

# BACCALAURÉAT TECHNOLOGIQUE

**SESSION 2013**

**ANGLAIS**

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**LANGUE VIVANTE 1**

Séries STI2D, STD2A, STL, ST2S et STG option GSI : 2 heures – coefficient 2

Série STG options Mercatique, CGRH et CFE : 2 heures – coefficient 3

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*L'usage des dictionnaires et des calculatrices électroniques est interdit.*

Dès que ce sujet vous est remis, assurez-vous qu'il est complet.  
Ce sujet comporte 5 pages numérotées de 1/5 à 5/5.

## **Répartition des points**

Compréhension de l'écrit	10 points
Expression écrite	10 points

## **Document 1: The Story of Beth Brooke**

To move forward, we must first stop and take stock of what is working. Every year I help edit the list of the world's 100 most powerful women and every year the No. 1 question I get is: What do the most successful women in the world have in common?

5 First, they want it. They've built their success through sheer will and determination. Yes, they have the skills, and yes, they put the time in. But they also have the desire to do something great.

10 Let me tell you about a normal little girl who grew up in Indiana named Beth Brooke. When she was 13, she was diagnosed with a degenerative hip disease and was told by doctors she may never walk again. Before going into surgery she made a promise to herself: that she would walk again - no, she would run – and she hoped to become one of the best athletes the world had seen.

15 Not only did she walk, she went on to play several varsity sports at her high school, earned multiple MVP<sup>1</sup> awards *and* graduated as the class valedictorian<sup>2</sup>. In college, she played Division I basketball.

Beth brought that same determination to her career. And today she is a global vice chair of Ernst & Young, one of the biggest accounting firms in the world. She made up her mind, and she didn't quit.

20 So, it's important to really want it – whatever that means for you: a new client, a promotion, a revenue goal – but equally, if not more, important to stand up and go after it. That takes courage.

The women who really go for it are some of the most courageous people I've ever met. Whatever fear they might have of hearing “no” – whatever fear they might have of hearing “yes”, which can bring a whole host of intimidating expectations – they barrel through it. You see, it's not that they're fearless. No one is. It's that they face their fears. Every day.

Jenna Goudreau  
From forbes.com  
August 22, 2012

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<sup>1</sup> MVP : Most Valuable Player.

<sup>2</sup> valedictorian : best student.

**Document 2: Secrets from the Vinyl Café**

Carl worked with his father on the weekends, and every summer after grade nine. Everyone assumed that when he finished school Carl would work with his father full-time.

It was his English teacher who brought up university. The teacher showed up at Carl's home one night and had a hushed conversation with his parents. Carl was sent upstairs.

5 And so Carl was to be the first of his family to go to university, the first to have the privilege of an education.

But as the deadline for applying to universities loomed, Carl found himself adrift in uncertainties. He didn't know what he wanted from life. He didn't know what school he should go to or what he wanted to learn. Now that a world of possibilities was open to him, the questions seemed to grow  
10 – one from another. Flipping through a university calendar one day, he came across these words in the descriptions of the philosophy courses: *Philosophy is not a theory, but an activity*, Ludwig Wittgenstein.

Carl was delighted by the notion that philosophy, questioning the world and its meaning, was an activity – something that involved energy and work.

15 This is what he wanted to do. He wanted to read great books of literature, he wanted to expose himself to the thoughts of writers and philosophers – he wanted time to think, to wrestle with the questions that had been plaguing him.

When he told his mother and father, they were appalled. His father had no time for riddles that had no answers.

20 "You have wasted too much time already in that high school of yours," said Carl's father. "Reading poetry and God knows what – that isn't work. Work is work."

His mother was clear too. Hard work was the thing that counted. "God helps those who help themselves."

25 School was for children. It was time to choose a profession. All this philosophic stuff was just fooling around.

Ludwig Wittgenstein had studied mechanical engineering for his first three years at university. Carl enrolled in engineering – civil engineering. The workload was very heavy, but he enjoyed it. There was always *something* to read. Something to think about. Gradually, like newspapers left out in the sun too long, all his questions faded away.

Stuart McLean, *Secrets From the Vinyl Café*, 2006

## 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 les repères sur la copie (lettre et numéro). Exemple : **A1 ou D** ;
- faire toujours précéder les citations du numéro de la ligne ;
- dans les phrases à compléter, les réécrire sur la copie en **soulignant** l'élément introduit.

### I. COMPREHENSION

#### **Document 1: *The Story of Beth Brooke***

##### **A. Who do the following pronouns refer to?**

- 1) "I" (1.1)
- 2) "they" (1.4)
- 3) "she" (1.8)
- 4) "they" (1. 22)

##### **B. Write down equivalent words or expressions in the text for the following words.**

- 1) tenacity
- 2) the wish
- 3) decided
- 4) didn't abandon
- 5) brave

##### **C. RIGHT or WRONG? Answer and justify with quotations from the text.**

- 1) She was a teenager when she learned she could become disabled.
- 2) Beth Brooke considered her doctors' predictions inevitable.
- 3) Beth Brooke became a champion.

#### **Document 2: *Secrets from the Vinyl Café***

##### **D. Find the sentence showing that Carl's parents didn't study after school.**

##### **E. Write down the following sentences in chronological order.**

Carl's father didn't agree with Carl's first choice.  
Carl was interested in studying philosophy.  
Everybody but his English teacher thought Carl would never go to university.  
Carl eventually went to university and he liked it.  
Carl stopped asking himself questions.

##### **F. Choose the right word and write down the correct sentence.**

- 1) Carl was *influenced* / *traumatized* / *punished* by his teacher.
- 2) Carl was *influenced* / *traumatized* / *punished* by his parents.

## **Documents 1 and 2**

**G. Quote one sentence from each text to justify the following statements.**

- 1) Beth and Carl both had a project.
- 2) Beth showed self-confidence and fighting spirit whereas Carl was indecisive.
- 3) Beth and Carl both made satisfactory choices in their careers.

**H. Choose the right title for both documents.**

- 1) Conforming to others' expectations
- 2) Getting over major obstacles
- 3) Changing your destiny

## **II. EXPRESSION**

**Choose ONE of the following subjects. (180-250 words)**

- A. You have decided what job you want to do. Your parents disagree. You try and convince them to let you do what you want. Write the conversation.

**OR**

- B. Do you think everything studied at school should be practical and directly useful in your future life?