

# BACCALAURÉAT GÉNÉRAL

SESSION 2009

ANGLAIS LV 2

Séries L/S

Série L

Durée : 3 heures - Coefficient : 4

Série S

Durée : 2 heures - Coefficient : 2

*L'usage de la calculatrice et du dictionnaire n'est pas autorisé.*

*Dès que le sujet vous est remis, assurez-vous qu'il est complet.  
Ce sujet comporte 5 pages numérotées de 1/5 à 5/5.*

## BARÈME

COMPRÉHENSION	10 pts
EXPRESSION ÉCRITE	10 pts

You know what's weird? What's weird is when you mean a lot more to somebody else than they ever meant to you. I mean, a whole lot more. Like life on two whole different planets.

I been on the wrong end of that, too. My freshman year in high school, I was like  
5 head over heels in love with this girl. Her name was Laura Furley. I used to lie in bed at  
night, saying that name to myself, over and over in my head. I had this pencil in my drawer  
that she'd dropped in the hall. I had it in this little box with tissue paper. I mean, it was  
weird. It was a goddam shrine or something. And I cut three pictures of her out of the  
yearbook and put them in a frame. I never said a word to her. I mean, not even hello. I'm  
10 not even sure I ever looked her in the eye. But I wanted to spend my whole life with her.  
And if I couldn't, I thought I'd spend my whole life thinking about how I couldn't. And then  
sometimes I would think, if she knew all this, boy, would she be amazed.

Probably she would have said, Matt who?

I'm not saying I think Mrs. Greenberg was in love with me, it's not that. It's just  
15 weird. I mean, I never noticed her any more than any other customer in that store. I just  
knew her name. I just said, "Hello, Mrs. Greenberg. How are you tonight?"

Man. She must've been awful lonely.

*Dearest Matthew,*

*If you are reading this, I have passed away. I left this letter in with some personal  
20 things, with a note to my son, Richard, asking him to mail it after I'm gone. This morning, I  
made some phone calls. To my insurance company and to my lawyer. I had to make a  
very big decision, and I made it. I have a \$25,000 life-insurance policy and I decided not to  
leave it to my son. I don't trust he would use it the right way.*

*I have decided to split it three ways, \$8,333 will go to you. The same amount to Terri,  
25 whom I also like very much, and the other third to that nice lady at the cat shelter, because  
she is selfless and does good work.*

*This leaves one dollar for Richard. He will kick and he will be very temperamental. I  
think you may have to attend the reading of the will, and it may not be pleasant. But I have  
worked it out carefully with my lawyer. Richard can contest it, and he probably will, but he  
30 won't win. We've sealed it all up carefully.*

*You may do what you want with this money, but I'm trusting you to use it well. Not  
selflessly, just well. Definitely spend it on yourself. But don't waste it.*

*If you want to know why I chose you, it's because you always had a nice smile, and  
you asked how I was feeling. And then you listened to the answer. You never made me  
35 feel like I didn't matter, or like I wasn't there.*

*Now. The money is not exactly free. I have done you a big favor. Well, the biggest  
favor it's in my power to do. I know \$8,333 doesn't go as far as it used to. But it's all I have.  
The house is mortgaged up to the hilt and my Social Security payments expire when I do.*

*Here's what I want you to do. Do a very big favor for three people. It doesn't have to be  
40 money. Just give them something that is as big to you as \$8,333 is to me. And when they  
try to pay you back, tell them instead to pay it forward.*

*Give your time, if you have to, or your compassion. Lots of people have money but not  
that.*

45 *You are a nice boy. Enjoy the money.*

*Best wishes,  
Ida Greenberg*

## NOTE IMPORTANTE AUX CANDIDATS

Les candidats traiteront le sujet **sur la copie qui leur sera fournie** en respectant l'ordre des questions et en faisant apparaître la **numérotation** (numéro et lettre repère le cas échéant). Ils composeront des phrases complètes chaque fois qu'il leur est demandé de rédiger les réponses. **Le nombre de mots** indiqué constitue une exigence minimale. En l'absence d'indication, les candidats répondront brièvement (moins de 20 mots) à la question posée.

## COMPRÉHENSION

### Global comprehension

1. Say what the extract is made up of. Choose two appropriate answers.

- a) an interior monologue
- b) an excerpt from an autobiography
- c) a letter
- d) a speech
- e) a conversation

2. Identify the voices. Give a full name when possible.

- a) Who says 'I' in line 2?
- b) Who says 'I' in line 19?

3. Find who is who.

a) **From line 1 to 17.** Copy the chart below and fill it in.

Character's name	Relation to the narrator	Where the narrator met them
Laura Furley		
Mrs. Greenberg		

b) **From line 19 to 30,** which four characters are mentioned by Mrs. Greenberg? (just give a list)

### Detailed comprehension

4. The text is written in American English. Prove it by picking out:

- a) an American expression
- b) an American cultural reference

- c) an American word spelling
- d) the American equivalent for:
  - to post
  - a shop

5. Find, in the order of the text, the equivalents for the following words:

- a) strange
- b) altruistic
- c) testament
- d) verified
- e) throw away

6. Pronouns: who or what do they refer to?

- a) line 12: she
- b) line 15: her
- c) line 20: him
- d) line 20: it
- e) line 24: you
- f) line 28: it
- g) line 30: we
- h) line 40: they
- i) line 43: that

7. True or false? Say if the following statements are true or false. Always justify your choice with a specific quotation from the text and indicate the lines.

- a) Laura Furley was Matt's girlfriend.
- b) Matt was obsessed with that girl.
- c) Mrs. Greenberg's mail is posthumous.
- d) Mrs. Greenberg has decided to leave absolutely nothing to her son.
- e) Matt will inherit all of Ida's money.
- f) Mrs. Greenberg expects nothing in return for her generosity.

8. In your opinion, what does the narrator mean when he says in line 4: "I been on the wrong end of that, too."? (40 words)

9. Read lines 22-23: "I have a \$25,000 life-insurance policy and I decided not to leave it to my son." Guess the reasons that may have led Mrs. Greenberg to make that decision. (40 words)

10. Lines 41-42: "And when they try to pay back, tell them instead to pay it forward." Explain the difference between these two options. (60 words)

## EXPRESSION

**Les candidats de la série S** traiteront l'un des deux sujets au choix (200 mots environ).

**Les candidats de la série L** traiteront l'un des deux sujets au choix (300 mots minimum).

1. Imagine the scene at the reading of the will. Only Matt, Richard and Mrs. Greenberg's lawyer are present.
2. Have you ever given some of your time and compassion to a person? Explain the circumstances, how you felt and why you did it.