


MINISTÈRE DE L'ÉDUCATION  STAX 1	Devoir de Synthèse 1	Le 15 décembre 2023
	ÉPREUVE: Anglais	1^{ère} année secondaire
	Durée: 2 heures (de 10^h à 12^h)	Academic Year : 2023 - 2024

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Le sujet comporte 4 pages

A. READING COMPREHENSION: (15 marks)

The text:

- David Balogun, a nine-year-old boy from Pennsylvania, U.S, loves science and computer programming. He has recently received a diploma from Reach Cyber Charter School after he took online classes from his family home. David becomes one of the youngest children to graduate high school. Michael Kearney is the only person younger than David who did the same. He still holds the Guinness world record he set when he was six.
- David wants to be an astrophysicist. Although his parents have university degrees, they said that it is challenging to raise a gifted child. "He's a nine-year-old boy with the brain that has the capacity to understand a lot of theories and ideas beyond his years and sometimes beyond our understanding," David's mother said.
- "My teachers helped keep me engaged with my studies. They didn't bog me down. They kept saying: 'you can do this'. This pushed me to keep progressing," said David. Some teachers said that they learned from him. They even considered him a computer programmer. "David was an inspirational kid. He has changed the way my colleagues and I think about our job," Cody Derr, his teacher, said.
- David is now a member of the Mensa, an organization of individuals with high intelligence quotients. He has done one semester at Bucks county community college since graduating from Reach charter. Meanwhile, he and his parents have been doing their research into other colleges. They try to find one that is best suited for him. Besides his academics, David enjoys doing sport and playing the piano.

**The Guardian (adapted)
February 5th, 2023**

Comprehension Questions

1. Tick (✓) the right option. (1 mark)

The text is *mainly* about a talented boy who:

- ☐ a. made history as the second youngest high school graduate.
- ☐ b. inspired all his teachers to teach him a new programme.
- ☐ c. caused problems for his uneducated parents.

2. Complete the table with details from paragraphs 1 and 3. (2 marks)

Cause	Result
David	David got a certificate from <i>Reach Cyber Charter School</i> .
The teachers motivated David to learn

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

a. David achieved low academic results. (paragraph 1)

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b. David's parents found it easy to take care of their son. (paragraph 2)

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c. David focuses only on his studies. (paragraph 4)

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4. Tick (✓) the right option and then justify your answer with one detail from the text. (2 marks)

a. Has any other child performed better than Michael Kearney? ☐ Yes / ☐ No

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b. Did David affect his teachers' lessons for the better? ☐ Yes / ☐ No

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5. Fill in each blank with one word from paragraphs 3 and 4. (2 marks)

David is a child prodigy. Graduating from high school at an early age was an achievement. This makes him set other goals he will to achieve in the future.

6. Find a word and an expression in the text having nearly the same meaning as: (2 marks)

- ability (paragraph 2) =

- prevent somebody from making progress (paragraph 3) =

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

a- 'they' (paragraph 3) =

b- 'one' (paragraph 4) =

8. Give a personal and justified answer to the following question. (1 marks)

If you were David's parents, would you let your child join a university at an early age?

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B. LANGUAGE: (10 marks)

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

[self-confident / of / chef / insisted / although / from / cookery / persuaded]

Andrew Wong started cooking when he was eight. By 15, he knew that he wanted to become a professional He told his parents that he would not give up his ambition. In fact, he them to let him attend culinary classes. He dropped out regular education. Later, at the age of 16, he joined a school. During school breaks, his parents and siblings would invite their friends over and have Andrew cook for them in exchange for pocket money. Every successful meal made him even more and passionate about cooking. Andrew is still young, his enthusiasm and dedication to cooking are enormous.

