

<b>REPUBLIQUE TUNISIENNE MINISTRE DE L'EDUCATION ET DE LA FORMATION</b>	<b>SESSION DE CONTROLE</b>	<b>EXAMEN DU BACCALAURÉAT SESSION DE JUIN 2009</b>
<b>SECTIONS :</b>	<b>MATHEMATIQUES + SCIENCES EXPERIMENTALES + ECONOMIE ET GESTION + SCIENCES DE L'INFORMATIQUE</b>	
<b>EPREUVE : A N G L A I S</b>	<b>DURÉE : 2 heures</b>	<b>COEFFICIENT : 1</b>

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

1. At the end of an average high school career and after dropping out of community college one year later, Dennis Snider realized his destiny was pretty clear. He started a well-paying job in a factory, and expected to spend the rest of his life doing manual labor. However, a minor injury he had sustained playing football in high school turned out to lead to degenerative joint disease (DJD), a condition which affects the cartilage in the knees.
2. At 21, Dennis was too young to consider knee-replacement surgery so, uneducated and unskilled, Dennis' DJD ruled out the only career for which he was qualified. For six years, he fruitlessly applied for job after job facing continual rejection due to his lack of qualifications. "I kept running into dead ends," he says. Despite his mother and wife's support, Dennis' depression increased.
3. Dennis knew that education was his only escape, but the circumstances didn't look hopeful. "I considered different colleges that might be able to provide me with what I needed to get a job," he says, "but I had absolutely no reliable means of transportation." However, all this changed when Dennis' wife discovered a college which offers degrees that can be earned exclusively online. "We had a second-hand computer which would barely work," says Dennis, "but I realized I could get my degree this way – a degree and a career !"
4. Dennis enrolled in the college's associate degree program in graphic design and multimedia, and is currently halfway through completing the coursework. He attributes much of his success to the personal connection he has maintained with his professors and fellow students. "I'm a very shy person, but I can really get into the threaded discussions," he says. "And if I ever have a question or a problem, I can post it and never have to wait long for a response – the professors' attention to detail is amazing."
5. Once Dennis completes his degree, he won't even have to wait until graduation to get started. "I've already been hired for several graphic design projects!".

**COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS**

**1) Tick ( ✓ ) the most suitable title for this text.(1 mark)**

- a) Making it to the top despite handicap
- b) A brilliant career ruined by a disease
- c) Online learning success story

**2) Find in the text details showing that the following statements are false. (2 marks)**

- a) Because of DJD, Dennis never thought of going back to school. (paragraph 3)  
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- b) Dennis stood all alone in his hardship. (paragraph 2)  
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**3) Complete the following paragraph with reference to the text. (3 marks)**

After leaving school without proper qualifications, Dennis got his first ..... . It was secure and ..... . However he was ..... to quit because of a degenerative disease.

**4) Find in the text words or expressions meaning nearly the same as : (2 marks)**

- a) leaving school at an early age (paragraph 1) : .....
- b) with no success (paragraph 2) : .....

**5) Focus on paragraphs 4 and 5 to find out three benefits Dennis drew from online learning. (3 marks)**

- a) .....
- b) .....
- c) .....

**6) Give a personal justified answer to the following question. (1 mark)**

What do you think of Dennis ?

I think Dennis is ..... because .....

II – WRITING (12 marks)

1) Use the notes below to develop a four-line paragraph about bullying. (4 marks)

Bullying : conscious - repeated hostile practice .

Characteristics : imbalance - power - threat of aggression .

Effect on victim : feeling of terror.

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2) Many developed countries are now engaged in a race to attract highly qualified and talented foreigners.

Write a 12-line article in which you react to this phenomenon. Draw your readers' attention to the negative effects of "brain drain" on one's native country. (8 marks)

DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME OR SIGN THE ARTICLE

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III – LANGUAGE (6 marks)

1) Fill in the blanks with 6 words from the following box. (3 marks)

huge – with – booking – launched – for – access – connecting – resources

Firms in Britain's tourism industry are being encouraged to boost their business by going online. The Government organisation *UK Online for Business* has just ..... a programme, called "Go For It", to show small companies such as hotels how they can use the Internet to provide customers ..... information and offer reservation services. Tourism minister Kim Howells said : "The Internet offers ..... potential for tourism businesses but many feel they do not have the ..... or expertise to keep pace with the new technology. About half the population has ..... to the Internet so it is not surprising more and more people are planning and ..... their holidays on the Web".

2) Supply the correct form or tense of the bracketed words. (3 marks)

My 15-year-old son is constantly listening to loud music on his MP3 player and I am really worried about him (**damage**) ..... his ears. According to Dr Helen Winpenny, the constant use of an MP3 player can cause a form of age-related hearing (**lose**) ....., which occurs at an (**early**) ..... age than it would have done without. High volume, ear-level sound that is (**continue**) ..... means the sensory hair cells of the inner ear do not get a chance (**rest**) ..... , which probably (**cause**) ..... some damage.