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EPREUVE : A N G L A I S	DURÉE : 2 Heures	COEFFICIENT : 1

I – READING COMPREHENSION (12 marks)

1. I met Thomas Allor Jr. Friday night at a tutoring fair put on by Dayton Public Schools. He was a friendly, jovial person, and many parents were attracted by his bright display on the video screen of the computer he had set up. The two parents I was following around instantly signed up for his tutoring service.

Allor is a Michigan maths teacher. About four years ago, he thought about launching an online tutoring company on the side. Last spring at age 40, Allor retired from his school district teaching job to focus full time on tutoring kids over the internet.

2. First he spent hours and hours online searching for an existing online tutoring program he could use for his business. He ultimately went with Compass Learning, a Web-based program in which the student works through a self-guided curriculum. Allor recruits students who are eligible for free tutoring paid by the federal government. The federal law requires schools that are not meeting test goals to set aside 20 percent of their federal aid for private tutors for any student in the school that wants to hire one. There are very few restrictions on who the student can select for tutoring. In Dayton this year, 20 percent of the district's federal aid is about \$ 1.1 million. That will fund \$ 1,600 in tutoring for about 700 kids.

3. So when Allor met parents at the fair on Friday, he was offering quite a deal. He said he'd come to their homes and install a free computer they can keep. Then the students work on reading skills on their own through Compass Learning's online curriculum at its website. Allor and the parents can keep tabs on the student by logging on to Compass Website and checking their progress. Allor gets paid \$ 30 for every hour of online work the student completes. The same fee he said he charged students for his one-on-one tutoring services when he was working as a teacher. If they fall behind, he calls to check up on them. Payment comes to Allor straight from the school district.

Allor has about 135 students in three states, most of them using federal tutoring dollars to pay tutoring services.

Adapted from the New York Times, September 2006

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1- Complete the table with details from the text. (3 marks)

Name	Place of work	Occupation	Achievement
Thomas Allor			

2) Correct these false statements with details from the text. (2 marks)

a – Parents are reluctant to Allor's tutoring program. (paragraph 1)

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b – Schools pay all the money needed for private tutoring. (paragraph 2)

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3) Complete this statement with words from the text. (3 marks)

Thomas Allor Jr..... from public school, and launched
kids via the

4) Find words meaning the same as (2 marks)

a – finally (paragraph 2) :

b – going on-line (paragraph 3) :

5) What do the underlined words in paragraph 2 refer to ? (2 marks)

a – "which" refers to

b – "their" refers to

II – WRITING (12 marks)

1) Use the information in the table below to write a four-line paragraph. (4 marks)

Name of the festival	Hina Matsuri (means "little doll").
Theme and Purposes	Dedicated to dolls / teach traditional values
Place and time	Japan / 3 March each year.
Duration	One day.
Participants	Little girls and parents.

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2) You have received this letter from a friend. (8 marks)

Dear Andrea,
 My mother has always exaggerated fears about my education. She is overprotective. She wants to enrol me in a virtual school, thinking that it is safer and more time saving.
 I've tried to convince her about the necessity of class contact and social relationships, but without success.

Reply giving your opinion about the issue. Do not exceed 12 lines.

DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME

Dear Joseph(ine)

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Yours,
Andrea

III – LANGUAGE (6 marks)

1) Complete the paragraph with 6 words from the box. (3 marks)

trip – enrolment – from – cheaper – never – booked – tour .

Most independent travellers have nothing but contempt for packaged trips. In Britain alone, last year, almost 18 million people..... a travel package, according to the Association of British Travel Agents. They paid..... companies an average of £ 430 each for a trip ranging..... expeditions to cheap breaks in the sun and sightseeing marathons.

Often their choices are supported by apparently unanswerable economic logic. « It is usually to book two or more components of a because the tour companies get block rates from airlines and hotels that individuals would be able to get on their own, » said Sean Tipton, a spokesman for the British travel agents group.

2) Put the bracketed words in the right tense or form. (3 marks)

Little has been discussed about the effects of brain drain in Africa. Yet, it is believed to be one of the **(big)**..... issues of the **(develop)** nations.

Conservatively speaking, brain drain **(cost)** the African continent over \$ 4 billion in the employment of 150.000 expatriate professionals **(annual)**..... .

According to UNDP "Ethiopia **(lose)**..... 75 percent of its skilled work force between 1980 and 1991," which harms the ability of such nations to get out of **(poor)**..... . Nigeria, Kenya and Ethiopia are believed to be the most affected.