

Baccalauréat Technologique

Session 2002

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 à la fin de l'épreuve. Avant de composer, le candidat s'assurera que le sujet comporte bien 6 pages numérotées de 1 à 6

Ne vous en servez pas comme d'un brouillon. Il n'est pas prévu de vous en servir un second.

“Sounds like you need a rather large miracle. Is he working as hard as Lamar says?”

“I don't know how a person could work any harder. It's eighteen hours a day Monday through Friday, eight hours on Saturday, and since Sunday is a day of rest, he puts in only five or six hours. He reserves a little time for me on Sunday.”

5 “Do I hear a touch of frustration?”

“A lot of frustration, Kay. I've been patient, but it's getting worse. I'm beginning to feel like a widow. I'm tired of sleeping on the couch waiting for him to get home (...). He comes home, eats if he has the energy and goes to bed. If I'm really lucky, he might talk to me for a few minutes before he passes out. I'm starved for adult conversation, Kay. I spend seven hours a day with eight-year-olds, and I crave words with more than three syllables. I try to explain this to him, and he's snoring. Did you go through this with Lamar? ”

10 “Sort of. He worked seventy hours a week for the first year. I think they all do. It's kind of like initiation into the fraternity. A male ritual in which you have to prove your manliness. But most of them run out of gas after a year, and cut back to sixty or sixty-five hours. They still work hard, but not the kamikaze routine of the rookie year.”

15 “Does Lamar work every Saturday?”

“Most Saturdays, for a few hours. Never on Sunday. I've put my foot down. Of course, if there's a big deadline or it's tax season, then they all work around the clock. I think Mitch has them puzzled.”

20 “He's not slowing down any. In fact, he's possessed. Occasionally he won't come home until dawn. Then it's just a quick shower, and back to the office.”

“Lamar says he's already a legend around the office. ”

Abby sipped her wine and looked over the rail at the bar.

“That's great. I'm married to a legend.”

“Have you thought about children?”

25 “I'm not ready for children. I can't handle being a single parent. I love my husband, but at this point in his life, he would probably have a terribly important meeting and leave me alone in the labor room. He thinks of nothing but that damned law firm.”

Kay reached across the table and gently took Abby's hand. “It'll be okay, ” she said with a firm smile and a wise look. “The first year is the hardest. It gets better, I promise. ”

John Grisham, *The Firm*, 1991.

I – GENERAL COMPREHENSION

1) Fill in the blanks in the following summary : (one blank = one word).

Abby is talking with , who is 's wife,
about , 's husband.

2) Tick the correct answer :

a- The two men work

- in a law firm
- in a restaurant
- in a gas station
- in a school

b- What is the most appropriate title ?

- an unfaithful husband
- a frustrated wife
- a divorce
- a romantic love affair

II – DETAILED COMPREHENSION

A) Right or wrong? Tick the correct box and justify all your answers with brief quotations.

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| 1- Mitch never works on Sundays (line...)..... | <input type="checkbox"/> Right | <input type="checkbox"/> Wrong |
| 2- Abby feels pleased with her married life (line...)..... | <input type="checkbox"/> Right | <input type="checkbox"/> Wrong |
| 3- The couple usually speaks a lot in the evenings (line...)..... | <input type="checkbox"/> Right | <input type="checkbox"/> Wrong |
| 4- Kay has already experienced the same situation as Abby (line...)..... | <input type="checkbox"/> Right | <input type="checkbox"/> Wrong |
| 5- The employees of the firm need to show how virile they are (line...)..... | <input type="checkbox"/> Right | <input type="checkbox"/> Wrong |
| 6- Mitch is famous for working hard. (line...)..... | <input type="checkbox"/> Right | <input type="checkbox"/> Wrong |
| 7- Abby believes it is time for her to have children (line...)..... | <input type="checkbox"/> Right | <input type="checkbox"/> Wrong |

B) Pick out from the text

a) One sentence proving that Kay is comforting Abby

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b) One sentence proving that Kay is more confident in the future than Abby.

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C) Pick out an element proving that the firm has some diabolical effect on Mitch :

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D) Tick the correct answer :

1- "Like a widow" (lines 6-7) means :

- angry
- lonely
- bored
- surprised

2- "Most of them run out of gas after a year" (lines 13-14) means :

- they can't buy petrol after a year
- their central heating breaks down after a year
- they get very tired after a year
- they are fired after a year

3- "I've put my foot down" (line 17) means :

- I've come downstairs
- I've got out of bed
- I've started to dance
- I've been clear about my position

4- "I can't handle being a single parent" (line 26) means :

- educating children alone would be too much for me
- I don't want to be a mother at all
- I don't want to be a working mother
- educating children alone would be a good idea

