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A N G L A I S

LANGUE VIVANTE 1

STI2D, STD2A, STL, ST2S – Durée de l'épreuve : 2 heures – coefficient : 2

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Dès que ce sujet vous est remis, assurez-vous qu'il est complet.
Ce sujet comporte 6 pages numérotées de 1/6 à 6/6.

Répartition des points

Compréhension de l'écrit	10 points
Expression écrite	10 points

Document 1

The narrator and his family have just moved from England.

There are many wonderful things about the United States of America that deserve praise[1], but none is more outstanding than the friendliness of the people.

When we moved to this little town in New Hampshire, people received us as if the one thing that had kept them from total happiness up to that point was the absence of us in their lives. They brought us cakes and pies and bottles of wine.

It was dazzling[2] and it has remained so. At Christmas last year we went to England for ten days and returned home late at night and hungry to find that a neighbour had stocked the fridge with both essentials and goodies, and filled vases with fresh flowers. This sort of thing happens all the time.

That people leave their cars unlocked and the windows open tells you something more about the town, of course. The fact is, there is no crime here. People will casually leave a $500 bicycle propped against a tree and go off to do their shopping.

The police don't shoot people here because they don't need to, because there is no crime. It is a rare and heart-warming example of a virtuous circle. We have grown used to this now, but when we were still new in town and I expressed wonder about it all to a woman who grew up in New York City but has lived here for 20 years, she laid a hand on my arm and said, as if imparting[3] a great secret: “Honey, you're not in the real world any longer. You're in New Hampshire.”

Adapted from Bill Bryson, *Notes from A Big Country*, 1999.

[1] praise: a compliment
[2] dazzling: wonderful
[3] imparting: sharing

Document 2



EXPAT LIFE

ADJUSTING TO LIFE IN THE CITY

This past Friday marked exactly ten weeks since we arrived in London and began adjusting to life in the city. Anytime, anywhere you move, there will always be an adjustment period, an undetermined amount of time where you, among other things, acclimate to your new home's culture, learn your way around town, and start meeting new friends.

After ten weeks, I still panic a bit at the till (cash register) when I need to pay in cash and I can't quickly count out the correct pence because I'm still used to American coins. I get frustrated when I can't find the ingredients I need to cook our familiar family meals, and when I mess up the unit conversions between grams and ounces and ruin the entire dinner. I get lost everywhere. Street signs aren't always prominently displayed (if they are displayed at all), and I once spent an hour, completely turned around, trying to meet my cousin for dinner, when the actual distance from the tube to the pub was less than a quarter of a mile. But these are minor annoyances[1], and things I'm bound to learn the longer I live here.

The real transition has been from quiet, rural life to living in one of the biggest and busiest cities in the world. Even though I've lived in a lot of places, I have always lived either in the country or in the suburbs, neither of which could have prepared me for the noise and the fast pace of a big city. The first thing I noticed, and likely the first thing anyone notices, is the people. And not just that there are a lot of them, but that they are moving really, really quickly. When we are in the busiest sections of the city, sometimes I feel like pressing myself against a wall to get out of the way for fear of being trampled[2].

Adapted from *www.thewanderblogger.com*, August 5, 2013.

[1] annoyances: irritations, nuisances
[2] trampled: walked over, crushed

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- à faire précéder les citations demandées du numéro de ligne dans le texte.

I. COMPREHENSION DE L'ECRIT (10 points)

Document 1

1- What is the document about?
Choose the right answer.

a) An English family that has recently moved to New Hampshire, USA.
b) An American family that has recently settled in London, England.
c) An English family that has recently arrived in New York City, USA.

Lines 1 to 9

2- What surprised them most when they arrived in their new country? Explain in your own words and justify (one sentence AND one quote).

3- True or False? Justify by quoting the text.

a) They live in New York City.
b) Their new neighbours first ignored them.
c) They felt amazed by their neighbours' welcome.

4- From lines 6 to 9: *"At Christmas (…) flowers".*

From the following list, choose TWO adjectives to describe the neighbours and TWO adjectives to describe the family:

disappointed/ helpful/ surprised/ selfish/ kind/ thankful

The neighbours:

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The family:

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Lines 10 to the end

5- In the text, pick out two examples of habits in this town that seemed both very surprising and very nice to them.

6- **Lines 17/18: *"Honey, you're not in the real world any longer. You're in New Hampshire."***
Explain in your own words what the lady means. (20 words)

Document 2

7- Identify the type of document.

8- The following sentences are FALSE. Correct each statement with quotes from the text.

a) The narrator has lived in London for a long time.
b) The narrator feels relaxed in his/her new environment.
c) The narrator is English.

9- Focus on the second paragraph. In the text, pick out three "minor annoyances" in the narrator's daily life.

10- What is the most difficult challenge the narrator has to face? Explain in your own words and use two quotes from the text to justify (30 words).

Documents 1 and 2

11- What do the families in documents 1 and 2 have in common?
Pick the TWO correct statements.

a) Both families have moved to a different place and need to adapt.
b) Both families have to adapt to a rural life in the country.
c) Both families experience a culture shock.
d) Both families think their new lives are very similar to their old ones.

12- Was it easy for these families to adjust to their new environment? Compare the two experiences. (about 40 words)

II. EXPRESSION ECRITE (10 points)

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Choose **ONE** of the following subjects (200 words)

1) You have just moved to New York City. Write a blog article to share your experience.

OR

2) You want to spend a year in an American university. Where would you prefer to study? In a small town or in a big city? Why?

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