- line 15 "them"
- 4- line 26 "my"

D- Find synonyms in the text for the following words.

- 1- imploring
- 2- insults
- 3- finally
- 4- on one's own
- 5- old
- 6- warm and comfortable

La question suivante sera traitée uniquement par les candidats de la série STG.

E - What do the following expressions mean? Write down the answer.

1. "... *I was most wary of accompanying them.*" line 7
 - a) He was very happy.
 - b) He was very anxious.
 - c) He was indifferent.

2. "... *I didn't miss them.*" line 15
 - a) He was happy to see them go.
 - b) He was worried to see them go.
 - c) He was sorry to see them go.

LES CANDIDATS DE TOUTES LES SERIES TRAITERONT LES DEUX SUJETS D'EXPRESSION.

III – EXPRESSION:

Do both subjects (one and two).

1. What happens next? (120 words)
2. What do you think about the woman's hospitality? (80 words)