BACCALAURÉAT GÉNÉRAL

SESSION 2015

ANGLAIS

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LANGUE VIVANTE 1

Durée de l’épreuve : 3 heures

Séries ES et S – coefficient : 3
Série L Langue vivante obligatoire (LVO) – coefficient : 4
Série L LVO et Langue vivante approfondie (LVA) – coefficient : 8

L'usage des calculatrices électroniques et du dictionnaire est interdit.

Dès que ce sujet vous est remis, assurez-vous qu'il est complet. Ce sujet comporte 7 pages numérotées de 1/7 à 7/7.

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As the lights went out, their memories burned bright: London pays tribute to WWI heroes with dramatic display

London was plunged into darkness last night as lights across the capital were switched off in a poignant act of remembrance to those who gave their lives in World War One.

A single beam of light, visible for miles around, was projected from Westminster as landmarks including the Houses of Parliament and Buckingham Palace were shrouded in darkness.

On the 100th anniversary since Britain joined the First World War, millions of people across the country reflected by the light of a candle on the sacrifices made by the young men and women during the Great War.

At Piccadilly Circus, the bright lights of the advertising boards were replaced with pictures of poppies and black and white photos of scenes from the war, along with the message: “Westminster remembers”.

The project was a reference to then-foreign secretary Sir Edward Grey’s famous remark on the eve of the outbreak of war, when he said: “The lamps are going out all over Europe; we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime.”

The poignant commemoration came after a day during which respects were paid across the UK and Europe to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Robin De Peyer, standard.co.uk, 5 August 2014
I wondered if the war had forgotten about us, although I knew it couldn’t have done. […] Then there was an order: we were to march to another quay, where the troopship lay.

I’d never imagined a vessel as tall as that one. It looked as if it could carry a city of men. Some were already up there, moving about like ants. Khaki ants. But my feet were still on solid earth. I wondered how I should ever come back. It seemed like a dream, that the ship was going to take all of us away with it, to another country, and that maybe we’d come back in that white ship\(^1\) with its green band, or maybe we wouldn’t come back. I wondered if the others thought of it, but no one said a word except about when we’d next have a brew\(^2\) […]

The crossing was roughish and we had to wear life-jackets in case of mines, or maybe submarines. Some of the boys were sick. We sat on deck and smoked, and saw England sidle away backwards, as if it were trying to escape. Rain was spattering out of the clouds, but not much. Being on that boat was something and nothing. We were in the army, but the army doesn’t fight on water. We weren’t in England and we weren’t in France. I didn’t mind how long the crossing lasted.

When we landed, we were in France. After all the talking and training, there it was, an ordinary town with the gulls flying up against the houses and people going about their business, not stopping to look at us because they were so used to the sight of us I suppose.

Helen Dunmore, *The Lie*, 2014

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1 white ship: hospital ship
2 have a brew: have a drink (tea or beer)
[The scene takes place during the Second World War.]

The convoy had entered a bombed village, or perhaps the suburb of a small town – the place was rubble and it was impossible to tell. Who would care? Who could ever describe this confusion, and come up with the village names and the dates for the history books? And take the reasonable view and begin to assign the blame? No one would ever know what it was like to be here. Without the details there could be no larger picture. The abandoned stores, equipment and vehicles made an avenue of scrap that spilled across their path. With this, and the bodies, they were forced to walk in the centre of the road. That did not matter because the convoy was no longer moving. Soldiers were climbing out of troop carriers and continuing on foot, stumbling over brick and roof tiles. The wounded were left in the lorries to wait. There was a greater press of bodies in a narrower space, greater irritation. Turner kept his head down and followed the man in front, protectively folded in his thoughts.

NOTE AUX CANDIDATS

Les candidats traitent le sujet sur la copie qui leur est fournie et veillent à :
- respecter l’ordre des questions et reporter les repères sur la copie (lettre ou lettre et numéro ou lettre, numéro et lettre). Exemples : A. ou A.1. ou A.1.a. ;
- faire toujours suivre les citations du numéro de la ligne ;
- recopier les phrases à compléter en soulignant l’élément introduit.

Répondez en anglais aux questions

I – COMPRÉHENSION (10 points)

Document A

Tous les candidats traitent les questions de A à G.

A. Who is remembered? Choose the right answer.
   1. Famous politicians of WW1.
   2. Unknown soldiers who died during WW1.
   3. Illustrious generals of WW1.

B.  1. How are these people presented?
    2. Why are they presented like this? Justify with two quotes.

C. Name four ways in which Great Britain remembered them on August 4th 2014.

D. Say if the following statement is True or False, and justify your answer with a quote: These commemorations only took place in London.

Document B

E. Copy out the following paragraph and fill in the blanks. One blank corresponds to one or several words taken from the text.
The scene takes place during … . The narrator is in the British … . Together with other soldiers he is leaving … to go to … by … .

F. Is there a sense of danger during the crossing? Justify with a quote.

G. How does the narrator feel when he thinks about his future? Choose the most appropriate adjective and justify with two quotes from the text.
   CONFIDENT – OPTIMISTIC – HEROIC – UNCERTAIN – EXCITED
H. Among the following sentences, say which statements are True or False. Justify each answer with a quote from the text.
The soldiers:
1. are sharing their feelings about the situation.

2. are enjoying a very pleasant crossing.

3. have a sense of immobility.

I. Explain in a few sentences what lines 10 to 14 reveal about the narrator’s state of mind.

J. How does the narrator feel when he arrives in France? Explain his reaction briefly.

Document C

K. Choose the correct answer each time.

1. Turner is…
   a) an officer.
   b) a civilian.
   c) an ordinary soldier.

2. He is with a convoy that …
   a) is advancing along a beach.
   b) is advancing towards a small town.
   c) has come to a stop.

L. Say in your own words what the men in the convoy can see all around them.

M. Answer the following questions briefly and justify each time with a quote.
   1. What are three of his concerns about the situation?
   2. How is Turner coping with the situation?

Documents A, B and C

N. Use the three texts to describe three stages in the making of a war hero.

O. Contrast the way soldiers are commemorated nowadays with the way they viewed themselves during the World Wars.
II – EXPRESSION (10 points)

Seuls les candidats des séries ES, S et ceux de la série L qui ne composent pas au titre de la LVA (Langue vivante approfondie) traitent les deux sujets suivants :

A. A journalist writes a short magazine article to say why it is important to commemorate the World Wars. Write the article. (150 words, +/- 10%)

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B. “No one would ever know what it was like to be here.” (Document C, ll. 4-5) Turner writes a letter to his mother to tell her about his war experiences. (150 words, +/- 10%)

Seuls les candidats de la série L composant au titre de la LVA (Langue vivante approfondie) traitent les deux sujets suivants :

A. “No one would ever know what it was like to be here.” (Document C, ll. 4-5) Turner writes a letter to his mother to tell her about his war experiences. (150 words, +/- 10%)

ET

B. “Who would care?” (Document C, l. 2) Why is it important that we should never forget the World Wars? (250 words, +/- 10%)