

Baccalauréat Technologique
Sciences et Technologies de Gestion

Session 2009

A N G L A I S

LANGUE VIVANTE 2

STG, TOUTES SÉRIES SAUF CGRH :
Durée : 2 heures - coefficient : 2

STG CGRH
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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.

Jack McShane is only 13, but he stands as one of the rebuilders of New Orleans.

He decided to help his city - still badly damaged from Hurricane Katrina two years ago - by caring for a large park two blocks from home.

5 Jack, his mother and younger brother fled the city a few days before the hurricane hit. They went to Indianapolis, where both sets of grandparents live.

“I was glued to the TV, looking at what the storm did,” he recalls. “The lowest point was when I saw what happened to the lakefront. I watched the yacht club burn down, and I love the lake, I love sailing. I just knew it would be so different for a long time, that it would never be the same.”

10 Jack went to school in Indianapolis for the fall semester, instant-messaging friends a lot. “Otherwise it was kind of like a vacation, except I missed my dad so much, because I’m really close to him.”

His father, Patrick McShane, stayed behind to continue his law practice and start repair of their two-story home. The first floor was ruined. “My mom was on her computer trying to figure out how to get our insurance money,” Jack says.

By Christmas, Jack was home and saw what had happened to City Park.

“Jack loves City Park and always has,” his mother says. “He’d come home from biking and say, ‘The grass is just growing and growing, nobody’s taking care of it.’”

20 By summer, Jack and his brother, Frank, wanted to volunteer to help New Orleans. But agencies wouldn’t take them because they were too young. One fall morning in 2006, Jack saw his neighbor loading a lawn mower into her trunk¹. She told him she was part of a small team that had started to mow grass and clean up at City Park every Saturday morning. Jack asked whether he could work, too. He has been there ever since.

25 “Unless we’re out of town, he goes every Saturday like clockwork,” his mother says. “His devotion has surprised us.”

His neighbor calls Jack “very intelligent and passionate about what he’s doing at the park. It’s amazing that someone his age has taken such an interest in this. He’s the only child on the seven-person crew.”

30 Although Jack is modest about the work, his mom says he’ll see its value in the future. “In years to come, I think he will feel really proud of himself and say it was one of the things that kept him going.”

Says his dad: “Jack has learned resilience. He has taught me more about volunteerism than I ever taught him.”

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USA Today, August 16, 2007

¹ trunk : *coffre d'une voiture*

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.

I - GENERAL COMPREHENSION

Write down the correct answer.

- 1- The text comes from
 - a- a newspaper.
 - b- a novel.
 - c- a history book.
- 2- This text deals with the consequences of
 - a- a war.
 - b- a natural disaster.
 - c- an epidemic.
- 3- This event took place in
 - a- New York City.
 - b- Indianapolis.
 - c- New Orleans.
- 4- Hurricane Katrina happened in
 - a- 2005.
 - b- 2006.
 - c- 2007.
- 5- This text is about Jack who helps
 - a- his town.
 - b- his parents.
 - c- his grandparents.

II - DETAILED COMPREHENSION

A - These sentences are RIGHT. Justify them by quoting the text.

- 1- Jack was not in town during the storm.
- 2- Jack kept informed as much as he could.
- 3- Jack realised his town had completely changed.
- 4- Jack did not come home after the summer holidays.

B - RIGHT or WRONG? Justify by quoting the text.

- 1- Jack kept in touch with his friends.
- 2- His father left the city for health reasons.
- 3- At first, Jack and his brother could not help because of their age.
- 4- Jack works with other children now.

C - Pick out from the text:

- 1- two physical activities that Jack enjoys. (two words)
- 2- two different examples of damage that Katrina caused. (two sentences)

D – Who do the following pronouns refer to?

- 1- lines 4-5 “**They** went to Indianapolis...”
- 2- line 6 “**I** was glued to the TV...”
- 3- line 12 “...really close to **him**.”
- 4- line 24 “...**we**’re out of town...”
- 5- lines 24-25 “His devotion has surprised **us**.”

E – Find a synonym in the text for each of the following words or expressions.

- 1- ran away from
- 2- remembers
- 3- destroyed
- 4- to work without pay
- 5- very surprising

III - EXPRESSION

Choose ONE of the following subjects.

1. Would you personally like to do volunteer work? Why, why not? Give your reasons. (150 words).

OR

2. Write the letter that Jack sends to his grandparents to describe how his city has changed and how he feels about it. (150 words)