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	Durée : 2 H
	Coefficient : 2
Section : <b>Lettres</b>	<b>Session de contrôle</b>

Le sujet comporte 04 pages.

## I- READING COMPREHENSION (15 marks)

### THE TEXT

1 - When Ann McNamee signed up for the University of the Seven Seas in 1963, a new study-abroad program sailing to 20 different countries during one semester, she had never left the United States – and she had no idea how much the voyage would impact her life. Fifty years later, Ann has decided to come onboard once again as a lifelong learner.

2 - The 1963 voyage was mind-bending and eye-opening for Ann, and it has deeply changed her ever since. Today, Ann is thrilled to be traveling on this 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary voyage alongside her husband Bob. Back in October of 1963, 300 college students from across the country boarded the ship in New York City, set to visit 22 ports and 20 countries on their way to Lisbon, Portugal. They took classes in sociology, religion, and other courses that were a requirement for all of them.

3 - When Ann returned to school in Oregon, she knew that Semester At Sea had changed her perspective. “After Semester At Sea, I was so focused in class. I realized how much people in other countries wanted an education, and they were serious about it. I had a completely different outlook on education after the trip”, she said.

4 -As a teacher, Ann incorporated many of the lessons she had learned from her trip around the world into her classroom. In Africa and India, Ann visited orphanages and had an eye-opening experience that has, in many ways, affected the course of her life the most. The feeling of helplessness and a desire to make life better for others in need led her, later in life, to adopt three children.

5 - “I’d told Bob so much about the new trip, and he was the one who said, ‘let’s do it!’ “I’m realizing that it affected who I was as a parent, as a spouse, and as a teacher.” “But I don’t think the kids really know right now how much of an impact this is going to have on their whole future”, she added.

Adapted from [www.semesteratsea.org](http://www.semesteratsea.org)

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ANGLAIS (SECTION LETTRES)

**COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS**

**1. Complete the following table with appropriate details about Ann's first trip . (3 marks)**

Name of the trip	Type of program	Departure point	Duration
Semester At Sea	.....	.....	.....

**2. Tick( ✓ ) the right alternative. (1 mark)**

The message conveyed in this text is :

- a- Travelling enriches your learning experience. ( )
- b- Travelling opens up new job opportunities. ( )
- c- Travelling makes your dreams come true. ( )

**3. For each of the following statements, pick out one detail from the text showing that it is false. (3 marks)**

- a- Before the voyage, Ann often travelled abroad. (par.1)  
 .....
- b- The students who took part in the trip came from different countries. (par.2)  
 .....
- c- Ann failed to persuade her husband to join her on the new voyage. (par.5)  
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**4. Focus on paragraph 4 and fill in the table with the decisions Ann made. (2 marks)**

At professional level	At personal level
a. ....	b. ....

**5. Find words in the text meaning the same as : (3 marks)**

- a. very excited and pleased (par. 2 ) : .....
- b. attitude (par .3) : .....
- c. powerful effect (par .5) : .....

**6. What do the following underlined words in the text refer to ? (2 marks)**

- a. their (par.2) refers to .....
- b. it (par.3) refers to .....

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

If you were given the opportunity, would you join Semester At Sea ? Why or why not ?

If I were given the opportunity, I.....Semester At Sea  
 because.....

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## II-WRITING (15 marks)

1. Use the notes below to write a 5-line coherent paragraph about UNESCO. (5 marks)

<b>Type of organisation</b>	specialized agency/ United Nations
<b>Foundation</b>	16 November 1945
<b>Purpose</b>	- contribute / peace/security - promote / international collaboration/ different fields/ through education/ science / culture.
<b>Composition</b>	195 member states / 9 associate members
<b>Location</b>	main headquarters / Paris

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2. Some billionaires spend a fortune to take a space flight just for pleasure while millions of people in the world are dying from hunger. Write a 12-line article for your local newspaper in which you state your opinion about the issue and support it with good arguments. (10 marks)

DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME OR SIGN THE ARTICLE

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### III- LANGUAGE ( 10 MARKS)

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

**undoubtedly / entrance/ ideal /neither /almost/ facilities /compensation /either**

Taking a holiday with children can be a costly business. However, Sweden has a reputation for being an ..... destination for families. The country is very child-friendly, with good.....provided in restaurants, on public transport and in hotels. What's more, significant and substantial child reductions are.....available on everything from train tickets to hotel rooms. With 'Nature Travels', there are no ..... fees to expensive theme parks. No games arcades are made to swallow the children's pocket money,..... . This makes a family holiday both accessible and affordable.

It's ..... a wonderful opportunity to spend time together with the least cost ever.

#### 2. Circle the right alternative. (3 marks)

More than a million of the best-trained Britons have gone to live abroad. They are now contributing to the (**wealth/ drain/ opportunity**) of other countries, a report found yesterday. They have (**added/ made/ took**) up more than half of the British emigrants who have gone abroad over the past 14 years to work in countries (**include/ to include / including**) America, Australia, or, increasingly , Germany.

The report warned (**of /at / from**) a new brain drain and said that no other country loses as many university (**graduation/ graduated/ graduates**) through emigration. But at the same time British immigration rules are offering entry clearance to the country to engineers and other (**highly/ higher/ high**) qualified technicians because the country is suffering from shortages.

#### 3. Supply the right tense or form of the bracketed words. (4 marks)

A new report claims digital innovations such as Facebook and Twitter are saving lives when natural disasters strike. However, The International Federation of Red Cross, which (**just/publish**)..... its World Disasters Report 2013, finds poor disaster-prone nations are (**disadvantage**) ..... because they lack access to the new technologies. Red Cross Information Technology (**special**)... ..... Sarmad Alsaffaj said the so-called digital divide is huge in the poorest countries in the world, and that the lack of access to modern communications increases the (**harm**) ..... effects of the disasters and reduces people's abilities (**cope**) .....with them. Social media is (**increase**) ..... becoming a media for humanitarian workers to get information from disaster- affected areas. The problem (**be**) ..... that relying on this specific technology puts us in a risk of actually (**isolate**) ..... those who do not have access to this technology.