2. Put the bracketed words in the right tense and / or form. (4 marks)

Selena Gomez is the most-followed woman on Instagram. She has 429 million followers on Instagram, (much) than any other singer. Selena's fans have told her how her music has helped them through difficult times. Actually, Selena (become) well known since the release of her documentary entitled "My Mind and Me". It was about Selena (deal) with the impact of her childhood (famous) and her kidney transplant in 2017. When she (interview) about the documentary, Selena said, "When we were filming it, I felt like I got to say things kept in for years. I watched it once. Now, I'm proud of it, but I (not / watch) it again." She revealed that she was (initial) against the documentary. "When the document was released, I felt (relieve) It was like a huge weight was lifted," she added.

3. Circle the right option. (3 marks)

Eva Pau, a Chinese Irish businesswoman, had an interview in 2023. She is the Commercial Director of Asia Market, a successful family [career / business / fortune] established in 1981 by her parents. Asia Market has grown to become Ireland's ever [large / larger / largest] Asian food importer and distributor, employing over 160 multinational employees. [Moreover / Despite / Therefore], the Pau family own Duck, a food outlet located on Fade Street in Dublin, [where / which / what] specialises in Hong Kong-style barbecued duck and chicken. The conversation focused on [sharing / avoiding / approving] female leaders' experiences. It [expresses / belongs / hopes] to inspire others on their paths to leadership.

A. READING COMPREHENSION: (15 marks)**Comprehension Questions**

1. Tick (✓) the right option. (1 mark)

The text is *mainly* about a talented boy who:☒ a. made history as the second youngest high school graduate.

2. Complete the table with details from paragraphs 1 and 3. (2 marks)

Cause	Result
David took online classes (from his family home.)	David got a certificate from <i>Beach Cyber Charter School</i> .
The teachers motivated David to learn	(This) pushed me to keep progressing

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

a. David achieved low academic results. (paragraph 1)

(David becomes) one of the youngest children to graduate high school

b. David's parents found it easy to take care of their son. (paragraph 2)

(they said that) it is challenging to raise a gifted child

c. David focuses only on his studies. (paragraph 4)

(Besides his academics,) David enjoys doing sport and playing the piano

4. Tick (✓) the right option and then justify your answer with one detail from the text. (2 marks)

a. Has any other child performed better than Michael Kearney? ☒ No

He still holds the Guinness world record he set

b. Did David affect his teachers' lessons for the better? ☒ Yes

He has changed the way my colleagues and I think about our job

N.B. The learner can either get 0 or 1 for the whole question

- the two parts of the answer (ticking and justification) should exist

- All the sentence in the justification part should figure out

5. Fill in each blank with one word from paragraphs 3 and 4. (2 marks)

inspirational / try

6. Find a word and an expression in the text having nearly the same meaning as: (2 marks)

- ability (paragraph 2) = capacity

- prevent somebody from making progress (paragraph 3) = bog (me) down

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

a- 'they' (paragraph 3) = my teachers / David's teachers

b- 'one' (paragraph 4) = college

8. Accept any personal and justified answer (1 marks)

B. LANGUAGE: (10 marks) N.B. No spelling mistakes are tolerated

1. Fill in the blanks with 5 words from the box. (6 x0.5 = 3)

chef / persuaded / of / cookery / self-confident / Although (The A should be capitalized)

2. Put the bracketed words in the right tense and / or form. (8 x0.5 = 4)

more / has become / dealing / fame / was interviewed / (won't watch / will not watch) / initially / relieved

3. Circle the right option. (6 x0.5 = 3)

business / largest / Moreover / which / sharing / hopes

C. WRITING: (15 marks)

1. Complete the following conversation with the suitable utterances. (5 marks)

Carla: Where do you work?

Carla: I'm in the marketing department

Peter: I'm sure there are. I'm happy to help you if I can.

Carla: Thank you, Peter. What do you do in the design department?

Carla: How long have you been here?

N.B. Accept any other appropriate answer that fits the context.

The mark for each answer can be 0.25 / 0.50 / 0.75 / 1 depending on how accurate the answer is.