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A N G L A I S

LV1 (STI-SMS-STL) & STT(CG-IG)
Langue renforcée STT (ACC-ACA)

Durée : 2 heures

Coefficient : 2

L'usage de la calculatrice et du dictionnaire est interdit

Ce cahier est à rendre en fin de l'épreuve. Avant de composer, le candidat s'assurera que le sujet comporte bien 5 pages numérotées de 1 à 5

When Constance O'Connor was fifteen, her mother stopped serving desserts at home. There were no cakes at tea, a low-fat spread was on the table instead of butter, and sweets and chocolate were forbidden from the house.

“You’re getting a bit hippy¹, darling,” her mother said when Constance protested.

5 “All the tennis lessons, all the smart places we go, will be no use at all if you have a big bum².”

“No use for what ? ”

10 “To attract the right kind of husband.” Her mother had laughed. And then before Connie could persist she said : “Believe me I know what I’m saying. I’m not saying it’s fair, but it’s the way things are, so if we know the rules why not play by them ?”

“They might have been the rules in your day, Mother, back in the forties, but everything’s changed since then.”

15 “Believe me,” her mother said. It was a great phrase of hers, she ordered people to believe her on this and on that. “Nothing has changed, 1940s, 1960s, they still want a slim, trim wife. It looks classy. The kind of men *we* want, want women who look the part. Just be glad you know that and lots of your friends at school don’t.”

Connie had asked her father. “Did you marry Mother because she was slim ?”

20 “No, I married her because she was lovely and delightful and warm and because she looked after herself. I knew someone who looked after herself would look after me, and you when you came along, and the home. It’s as simple as that.”

Connie was at an expensive girls’ school.

Her mother always insisted she invite her friends around to supper or for the weekend. “That way they’ll invite you and you can meet their brothers and their friends,” Mother said.

25 “Oh Mother, it’s idiotic. It’s not like some kind of society where we are all presented at court. I’ll meet whoever I meet, that’s the way it is.”

“That’s not the way it is,” her mother said.

30 And when Connie was seventeen or eighteen, she found herself going out with exactly the people her mother would have chosen for her, doctors’ sons, lawyers’ sons, young people whose fathers were very successful in business. Some of them great fun, some of them were very stupid, but Connie knew it would all be all right when she went to university. Then she could really meet the kinds of people she knew were out there. She could make her own friends, not just pick from the tiny circle that her mother had thought suitable.

Maeve Binchy *Evening class*, 1996

¹ Hip = *hanche*

² Bum = *bottom, behind*

1. COMPREHENSION

General Comprehension

A. Tick the correct answer

The scene is set in the 1940s 1960s 1990s

B. Who are the three main characters ?

a - _____ b - _____ c - _____

C. Tick the right statements :

- Constance and her mother agreed on everything.
- According to her mother, Constance needed to go on a diet.
- Constance's mother wanted her to be good-looking.
- Constance's mother did not want her to get married.
- Constance's mother did not want her to meet boys.
- Constance's mother had some influence on her.

Detailed Comprehension

A. True or False ? Justify your answers with brief quotations.

1 – Connie's mother imposed a new diet on her. True False

2 – Connie's mother did not want her to get too fat. True False

3 – According to Connie's mother, a girl's physical appearance did not matter. True False

4 - Connie's father agreed with her mother. True False

5 – Connie's mother thought that encounters between young people had to be pre-arranged True False

6 – Connie had no strategy in mind to find a husband. True False

7 – The boys Connie met later corresponded to her mother's wishes. True False

8 – Connie disliked all the boys she met. True False
