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SECTIONS : LETTRES + ECO. & GESTION
EPREUVE : ANGLAIS
DUREE : 2 heures COEFFICIENT : 2

THE TEXT

- ① A teenager who lost a leg through cancer has had his benefits reduced after he was seen playing football on crutches. Garreth Durrant, 16, is the youngest player ever to turn out for the England amputees team and often plays despite severe pain. He had his left leg amputated at the age of 11 when he contracted cancer of the bone and has been receiving £99 a week disability living allowance since then. But after his local paper carried a picture of him playing his favourite sport, the Department of Work and Pensions cut his benefits to £15 a week.
- ② His father Dave, 46, a farmer, said : "When we asked why his benefits had been slashed we were told it was because it appeared he could do everything for himself. That is ridiculous. He cannot carry a cup of tea or get into the bath unaided. We were told when he was 11 he would receive the full disability living allowance for life." Family friend Rob Holmes, who runs a boys' soccer team, said: "Garreth's enthusiasm covers up a lot of his difficulties. He often struggles with pain on the pitch but he pushes himself to play football. He's a great inspiration to others." The family's Labour MP (Member of Parliament) Jon Trickett said : "I am horrified that this family has to suffer such an incredible decision. Stopping this benefit shows lack of justice and humanity."
- ③ Garreth, who plays midfield for the Manchester City amputees side, is taking an FA (Football Association) coaching course and hopes to become a PE teacher as well as running his own amputees team in the future. He said the decision had really knocked him back.
- ④ A spokesman for the Department for Work and Pensions said: "Disability living allowance is based on how your disability affects your ability to look after yourself and move around. The condition of some people does change over time and that can affect the allowance."

The Daily Mail

December 4, 2004

I- READING COMPREHENSION (14 marks)

1. Tick (✓) the most appropriate title for the text. (1 mark)

- Achievement rewarded
- A fair decision
- Accomplishment penalized

2. Fill in the following table about Garreth Durrant with information from the text. (4 marks)

Disability	Achievement	Recent problem	Ambition

3. Answer the following question with reference to the text. (1 mark)

How long had Garreth been receiving the full allowance?

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4. Pick out details in paragraph 2 showing how serious Garreth's handicap is. (2 marks)

Detail 1:

Detail 2:

5. Tick (✓) the right option. (1 mark)

The attitudes shown by the father, the family friend and the MP reflect

- indifference
- disapproval
- acceptance

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

a) favourite sport (paragraph 1) refers to

b) others (paragraph 2) refers to

7. Which words in paragraph 2 mean nearly the same as: (2 marks)

a) cut or reduced =

b) complete =

8. What do you think of the decision taken by the Department for Work and Pensions? (1 mark)

I think

because.....

II– LANGUAGE (16 marks)

1. Fill in the blanks with nine words from the box. (4.5 marks)

issued – curb – speed – heat – elderly – derived – scope – decades – abuse – findings – warming

A British meteorological team said that 2003 was the hottest summer in Europe in at least five centuries. But this wave will no longer be an anomaly just a few from now if the machinery of global continues to build up According to an International Red Cross report in October, the 2003 heat wave claimed up to 30,000 lives, many of them people who died of dehydration and heat stress. The British are based on an updated computer model from a European project and taking into account efforts to pollution through international treaties.

2. Circle the right alternative. (4 marks)

It's a pity that five-year-old children have to be taught speaking and listening skills. Indeed, primary school children are to be given lessons in conversation [**despite – moreover – because**] so many are unable to talk clearly through watching too [**more – many – much**] television.

Every child in the country will be given talking lessons after experts [**advised- warned – raised**] that four-year and five-year olds were starting school with poorer verbal skills than ever before. Educationists have blamed the [**rise – drop – rush**] in standards on parents [**whom – who – whose**] sit children in front of TV for hours on end [**through – instead of – next**] talking and playing with them. The new lessons will [**aim – fail – compete**] to improve and develop children's language skills throughout their years in primary school. They will also teach children how to [**behave – challenge – use**] gestures and tone to express meaning.

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

A generation ago, conservationists lobbied for parks and reserves to protect attention-grabbing animals in immediate danger of [extinct] There have been some remarkable triumphs but parks can become [biological] diminished islands, cut off from the larger processes, such as migration, that sustain them. In order to preserve what remains of the natural world, [science] now say, we must protect entire ecological regions, not just parks, and [they] inhabitants. The World Wildlife Fund has compiled a list of 237 distinct ecological regions, [represent] the range of the earth's threatened biological [diverse] If we lose any of these areas, a major component of the natural world is [go] WWF will soon release "Living Planet", a collection of photographs highlighting the [threaten] areas. These images will serve as a call to save what is [leave] of the natural world.

4. Match the sentence parts in Column A with the appropriate ones in Column B to get a coherent paragraph. The sentence parts in Column A are in the right order. Be careful, there is an extra sentence part in Column B. Write your answers in the boxes below. (3marks)

Column A	Column B
1. My mother worked for a company	a) hear was an electronic tune.
2. One day, she arrived at work and	b) a computer game she had bought for my brother that morning.
3. To her surprise, all she could	c) although the problem persisted.
4. She contacted an assistant in the computer	d) he could find no evidence of a virus.
5. Various other tunes kept playing, but	e) which relied heavily on computers.
6. My mother finally found the cause:	f) department, who ran a virus check.
	g) immediately switched on her computer.

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

1. Develop the following notes into three coherent sentences. (3 marks)

Sentence a :

One reason why / science fiction sometimes / foretell / science facts / is that many modern writers / in / genre / are accomplished scientists.

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Sentence b :

David Brin / Gregory Benford, / two of the most successful science fiction writers / on the scene, / be / both physicists.

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Sentence c :

This is not / say / that all modern science fiction / be / potentially true.

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2. As a member of your school club, you were asked to write an article in which you urge the pupils in your school to raise funds in order to help needy pupils so that they can pursue their studies. Write the article in 12 lines. (7 marks)