

REPUBLIQUE TUNISIENNE MINISTERE DE L'EDUCATION ET DE LA FORMATION *** <b>EXAMEN</b> <b>DU BACCALAUREAT</b> *** <b>SESSION DE JUIN 2005</b>	<b>SESSION DE CONTROLE</b>  <b>SECTIONS : LETTRES + ECO. ET GESTION</b> <b>EPREUVE : ANGLAIS</b> <b>DUREE : 2 h      COEFFICIENT : 2</b>
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## THE TEXT

1. Last Sunday, as her night shift neared, Kim Brathwaite faced a hard choice. Her baby-sitter had not shown up, and to miss work might end her new position as assistant manager at a restaurant in Brooklyn. So she left her two children, nine-year-old Justina and 1-year-old Justin, alone, trying to stay in touch by phone.
2. It turned out to be a disastrous decision. Someone, it seems, deliberately set fire to her apartment. Her children died. And within hours, Brathwaite was under arrest, charged with recklessly endangering her children. She is now facing up to 16 years in prison for a decision that is made everyday by American families, according to surveys conducted by experts.
3. Nationwide, parents themselves report leaving more than 3 million children under 13 to care for themselves. Brooklyn prosecutors argue that no matter what, she should not have left her children alone in an apartment, especially children as young and vulnerable as hers. Both suffered from a chronic blood disorder that often requires hospital care. And though prosecutors admit that Justina and her mother were talking by phone as late as 10 p.m. when the baby-sitter had not still arrived, such conversations fall far short of the adult supervision needed in an emergency.
4. But others from Brathwaite's lawyer to researchers of family life, say her case needs to be seen in a broader social context. She was a single mother – quite devoted – living a life of complicated choices. Recently promoted to assistant manager, she was required to work long hours. That made reliable child care nearly impossible to keep on her modest wages. Nor could she leave early, since she was responsible for securing the day's receipts. When desperate calls to the missing sitter and a neighbor went unanswered, her lawyer said, she was afraid of losing the job that supported her children.  
 " She is guilty of nothing more than being a single mom working a 10-hour shift. "

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**I – READING COMPREHENSION ( 14 marks )**

1. Tick the alternative which best summarizes the text. ( 1 mark )

- a) A criminal setting fire to a woman's apartment
- b) The hazards of hiring young baby-sitters
- c) A woman facing trial for neglecting her children

2. Fill in the following table with reference to the text. ( 5 marks )

The mother's decision	Reasons for the decision	Consequences
	1- .....	1- .....
	2- .....	2- .....

3. Pick out complete sentences from the text to show that the following statements are false. ( 2 marks )

- a) The mother was the only person to have left her children unattended. ( paragraph 3 )  
 .....  
 .....
- b) Kim Brathwaite could afford providing the right care for her children. ( paragraph 4 )  
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4. Tick the right alternative. ( 1 mark )

... such conversations fall far too short of the adult supervision needed... " ( paragraph 3 ) means :

- a) No adult could have had a whole conversation with the children.
- b) The conversations could replace efficient adult supervision.
- c) Such conversations didn't meet the requirements of supervision.

5. Find in the text words or phrases meaning nearly the same as : ( 2 marks )

- a) arrived ( paragraph 1 ) .....
- b) that can be hurt ( paragraph 3 ) .....

6. What do the underlined words in the text refer to ? ( 2 marks )

- a) themselves ( paragraph 3 ) refers to .....
- b) She ( paragraph 4 ) refers to .....

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

Would you have made the same choice as Kim Brathwaite ?  
I .....  
because .....

II – LANGUAGE ( 16 marks )

1. Select nine words from the box to fill in the blanks . ( 4.5 marks )

interviewed - strong - remain - suffer - whose - as - argue - broken - health - teenagers - scar

Should couples get divorced for the sake of their children ? Well, many people believe that children from ..... homes are likely to end up as anxious, distressed adults and ..... as a consequence. This is the reason why people in unhappy marriages ..... together for the sake of the kids. But a recent study suggests that kids ..... parents are unhappily married may suffer less if the couple divorce. Researchers studied the emotional ..... of families over 10 years. They ..... 200 children and filmed them interacting with others, first as ..... and then again as young adults. "In forming good relationships, kids from one-parent families did as well ..... those with married parents," says Dr Rand Conger. "The important thing is not marriage in itself, but how ..... the parent's relationship with the child is.

2. Put the bracketed words in the right tense or form. ( 4.5 marks )

Dear Editor,  
Recently my husband and I have been searching for someone. I'd like you ( help ) ..... us find the family of my husband. He ( look ) ..... for his mother and brother. His mum was called Mary Wilcox, and my husband Darren ( be ) ..... born at home, in April 1967, in Bristol. His brother would be about 32 now. Darren ( not see ) ..... them since he was four years old, when his father ( leave ) ..... with him and his older brothers. His dad's name was James and, ( sad ) ..... he died when Darren ( be ) ..... fifteen. I would be very ( please ) ..... if I could get some help from your ( read ) .....

Tracey Robinson

3. Circle the right alternative. ( 4 marks )

The rich are too diverse to constitute a class. Dedication to ( **failure – entertainment – achievement** ) is the most shared quality, and it usually ( **involves – contains – preserves** ) longer working days and shorter holidays than the average. In a recent( **donation – survey – saving** ) of top income-earners, a quarter claim to come ( **after – for – from** ) poor families, though most were college ( **graduates – graduation – grades** ). As business becomes more sophisticated, so the connection between education and ( **prosper – income – society** ) level becomes stronger and ( **consequently – eventually – recently** ) gradations of taste and cultural ( **shock – preference – condition** ) reinforce the economic differences within society.

4. Match each sentence part in Column A with the appropriate one in Column B to get coherent sentences. The sentence parts in A are in the right order. There's one extra item in Column B. Write the corresponding letters in the box below. ( 3 marks )

A	B
1. During a long career in the Merchant Navy,	a) I didn't live in luxury.
2. I saw how some of the world's	b) poorest people have to live.
3. This inspired me to do	c) my luxuries are simple.
4. Although I made it to be ship's captain,	d) but I might feel some guilt.
5. Having witnessed extreme poverty around the world,	e) clean running water, shelter and adequate food.
6. I don't think I'd feel happier living in luxury	f) I visited many poverty-stricken countries.
	g) voluntary work for UNICEF.

Answers	1 + .....	2 + .....	3 + .....	4 + .....	5 + .....	6 + .....
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III – WRITING ( 10 marks )

1. There are six mistakes in the following paragraph. They have been underlined and numbered for you. Write the correction of each mistake in the space provided. ( 3 marks )

<p>Families today are mobile, separating children <u>of</u><sup>1</sup> the stabilizing influences of neighborhood. The two-<u>incomes</u><sup>2</sup> family is increasingly an <u>economy</u><sup>3</sup> necessity. Mothers have left <u>house</u><sup>4</sup> to enter the job world, so children spend <u>fewer</u><sup>5</sup> time <u>with</u><sup>6</sup> the company of the most caring person they have.</p>	<p>1. ....</p> <p>2. ....</p> <p>3. ....</p> <p>4. ....</p> <p>5. ....</p> <p>6. ....</p>
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2. While surfing the net, you came across the following letter :

I am a working mother of three teenagers. I have recently discovered that they most of the time go online when their father and I are at work. They are losing interest in reading, neglecting their homework and cutting down on physical exercise. I really don't know what to do.

Sandra Brown

Write a 12-line response to Sandra reminding her of the benefits of the internet and giving her advice to solve her problem. ( 7 marks )

**NB : PLEASE DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME**

Dear Sandra,

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A net surfer