

<b>SESSION DE CONTROLE</b>	REPUBLIQUE TUNISIENNE MINISTERE DE L'EDUCATION ET DE LA FORMATION *** <b>EXAMEN DU BACCALAUREAT - SESSION DE JUIN 2008</b> ***	<b>ANCIEN REGIME</b>
<b>SECTIONS : LETTRES + ECONOMIE ET GESTION</b> <b>EPREUVE : ANGLAIS                      DUREE : 2 h                      COEF. : 2</b>		

### I – READING COMPREHENSION ( 14 marks )

1. When Lowri Turner and her husband Paul Connew decided to reverse the traditional marital roles, it seemed the perfect option. Lowri, a successful television presenter and newspaper columnist, was desperate to become a mother but reluctant to ease back on her career. Paul, on the other hand, a 51-year-old veteran journalist, was fed up with the long working hours he'd put up with for almost 30 years. He was too guiltily aware that his two previous marriages – and his five children – had suffered because of his long absences from home and his ambition to get to the top. Always the main breadwinner, this time he was determined his relationship with Lowri would not crumble in the same way. And when Griffin, his sixth child, was born two years ago, he was only too happy to agree to give up his job and become a house husband.
2. Lowri, now 37, truly believed she had found her ideal husband. But according to those close to the couple, the feminist theory didn't work in practice. Lowri seemed to love the excitement of her work and the glamour of celebrity. She claimed that she didn't mind leaving her little son at home. However, she gradually began to resent her role as the sole earner. Last week the relationship collapsed, just months before the birth of their second child.
3. The break-up will no doubt spark a debate on the view held by some couples that they would be happy if the man gave up his job to concentrate on the home while the wife was the breadwinner. In truth, as Lowri and Paul found, roles are rarely easy to swap and often the women get resentful and lose respect for their husbands.
4. Paul's relationship with his son deepened. When Lowri realized it, she felt left out, turning her resentment against the husband she once adored. As a modern marriage, it had, on paper at least, a great chance of thriving. But in reality, the pressures of role reversal didn't work. A source close to them said, "It breaks Lowri's heart that it is always Paul that Griffin runs to for comfort and cuddles. He is really the 'mother' and Lowri resents that."

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### QUESTIONS

1. Fill in the following table with information from the text. (4 marks)

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

Which of the two partners referred to in the text is to blame ?

I think that .....  
 .....because .....

**II – LANGUAGE ( 16 marks )**

**1- Fill in the blanks with words from the box. Be careful : there are two extra items. ( 4.5 marks )**

lost – equal – publish – citizens – tolerance – support – disabled – raise – let – share – surfing.

Some countries have traditionally viewed disabled people with contempt. They are often considered as second-class ..... But when a handicapped girl began .....the Internet, she discovered that online everyone is ..... She became determined to change her country's traditional views. Her website aims to ..... awareness about the disabled, while providing a forum for other patients to ..... their stories and find emotional ..... She hopes to ..... a book soon about her experiences to ..... more people reflect on things they would normally ignore like .....

**2- Put the bracketed words in the right tense or form. ( 4 marks )**

Water has always been a major issue in Man's life. One fourth of the world's people are likely ( live ) ..... in countries facing chronic or recurring ( short ) ..... of fresh water by the year 2050, according to a recent study. Already, more than 430 million people are living in countries ( affect ) ..... by water stress or ( scarce ) ....., the study found.

That is expected to increase four times by mid-century. There is already fierce national ( compete ) ..... over water for irrigation and power generation. This situation ( worsen ) ..... if populations grow by 50 % over the next 30 years. However, if populations grow more ( slow ) ..... than projected, water stress will be ( avoid ) .....

**3- Circle the right alternative. ( 4.5 marks )**

Life expectancy has been improving for decades now. A person ( **was born – is born – born** ) in 1900 could expect to live just more than 36 years. Today, the global average is over 65, and by 2025 it is expected to ( **extend – exceed – excel** ) 72 years. The 20<sup>th</sup> century has seen dramatic transformations in ( **everything – something – nothing** ) from medical care to ( **literate – literacy – literature** ) rates, and the changes will accelerate in the future. Not all of ( **them – they – their** ) are good; the number of slum dwellers, for instance, will jump ( **since – from – between** ) 810 million in 1995 to an estimated 2.5 billion in 2025. But ( **much – many – more** ) of the things we take for granted – e-mail and nuclear power – were not even a distant dream 100 years ( **ago – late – last** ). Still, ( **whenever – whatever – wherever** ) changes we saw in the last century will not compare to the ones we can expect in the next.

**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 is one extra item in column B. Write the corresponding letters in the box below. ( 3 marks )**

A	B
1. Globalization is a process with many features 2. It actually creates 3. That's to say, far from creating uniformity, 4. While it integrates markets, it 5. The information revolution ended the monopoly of the flow of ideas and information 6. The result is that many people now have more	a. globalization creates heterogeneity. b. since individuals had access to the internet. c. cultural freedom and other preferences than before. d. which offer a wide range of options. e. developing countries can't cope with the rapid population growth. f. also increases consumer choice. g. more diversity, not less.

<b>Answers :</b>	<b>1 + .....</b>	<b>2 + .....</b>	<b>3 + .....</b>	<b>4 + .....</b>	<b>5 + .....</b>	<b>6 + .....</b>
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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 after each mistake . ( 3 marks )**

The year was one of the warmest years on record. There were sever<sup>①</sup> ..... summer heat waves in the US, China and India. Hot<sup>②</sup> ..... and drought fed wild fires who<sup>③</sup> ..... destroyed forests in Indonesia, Brazil and Russia. The pattern of extreme climatic events is consistent with models of which<sup>④</sup> ..... a warmer world would be like. Scientists are now convinced more than never<sup>⑤</sup> ..... that the warming is the result of green house gases producing<sup>⑥</sup> ..... by burning coal, oil and gas.

2. **Your teacher has asked you to deliver a talk to your classmates about the problem of overpopulation in the world. Talk about the effects of overpopulation both on human beings and the environment and suggest practical solutions to the problem. ( No more than 12 lines ) ( 7 marks )**

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