

# BACCALAURÉAT TECHNOLOGIQUE

**SESSION 2009**

**ANGLAIS**

**LV 2**

<b>Séries STG (sauf CGRH) : 2 heures - coefficient 2</b>
<b>Séries STG option CGRH : 2 heures - coefficient 3</b>

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Barème appliqué pour la correction:

Série STG	Compréhension	10 points
	Expression	10 points

Dès que ce sujet vous est remis, assurez-vous qu'il est complet.

Ce sujet comporte 4 pages numérotées de 1/3 à 3/3.

1 One evening when Maddy was neither a little girl nor a lady but something in- between,  
her father lay his knife and fork on his plate, wiped his hands on his napkin, and smiled  
across the dining table at her. His black eyes were sparkling, which they did when he had  
something clever in mind. "Matilda Victoria Adelaide," he said, "I hear you have now  
5 finished school."

This was true: Maddy had just that afternoon caught the train home from boarding school  
for the final time. She had climbed the stairs to her bedroom and unpacked her suitcase on  
to her bed, and had stood staring down at the workbooks she no longer needed, unsure  
what she was meant to do next. She had felt a lake-like emptiness, the stillness of a held  
10 breath. She knew that something must happen, but had no clue what it must be. "I have,  
Papa," she said.

"Excellent," said her father. "That's the most tiresome part over and done. So, after all that  
history and geography and elocution and needlework, did you learn the answer?" Maddy  
blinked twice. "Which answer, Papa?" Her father poured the last of the wine into his  
15 glass, and motioned for the maid to bring the port<sup>1</sup>. "The answer to the only important  
question there is, of course: what is the world's most beautiful thing?"

Mama, opposite Maddy, leaned on her elbows and gave a languorous laugh. "That's easy,  
Matilda," she said. "Victory is the world's most beautiful thing. There's nothing uglier  
than defeat, and nothing prettier than winning. Don't ask the girl ridiculous questions,  
20 Frank."

Papa smiled at his wife with cool patience. "Maddy, allow me to clarify. What is the  
world's most beautiful thing apart from victory?"

(...)

The chandelier in the ceiling was dazzling. The tiles of the hearth were charming. The  
smell of roast beef was divine. On a cushion in a corner sat her little black cat Perseus,  
25 whose Egyptian face was finer than a chip of onyx. Maddy thought about all she had seen  
in her 16 years of life – the city and the ocean, the hills arranged around the town. She had  
seen trees and earth and animals, and the sky in its various blue-black moods. From  
among these things, she selected carefully. "I think," she said, "that sea-eagles are the  
most beautiful things in the world."

Adapted from *The Ghost's Child*, Sonya Hartnett, 2007

<sup>1</sup> port: *porto*

## I GENERAL COMPREHENSION

Write down the correct answer

A. This text is:

- 1) a newspaper article    2) an extract from a novel    3) a scene from a play

B. The scene takes place (more than one possible answer)

- 1) at school    2) in the dining room    3) at home    4) in the bedroom

C. Answer the following questions very briefly.

- 1) How many characters are there? (1 word)
- 2) Indicate the main character's full name and nickname and age.
- 3) Identify the other characters.
- 4) What time of day does the scene take place? (one word is enough)

## II DETAILED COMPREHENSION

A. Put in the chronological order

- a) She went to her bedroom
- b) She caught the train
- c) She had dinner
- d) She left boarding school

B. True or False? Justify your choice by quoting from the text.

- a) Maddy will never go back to school
- b) Maddy is confident about her future
- c) Maddy's father thinks school is boring
- d) Maddy's mother doesn't approve of her husband's questions

C. a) What is "the only important question"? (quote the text)

b) What is the mother's answer? (quote one element)

c) What is Maddy's answer? (quote one element)

D. Choose the appropriate social class? Justify your choice by quoting the text

- 1) Working class    2) Middle class    3) Upper class

E. Pick out two adjectives defining the character's home

F. Which adjective best describes the father? Justify your choice with 2 quotations.

- 1) Bad-tempered    2) Strict    3) Good-humoured

## III EXPRESSION: Choose **one** subject

1. What are the world's most beautiful things for you? Explain (150 words)

2. Imagine the conversation between you and your parents when you leave school after your exams (150 words)