

Baccalauréat Technologique
Sciences et Technologies de Gestion

Session 2007

A N G L A I S

LANGUE VIVANTE 2

STG TOUTES SÉRIES SAUF CGRH :
Durée : 2 heures - coefficient : 2

STG CGRH
Durée : 2 heures - coefficient : 3

Compréhension : 10 points

Expression : 10 points

L'usage de la calculatrice et du dictionnaire est interdit.

Avant de composer, le candidat s'assurera que le sujet comporte bien
4 pages numérotées de 1 à 4.

When Barbara Shore had been told she was going to have twins, she had said nothing at all. Her doctor, an old-fashioned, comfortable country general practitioner believed her to be struck dumb with delight¹. That, after all, was the proper response. But Barbara had only said, after a while, 'How perfectly preposterous²,' and had then gone home to do what she did best in times of crisis, which was to rest in bed.

5 Her husband, William, came home from a day's history teaching at a local minor public school, and found her resting.

'It's twins,' she said. She sounded accusing.

He sat, with some difficulty, on the satin-covered quilt beside her.

10 'How wonderful !'

'For whom?'

'For both of us.' He thought a bit, and beamed³ at her. 'Shakespeare had twins. Hamnet and Judith.'

15 'I don't want twins,' Barbara said distinctly, as if speaking to someone hard of hearing. 'I only just want one baby and I certainly don't want two. It's awful being a twin.'

'Is it?'

'Awful,' Barbara said.

'How do you know?'

20 'Because I have an imagination,' Barbara said. 'Because you can never be quite your own person, if you're a twin, because it stunts⁴ your relationships with anyone else, because you can't ever be quite free of the other person.'

William got up and went over to the window. Outside, the autumn fields lay pleasingly striped with stubble and speckled with partridges. He was full of delight at the thought of twins, at the completeness that a brace of babies suggested.

25 'The Americans love twins,' he said irrelevantly. 'There's somewhere called Twinsburgh, in Ohio, where they—'

'Shut up,' Barbara said.

30 'We'll get a nanny, a mother's help. I'll buy a washing machine.' His eyes suddenly filled with tears at the thought of his pair of babies existing there, inside Barbara's body, only feet away from him, the size, perhaps, of hazelnuts. 'I'm – I'm so happy.'

'It's all very well for you,' Barbara said.

Joanna Trollope, *A Spanish Lover*, 1993

¹ delight: pleasure

² preposterous: absurd

³ beamed: smiled

⁴ to stunt: to keep from growing

NOTE AUX CANDIDATS

Les candidats traiteront tous les exercices sur la copie qui leur sera fournie et veilleront :

- à respecter l'ordre des questions et reporter la numérotation sur la copie (numéro de l'exercice et, le cas échéant, la lettre repère ; ex. : 1 a, 1 b, etc.) ;
- à faire précéder les citations éventuellement demandées du numéro de ligne dans le texte.

I – GENERAL COMPREHENSION

Give the correct answer

A - Barbara Shore is expecting

1) one baby

2) two babies

3) three babies

B - William is

1) a doctor

2) a teacher

3) a general

C - The scene takes place

1) early in the morning

2) at midday

3) in the early evening

D - Husband and wife

1) are both very happy

2) have different views

3) are both unhappy

E - The scene takes place

1) in July

2) in October

3) in January

II – DETAILED COMPREHENSION

A - Right or Wrong? Justify with a quote from the text.

1 - Barbara kept quiet when hearing the news from her doctor.

2 - Her doctor thought she couldn't speak as she was very happy.

3 - For Barbara, it was a moment of great happiness.

4 - When her husband came home, she was relaxing on her bed.

5 - He hated it when she told him the news.

6 - Barbara thought being a twin was a fantastic experience.

B - Quote the elements from the text showing that...

- 1) ...it takes Barbara some time before she can speak to the doctor.
- 2) ...she speaks to her husband in a reproachful tone.
- 3) ...she insists on being clearly understood.
- 4) ...William is ready to support his wife as far as housework is concerned.
- 5) ...in the end, he can't help crying.

C - Quote from the text the synonyms for the following words:

- 1- outdated
- 2- doctor
- 3- appropriate
- 4- a woman whose job is to look after children

III – EXPRESSION

Choose **one** subject.

- 1–The father offers to buy a washing machine to help his wife. What else could he do to help?
(150 words)
- 2–What are the advantages or disadvantages of a large family? (150 words)