

ANGLAIS – Série STG – LV2**Durée : 2 heures**

« Communication et gestion des ressources humaines » : *coefficient 3*

« Mercatique » : *coefficient 2*

« Comptabilité et finance d'entreprise » : *coefficient 2*

« Gestion des systèmes d'information » : *coefficient 2*

Compréhension	10 points
Expression	10 points

Vous devez rédiger toutes vos réponses sur une copie en respectant strictement l'ordre des questions. Vous indiquerez clairement et en détail la numérotation de celles-ci.

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Immigrants Find New Lives, Bring New Loves, and Divorce

In the montage of commercial signs along the immigrant spine of Roosevelt Avenue in the Queens section of New York, two Spanish words seem to go hand in hand: *immigracion* and *divorcios*.

Stays that some thought would last a year or two stretch to 5 and 10 years as illegal immigrants realize that making the journey home might mean never returning to the United States. After a time, their spouses and family back home become strangers, or they succumb to loneliness and take lovers. Some seek out citizens for sham¹ marriages that they hope will lead to legal residency. And then there are the immigrants, legal or not, who end up in legitimate marriages here that cannot withstand the isolation and bewilderment that come with being in an unfamiliar country.

"The human race is a very optimistic race," said Jesus J. Peña, whose law office on Roosevelt Avenue handles 10 divorces a week. "Everyone thinks they come to the United States and will make enough money to build a house and educate their kids and then they will go back. The first year they don't make enough money. The second year they don't make enough money. After 15 years, they're still not making enough money and they're still here. You may find a girlfriend, and that's when you need a divorce."

Mr. Peña, 67, arrived here alone as a 24-year-old from Cuba. To handle divorces, he charges \$900.

Rodolfo Rodriguez, a 37-year-old illegal Mexican immigrant who walked into Mr. Peña's office three months ago, is in many ways a typical divorce client. Five years ago, Mr. Rodriguez hugged his wife and six children goodbye and, with the help of a smuggler to whom he paid \$1,500, he walked across the border and made his way to New York.

He settled in the Bronx, and found work as a packer at a meat market, a job that pays \$400 a week. Half of his earnings go to his family in Tlaxcala. Last year his wife divorced him in Tlaxcala on the grounds of abandonment.

"I was depressed, because when I came to this country, I thought I was doing the right thing by helping my family financially," said Mr. Rodriguez. He now has a Puerto Rican girlfriend but still sends money home.

Even for those who marry here, the pressures of immigration can doom a relationship. Sometimes, the breakups are accompanied by violent abuse. [...]

Immigration has left those who have lost families feeling bitter. Mr. Rodriguez said he would advise countrymen to stay home.

"If you have something valuable such as a family, I would tell them not to come," he said.

By Joseph BERGER, *The New York Times*, October 22, 2005

¹ Sham = not real, simulated.

NOTE AUX CANDIDATS

Les candidats traiteront le sujet 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.)

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

1 - COMPREHENSION

A- Choose the best answer :

- 1- The document is about :
 - a- President Bush's new policy about illegals.
 - b- the struggle against smugglers.
 - c- the problems of adjustment for the immigrants.
 - d- the competition for jobs in the U.S.
- 2- The people concerned by the issue here are more particularly :
 - a- European immigrants.
 - b- Latinos.
 - c- New Yorkers who have recently arrived.
 - d- lawyers of Spanish origin.

B- Match the following figures with what they refer to :

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| a) 5 to 10 or 15 | 1) price for a divorce |
| b) 10 per week | 2) time spent in the USA |
| c) \$ 900 | 3) price for crossing the border illegally |
| d) \$ 1,500 | 4) amount sent back home |
| e) \$ 400 | 5) number of divorces dealt with |
| f) \$ 200 | 6) a worker's wages |

C- Drawing on the text, explain in your own words why immigrants feel

- 1- lonely
- 2- bitter

D- Are the following statements right (R) or wrong (W)? Justify each answer by quoting the text or by using your own words.

- 1- Among Latinos there is a strong link between immigration and divorce.
- 2- Undocumented immigrants who return to their countries of origin can come back to the U.S. easily.
- 3- Jesus J. Peña is a lawyer.
- 4- Immigrating cost R. Rodriguez a lot of money and still does.
- 5- Divorces are always initiated by men who find new partners.

E- Answer the following questions :

- 1- Why do some immigrants contract "sham marriages?"
- 2- What are the Latinos' dreams and expectations when they emigrate to the U.S.?
- 3- Has Mr. Rodriguez fulfilled his dream?

II - EXPRESSION

Le candidat traitera UN des deux sujets au choix.

- 1- After his wife has asked for a divorce, Mr. Rodriguez writes home. *(about 200 words)*
- 2- One of the cousins of Mr. Rodriguez would like to join him in the U.S. and asks him for advice. Imagine the conversation. *(about 200 words)*