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SECTIONS : **MATHEMATIQUES + SCIENCES EXPERIMENTALES +
SCIENCES DE L'INFORMATIQUE + ECONOMIE ET GESTION**

EPREUVE : **A N G L A I S**

DUREE : 2 h

COEFFICIENT : 1

I – READING COMPREHENSION (12 marks)

- 1- The end of the traditional school report will soon be announced as ministers plan to give parents daily electronic access to their children's school records.
- 2- All schools will be expected to set up 'real-time reporting' systems that will allow parents to see their children's attendance records, grades and discipline reports. The information could be made online or via e-mails, text messages or even teleconferencing, which will make it easier for parents to be regularly involved in their children's education and will improve school standards.

"The systems will be more efficient and frequent than a once-a-year written report, or a letter home when there is a problem or something to celebrate," said Mr. Knight, the schools minister.
- 3- But security experts warned that any weaknesses in the Information Technologies systems opened up the risk of sensitive data going astray. Besides, teachers fear being overwhelmed with demands for information from parents.
- 4- "By 2010, all secondary schools should offer real-time reporting systems, with primary schools expected to follow two years later, said Mr. Knight. "All parents will be encouraged to buy a personal computer as it should be as important as going to school with a calculator or pencil case," he added.
- 5- The department of Children, Schools and Families will set aside £ 30 million over the next three years to help low-income families buy computers and connect to the internet. Mr. Knight will make his announcement at a computer industry conference, where he hopes to persuade manufacturers to support the government plan by offering discounted equipment.
- 6- The schools minister has promised that the new reporting systems will not add to teachers' workloads, but Mr. Sinnott, the general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said: "there has to be evidence that the 'real-time reporting' systems do not increase teachers' workload before we can accept them."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1) Tick (✓) the right alternative. (2 marks)

a) The text is mainly :

argumentative ☐ narrative ☐ expository ☐

b) The text is about online systems that allow :

– pupils to study at home using personal computers. ☐

– parents to see their children's school reports. ☐

– teachers to communicate with their pupils. ☐

2) Find in the text details showing that the following statements are false. (2 marks)

a- All British teachers are for the new online systems. (par. 3)

b- All British Schools are expected to start using the new systems at the same time. (par. 4)

3) Complete the following table with 3 adjectives from the following box. (3 marks)

frequent – overloaded – occasional – expensive – instant

Present school reports	Online school reports
- Written	-
-	-

4) Find expressions in the text meaning nearly the same as: (2 marks)

a- becoming lost or being stolen (paragraph 3) :

b- keep separately for a special purpose (paragraph 5) :

5) What do the underlined words in the text refer to? (2 marks)

a- where (par. 5) refers to

b- them (par. 6) refers to

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

Would you like to have such online reporting systems in Tunisian schools?

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II – WRITING (12 marks)

- 1) Use the following notes to write a short biography of Princess Diana Spencer. (4 marks)

Birth : 1961 / Marriage : Prince Charles, 1981 / Children : William and Harry / Death : 1997, Paris, accident / interest of press and public / work with charities

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- 2) You have just come back from a holiday organized by *Dream Tours Travel Agency*. You are quite happy with the quality of the service and the facilities available. Write a letter to your friend recommending the agency. No more than 12 lines (8 marks) . Do not write your name or sign the letter.

Dear friend,

exam.tn

cordially,
Sami / Samia

III – LANGUAGE (6 marks)

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

whatever – variety – offers – accommodation – less – most – actually - booked

The Edinburgh Festival is hugely popular with tourists. It is an umbrella term for a group of independently organised festivals, which together bring you a spectacular variety of events to choose from. The Edinburgh International Book Festival talks, readings as well as discussions, musical events and numerous children's activities. Tickets need to be well in advance as isn't easy to find in Edinburgh during the festival. Edinburgh is a compact city with good public transport, so you can still stay a few miles out and make the of the Festival, time of day or night you choose to experience it.

2) Supply the correct form or tense of the bracketed words. (3marks)

Dorothea Lange was America's foremost documentary photographer. Her photographs of victims of the Depression created a new genre and at the same time **(set)** an almost impossible standard for others. The **(power)** images she recorded helped bring government aid to impoverished communities. When Dorothea Lange graduated from school, she **(determine)** to become a photographer. She took teacher training – to satisfy her mother – but worked afternoons for professional photographers, **(learn)** techniques and gaining experience. "An extraordinary phenomenon in photography," Ansel Adams called her, "she is both a humanitarian and an **(art)** Her pictures are both records of actuality and sensitive **(emotion)** documents."