

<b>REPUBLIQUE TUNISIENNE</b> <b>MINISTRE DE L'EDUCATION</b> <b>ET DE LA FORMATION</b> ***	<b>Examen du diplôme de fin d'études</b> <b>de l'enseignement de Base Technique</b> <b>Session 2009</b> ***	
<b>Durée : 1 HEURE</b>	<b>Épreuve : ANGLAIS</b>	<b>Coefficient : 1</b>

**I. READING COMPREHENSION** 7 marks

**Read the text and answer the questions**

- ① Mr and Mrs Stokes were sitting in the garden when I arrived to interview them and their fourteen-year-old son, Carl. "Carl is always working upstairs. He doesn't leave his room", his mother explained. At the moment, Carl is working on a programme for a new computer game. Computers have become his whole life. Last year, he earned over £ 25,000 from writing programmes.
- ② "When did he buy the computer?" I asked. "We bought it for him eighteen months ago for his birthday", said Mr Stokes. "We didn't know what we were doing. Our son has changed. Now he doesn't talk about anything else." "And do you think it's good for him?" was my next question. "No, we don't. We worry about him because he has no other interests now."
- ③ Carl's parents do not understand computers, but Carl certainly does. "I love computers", he said. "I soon got tired of playing games, though. I like writing programmes much better. I've got three computers now and I bought two more. I didn't earn much money from selling my computer game programmes at first, but now I do. My parents make me put most of it in the bank."

*Adapted from 'A Basic English Grammar',  
by Eastwood, J. and Mackin, R. 1990.OUP : Oxford.  
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**Comprehension Questions :**

1. Tick (✓) the proper alternative. (1 x 2 = 2 marks)

- a) The writer of the text is :
- Carl.
  - Carl's mother.
  - a journalist.
- b) The text is about a boy who
- sells computers.
  - is a computer addict.
  - dislikes computers.

2. Are the following statements true or false ? Tick (✓) the proper box. (1 x 4 = 4 marks)

Statements	True	False
a) Carl spends most of his time in front of the computer.		
b) His parents think that buying him a computer was the right decision.		
c) Carl is now using the computer to play games.		
d) Carl 's parents are good at using computers.		

3. What does the underlined word refer to ? (1 mark)

It in paragraph 3 refers to.....

**II. LANGUAGE 8 marks**

1. Fill in the blanks with six words from the list. (0.5 x 6 = 3 marks)

many – with – have – private – career – changed – much

My name is Chase. I am an apprentice carpenter at Fairbridge. I (a)..... been here for four years now. This company has (b)..... my life. I love working (c)..... wood and this is what I want to do my whole life.

At Fairbridge, I really started my (d)..... . After my apprenticeship is over, I will earn (e)..... money and maybe start my (f)..... business.

2. Fill in the blanks with the right options from the margin. (0.5 x 6 = 3 marks)

I usually go to work by bus. I get to work  
 Ⓐ..... 8:00. Before I start my job, I put on Ⓐ on – at – in  
 my uniform and look at Ⓑ..... in the mirror Ⓑ yourself – himself - myself  
 and make sure I look Ⓒ..... . At 8:30 in the Ⓒ neat – dirty - messy  
 morning, I go on duty. I usually eat lunch  
 Ⓓ..... twelve to one and generally take a Ⓓ at – from - on  
 ten-minute Ⓔ..... in the morning and in the Ⓔ brake – broken - break  
 afternoon. At 4:30 in the afternoon, I Ⓕ..... Ⓕ leave – live - living  
 the workplace.

3. Match the sentence parts in Column A with those in Column B to get a coherent paragraph. There is one extra part in Column B. The parts in Column A are in the correct order. Write your answers in the space provided. (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

Column A	Column B
Ⓐ Everywhere in the world, pollution	Ⓐ slowly damaging our ears.
Ⓑ The air we breathe is filled	Ⓑ we swim are polluted by industrial waste .
Ⓒ The noise pollution from factories is	Ⓒ with harmful gases.
Ⓓ Many rivers and lakes where	Ⓓ good for our health.
	Ⓔ is destroying the environment.

Answers	1 +.....	2 +.....	3 +.....	4 +.....

**III. WRITING** **5 marks**

One of your friends had an accident while using a machine. To prevent accidents and avoid dangers in the future, your teacher asked you to produce a leaflet in which you write rules on how to keep safe.

These hints may help you : hard hat, gloves, earmuff, goggles, face mask , First Aid kit, wear, hurt...

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