

**EXAMEN DU BACCALAURÉAT - SESSION DE JUIN 2010**

**SECTION : SCIENCES TECHNIQUES**

**ÉPREUVE : ANGLAIS**

**DURÉE : 2 H**

**COEFFICIENT : 1**

Le sujet comporte 4 pages numérotées de 1/4 à 4/4

**I – READING COMPREHENSION (12 marks)**

1. Toby Johnson was a video-game fan starting at 3. When he turned 14, his parents bought him a laptop computer with wireless Internet access as his private school required. Every day after school, Toby would head to his room, where he presumably did his homework until bedtime. Even with all that “studying,” Toby’s grades got down. With the help of a therapist, his mother Kelly eventually discovered Toby was playing online video games for up to sixteen hours a day: at school, after school and sometimes all night. Toby hid his video game playing from his parents and teachers by keeping a Word file on his screen. “When we’d walk into the room, he’d just click on that, so it always looked like he was doing his homework,” his mom says. He used the same trick in class.

2. Toby had nearly all the symptoms of addiction, so his parents, on the advice of the therapist, set strong limits. But this was not enough to break his addiction and his parents eventually sent him to a wilderness program, where he spent eleven weeks. The decision to send him there was heart-breaking, Kelly says, but she felt if she didn’t do it, he would only get worse. After the program, Toby was transferred to a residential treatment center to deal with his addiction. There, he was also diagnosed with attention deficit disorder; a factor his mother thinks may have made video games more attractive. When she first visited him at the treatment center, Kelly couldn’t believe the difference. He was engaged, talkative and interested.

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**COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS**

**1) Tick the most appropriate title. ( 1 mark)**

- a) Juvenile delinquency
- b) Video game addiction
- c) School problems

**2) Focus on paragraph 2 and identify the different stages Toby's parents followed to help him recover. (3 marks)**

- a) Getting a specialist's advice.
- b).....
- c).....
- d).....

**3) Correct the following false statements with details from the text. (4 marks)**

- a) Toby's mother found out about her son's problem by herself. (paragraph 1)  
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- b) Toby's addiction had no negative effects on his school results. (paragraph 1)  
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- c) Toby showed no signs of addiction. (paragraph 2)  
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- d) The parents were glad to send their son to a wilderness program. (paragraph 2)  
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**4) What do the underlined words refer to? (3 marks)**

- a) that (paragraph 1) refers to : .....
- b) this (paragraph 2) refers to : .....
- c) There (paragraph 2) refers to: .....

**5) Do you think that Toby will get back to his bad habit some time after leaving the treatment center? Why? Why not? (1 mark)**

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**II – WRITING ( 12 marks )**

**Writing 1: Complete the following conversation with the appropriate utterances.**

**(4 marks)**

- Sarah : So, you are going abroad this summer!  
.....?
- Peter : Spain.
- Sarah : Wow ! Lucky you! I hope I can go there one day.  
.....?
- Peter : Because I want my vacation to be full of thrilling art, cultural sites, monuments,  
beautiful cities and wonderful beaches.
- Sarah : .....?
- Peter : For two weeks.
- Sarah : .....?
- Peter : No, I won't. I'm not sure I'm taking my mobile. I'll send you a postcard instead.

**Writing 2 (8 marks)**

You were a heavy smoker and quitted smoking.  
You have decided to contribute to the national anti-smoking campaign. Write a ten-line  
article in which you describe your experience and persuade heavy smokers to quit  
smoking.

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An ex-heavy smoker.

### III – LANGUAGE (6 marks)

1) Fill in the blanks with six words from the box. (3 marks)

cities – online – most – itself – crisis – after – exodus – countryside

For the last four decades, international migration has been a one-way journey. Year ..... year, millions of poor people left poorer countries for wealthier ones and rural areas for..... But now, in possibly one of the ..... dramatic effects of the global economic ....., the movement is slowing and is even starting to reverse .....

For example, some 20 million Chinese peasants who had flocked to the cities are now going back to the ..... as businesses fail. And a similar phenomenon is playing out in India.

2) Circle the correct alternative. (3 marks)

A decade ago, Finland — with its cold climate, long distances between cities, and energy - intensive industry — began looking for a way to meet its energy needs. Yet, it lived up to its Kyoto commitments to reduce green house **(fuel / energy / gases)**. Coal was cheap but crammed with **(polluting / pollute / pollution)** carbon. Renewable energy sources like hydropower and wind, though promising, could not meet demand **(in / at / on)** their own. The debate kept circling back to the only other **(freely – carbon / free-carbon / carbon – free)** option –nuclear. As a former MP recently put it: “If you worry about climate **(change / forecast / weather)** there is no other economically or environmentally **(stable / stabilize / stability)** alternative to nuclear power.