REPUBLIQUE TUNISIENNE
MINISTERE DE L'EDUCATION

EXAMEN DU BACCALAUREAT
SESSION DE JUIN 2011

SESSION PRINCIPALE

SECTIONS : Mathématiques + Sciences expérimentales + Economie et Gestion + Sciences de l'Informatique

EPREUVE : ANGLAIS **DUREE : 2h** **COEFFICIENT : 1**

Le sujet comporte 4 pages numérotées de 1/4 à 4/4

I. READING COMPREHENSION (12 marks)

[1] A couple who were once so fat they weren't allowed to sit at the same end of a plane have lost around 100 kg between them. Alan and Jan Coupe felt humiliated when a stewardess asked them to move to opposite ends of the aircraft so their holiday flight could take off. But the humiliation became a turning point for them and might also have saved Alan's life. Doctors discovered he had a heart defect that could have killed him if he hadn't lost weight.

[2] As they were crowned Slimming World's Couple of the Year at the Ritz hotel in Central London yesterday, Jan said: "That flight was so embarrassing. Coming back, I asked to sit separately so we wouldn't have to go through **it** again. But if it hadn't happened, I don't think Alan would be here today." Alan, 55, lost around 50kg. Jan, 51, lost 49kg or so and weighs now 67kg.

[3] The couple will spend some of their £3,000 prize money on celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary this year – for which they will have their wedding rings made smaller. When they celebrated their 25th anniversary, their fingers were so large they had to ask a jeweler to expand the rings. The couple's healthy eating regime has been passed on to their children Chris, 20, who has lost 25kg, and Chloe, 25, who is trimmer by 13kg.

[4] Jan said: "We have apologized to our children because we didn't do things with them since our weight inhibited us." Alan added: "Chris can't swim because I couldn't take him to the baths. There was no way I was putting a swimming costume on." Now the family cycle and swim together and enjoy taking long walks. Alan said: "It's the little things like being able to tie my shoelaces and walk upstairs without getting out of breath that really make a difference. Since I lost weight my doctor has discovered I have a heart defect. I may have had it for years, but **it** was hidden by my size."

Daily Express
March 17th, 2010
(adapted)

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Nom et prénom : .....

Date et lieu de naissance : .....

Signatures des surveillants

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Epreuve : ANGLAIS : Sections : Maths + Sc.Exp + Sc.Info + Eco.Ges

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1- Complete the following table with the appropriate information about the couple. (2 marks)

The couple	The name of the award they received	The amount of weight they lost
Alan and Jan	.....	.....

2- Tick (✓) the right alternative (2 marks)

A. Jan and Alan decided to lose weight because

a) they couldn't put on their swimming costumes ☐

b) they had a heart defect ☐

c) they were humiliated on the plane ☐

B. "... our weight <u>inhibited</u> us" (paragraph 4) nearly means

a) prevented us ☐

b) enabled us ☐

c) encouraged us ☐

3- Read paragraph 4 and mention <u>three</u> things Alan could not do because of his size. (3 marks)

- .....
- .....
- .....

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

- '**<u>it</u>**' (paragraph 2) refers to .....
- '**<u>it</u>**' (paragraph 4) refers to .....

5- Answer the following questions (2 marks)

a) **How did the parents and their children lose weight?**

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b) **What prevented the doctors from discovering Alan's heart defect earlier?**

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6- Give a personal justified answer to the following question.

What do you think of the couple's achievement? **(1 mark)**

I think .....

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II. WRITING (12 marks)

1. Use the notes below to develop a 4-line paragraph about virtual schools. (4 marks)

- The virtual school: modern approach / learning
- Benefits: comfortable / good option / handicapped / bullied children
- Side effects: no exercise / limited social life

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2. Energy consumption is increasing . Unfortunately, one day we may run the risk of not having enough energy supplies as they are not renewable.
Write an article to the editor of Businessweek to suggest practical solutions to save energy. (8 marks)

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III - LANGUAGE (6 marks)

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

migrate - widespread - which - immigrate - because - whose - escape - departure

Investment in higher education is lost when a trained individual leaves and does not return. Also, whatever social capital the individual has been a part of is reduced by his or her **(1)** ..... . The spokesman for the Royal Society of London used the expression 'brain drain' to describe the outflow of scientists and technologists to Canada and the United States in the early 1950s. Its counterpart is 'brain gain' in the areas to **(2)** ..... talent migrates. Brain drain can occur either when individuals who study abroad and complete their education do not return to their home country, or when individuals educated in their home country **(3)** ..... for higher wages or better opportunities.

The second form is arguably worse **(4)** ..... it drains more resources from the home country. This phenomenon is perhaps more problematic for developing nations, where it is **(5)** ..... In these countries, higher education and professional certificates are often viewed as the surest path to **(6)** ..... from a troubled economy or a difficult political situation.

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

A British teenager who took a drugs overdose has been saved after the American girl he was chatting to online raised the alarm. The 16-year-old boy from Oxford had sent her a message (**suggest**) (1) ..... he intended to commit suicide. Although she did not know where he lived, calls via the White House and the British Embassy enabled Abingdon Police to save the boy's life. The boy, who has not been named, made a full (**recover**) (2) ..... after hospital treatment. It (**believe**) (3) ..... that he was using the social networking site late on Wednesday night and sent a private message to a girl in Maryland saying that he was going to harm himself. She told her mother, who called local police. The police called a special agent at the White House, the British Embassy in Washington and finally the police control room in Abingdon. The staff (**narrow**) (4) ..... down his location to eight possible addresses, and officers found the teenager at the (**four**) (5) ..... house they tried. He (**take**) (6) ..... an overdose, but was still conscious.