| REPUBLIQUE TUNISIENNE<br>MINISTERE DE L'EDUCATION<br>◈◈◈ | EXAMEN DU BACCALAUREAT<br>SESSION DE JUIN 2012 | | |
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| | Epreuve : ANGLAIS | Durée : 2h | COEFFICIENT : 1 |
| SECTIONS : Mathématiques + Sciences Expérimentales +<br>Economie et Gestion + Sciences de l'Informatique | | | SESSION PRINCIPALE |

**Le sujet comporte 4 pages**

## I. READING COMPREHENSION (12 marks)

1. Dana Lowrey has known she was adopted for as long as she can remember. And for almost as long – about 30 years – she had been looking for what she calls her "first family". She combed through country records, searched the online adoption registries and enlisted the help of reunion experts. On Jan. 10, she set up a Facebook page and asked friends to help her search. Within 24 hours, she was in touch with her birth mother, Mary Stark. And by Jan. 15, she had made contact with her biological dad, Kenny Morse.
2. In retrospect, Lowrey, a 41-year-old nurse, is not sure why it took her so long to use social networking sites to trace her birth parents. In 2008, she used MySpace to connect with the son, Tim Daugherty, she'd given up for adoption 19 years earlier.
3. For older adoptees like Lowrey, social networks came in handy to put together the puzzle of their backgrounds. But the methods Lowrey used could just as easily be employed by a curious adopted teenager or a birth mother who regrets giving up her child. This is raising concern among some adoptive parents and agencies. "We have not yet begun to wrap our mind around what the implications are," says Adam Pertman, executive director of the Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute. He adds "You want to do this thoughtfully and methodically. With Facebook, you don't have any of that."
4. Mindful of what can go wrong, several adoption agencies have issued advisories on how to handle social networking. The worst thing to do, they say, is to try to keep kids off the Web. "A smarter strategy is to keep an eye on children's online activities and help them understand the ramifications of finding their birth parents," says Martha Henry, of the University of Massachusetts Medical School. "Parents should figure out what steps they can take to join that journey and try to create an environment where their kids feel safe to talk about **it**."

TIME, August 16, 2010

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

**1. Tick (✓) the best option (1 mark)**

The main idea of the text is that using social networks to find one's relatives is:

a) a blessing for some and a source of trouble for others. ☐

b) not allowed by many adoption organizations. ☐

c) the safest way to carry out the search. ☐

**2. Complete the table with the appropriate information from the text (4 marks)**

| Date | Event |
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| ..... | Dana started looking for her birth parents |
| ..... | Dana gave up her son for adoption |
| 2008 | ..... |
| ..... | Dana set up a Facebook page |

**3. Dana used social networks to search for her birth parents and child. Who else is likely to use the same means for the same purpose ? (2 marks)**

a) .....

b) .....

**4. Tick (✓) the two (2) pieces of advice given by the Adoption Agencies to adoptive parents. (2 marks)**

a) Adoptive parents shouldn't get involved in the way their children use social networks. ☐

b) They should explain to their children the implications of finding their birth parents. ☐

c) They should not allow their children to use social networks. ☐

d) They should participate in the search. ☐

**5. Say what the underlined word in the text refers to. (1 mark)**

- **it** (paragraph 4) refers to .....

**6. Find, in the text, words / expressions that mean nearly the same as : (2 marks)**

a) examined carefully : (paragraph 1) .....

b) deal with something by doing what is necessary : (paragraph 4) .....

## II. WRITING (12 marks)

**1. Use the notes below to write a 4-line paragraph about the iPad (4 marks)**

**iPad :** a new kind of computers = tablet PC

**Characteristics :** flat / thin (1.25 cm) / light / no keyboard or mouse / just touchscreen

**Cost :** $ 499 - $ 829

**Functions :** e-mail / photos / music / movies / games / word processing / e-books, …

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**2. You were offered a well-paid job by a company in a foreign country because of your qualifications.**

**Write a 12-line letter to the company manager to let him / her know whether you accept or reject the offer. Give reasons for your decision. (8 marks)**

(DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME)

Dear manager,

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## III. LANGUAGE ( 6 marks )

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

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| pace - accessible - thanks to - rural - elderly - expectancy - due to - densely |

Everyone is happy in the countryside. Or are they?

Some of the benefits of living in the countryside can, on occasions, be real problems to be faced by those living in ..... communities. Less use of the health service can be simply because medical services are less ....., with most services based in urban areas, which are more ..... populated. The quietness in the countryside can be ..... a lack of neighbours or services which can be many miles away and the slower ..... of life , as young people, mothers with children and the ..... are restricted in their movement by limited or no public transport. In addition , rural public transport doesn't meet the needs of those living in the countryside.

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

Earth Day announced on April 19 the launch of a Facebook application designed to engage people on the issue of climate change and attract support for their A Billion Act of Green campaign. Earth Day (**hold**) ..... every April 22 around the world and aims to raise (**aware**) ..... of climate change and (**environment**) ..... issues. The event first (**begin**) ..... in America in 1970 and since then has grown into a global event. In celebration of Earth Day, individuals, communities, officials and even businesses around the world hold a (**vary**) ..... of events; this year the campaign aims to collect pledges for A Billion Acts of Green, which the (**organize**) ..... then intend to present at the UN Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro in June 2012.