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	 Épreuve : Anglais	Sections : Économie et gestion, Mathématiques, Sciences expérimentales et Sciences de l'informatique
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Le sujet comporte 4 pages

I. Reading comprehension

1. Cara Brookin, a mother who fled domestic violence with her four children, tells the incredible story of how she rebuilt her family by building her own home. When she escaped her violent husband in 2008, she and her kids felt broken. "We had been beaten so far down," said Cara. Nevertheless, she knew that she had to give her kids a new start if they ever had a chance of leaving the trauma behind them. And as she couldn't afford to buy a new home, they would have to roll up their sleeves and build it themselves. With no building experience, Cara and her kids sat and watched hours of YouTube tutorials to teach them how to construct everything. There was a lot of asking people for help, too.

2. The family began construction of their house in Hickory Drive, Arkansas, in 2008. There were months of backbreaking labor. Then, the stunning five-bedroom home was complete. A year later, Cara and her children moved in. The property was purchased and built for \$130,000. The last time it was appraised, it was valued at half a million dollars. "The idea of building our own home rose as the only possible way to rebuild my shattered family while we worked through the shock of domestic violence," Cara said. "We were not only building our home, we were rebuilding our family unit, our self-confidence."

3. Cara said that living in a home she and her loved ones built made it special. "There is nothing like living in a place where you have touched every single brick!" she declared. "What's important is that we are who we are today thanks to it." The memories of building together will stay with the family years on end. However, that doesn't mean the Brookins will stay at that house forever. Cara also hopes that her story could inspire other victims of domestic abuse to do something "big" and life changing to reclaim their identity and their confidence.

HANNAH PARRY

Daily Mail, April 18, 2019 (adapted)

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Comprehension Questions (12 marks)

1. Tick (✓) the most appropriate option. (1 mark)

The text is mainly about a family who

- a. failed to survive hard times.
- b. made it to the top in business.
- c. won a battle against sufferance.

2. For each of the following statements, pick out one detail from the text showing that it is false. (2 marks)

a. Building a new house was an easy task for the Brookins. (paragraph 2)

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b. The Brookins will live in their new home for life. (paragraph 3)

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3. What are the two strategies that Cara and her kids used to build their new house? (paragraph 1) (2 marks)

- a.
- b.

4. Complete the table below with information about the Brookins' new home. (2 marks)

Construction year	Inhabitation year	Price after construction
2008

5. Circle the two adjectives that best describe Cara and her kids after building their own house. (2 marks)

- a. unified b. hesitant c. proud d. indifferent

6. Find words in the text having nearly the same meaning as (2 marks)

- a. severe emotional pain (paragraph 1):
- b. extremely attractive (paragraph 2):

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

If you were Cara Brookin, what advice would you give to people who might go through the same painful experience as you?

If I were Cara Brookin, I

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II. Writing (12 marks)

1. Use the information in the table below to write a four-line paragraph about brain drain.

(4 marks)

Definition	migration / well-qualified / professionals / poor countries / developed countries / better standards of living.
Factors	scarcity / job opportunities / countries of origin. high demand / labor / developed countries.
Most affected countries	African countries (Nigeria, Ethiopia, Kenya...).

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2. In most countries, people are no longer allowed to smoke in public places and office buildings. Do you think that this measure is enough to reduce the number of smokers and to cut the risks of smoking?

Write a twelve-line article for an electronic magazine in which you express your opinion on the issue. Support your point of view with at least three sound arguments. (8 marks)

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III. Language (6 marks)

1. Fill in the blanks with 6 words from the box. (3marks)

in / as / supposedly / neglected / endure / intense / envied / care

For decades, conventional wisdom has held that middle children -those born in between older and younger siblings- tend to have a hard time growing up. Within their families, they are said to be and misunderstood. Their place in the birth order is seen as one of disadvantage since they do not receive the same given by their parents to their siblings who, as first and last borns, are showered with particularly attention. Consequently, and according to the long-established stereotype, they become withdrawn, resentful and lacking in confidence. But much of this indignation is misplaced: For, proved by studies, the stereotype does not correspond to reality. Middle children are more likely to be successful and enjoy strong social lives. The apparent disadvantages they in childhood turn out to be beneficial, in many cases, giving them the attributes of empathy, independence and creativity.

2. Put the words in parentheses in the right tense or form. (3 marks)

Swapping city living for a rural idyll was once associated with the golden age of retirement. These days, however, a growing number of younger workers (**exchange**) urban postcodes for a place in the country. Recent statistics by the UK Office for National Statistics (**record**)..... 4.2 million UK home workers. It is the highest rate of home working since the UK office (**begin**).....comparable records in 1998. For Frances Rose, a 36-year-old mother, the time spent commuting became a thing of the past when she opted to work (**remote**).....using a laptop and an internet connection. "My husband and I loved living in London, but after we had our first child, we were increasingly conscious of how (**stress**)city life was. In addition, people living away from traffic-choked streets reduce their exposure to potentially health-(**damage**)levels of pollution. So I am sure we've made the right decision of moving to Bradford on Avon beautiful country," Frances said.