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| RÉPUBLIQUE TUNISIENNE<br>MINISTÈRE DE L'ÉDUCATION<br>●●●●●<br><b>EXAMEN DU BACCALAURÉAT</b><br>SESSION <b>2018</b> | <b>Session principale</b> |  |
|  | Épreuve : <b>ANGLAIS</b>  | Section : <b>Lettres</b>   |
|  | Durée : <b>2h</b>         |  |

Le sujet comporte 4 pages

**I. READING COMPREHENSION (15 marks)**

**THE TEXT**

① Arthur Bamsey, 82, has been left with catastrophic damage to his brain after he was struck by a car whose driver was distracted by his mobile. Guilty motorist Ryan Niner, 19, was trying to ring his mother as he drove his car through a Welsh town centre, and hit **the pensioner** who was trying to cross the road. His car struck Bamsey and sent the elderly man flying into the air, before landing on his head, causing serious and life-changing injuries.

② The teenager, who was 18 when the accident happened, was trying to call his mum but went straight to voicemail. Just seconds later, he drove straight into Bamsey, who was on his way from home to pick up cakes and the morning newspaper. Passers-by, including an off-duty nurse, ran to his aid and called for an ambulance.

③ The former steelworker spent five months in intensive care at the University Hospital of Wales before being transferred to Neath Port Talbot Hospital. Bamsey is now barely able to communicate and requires a tube to be fed. But his family are hopeful that he will ultimately come home. He is able to leave his hospital room for a few minutes, but he needs help with most of his personal care.

④ Judge Paul Thomas said drivers who used their mobile phones at the wheel were a 'public menace'. He told Niner: "You would have had ample time to see the pedestrian crossing the road ahead of you had you not been distracted." Niner was sentenced to 20 months in a young offenders' institution, and banned from driving for two years.

⑤ Paul Jones, from South Wales Police, said Bamsey's family's lives had been 'changed forever.' He said: "Talking on the phone while driving is one of the main contributory factors in all road collisions. With the increase in mobile technology and social media, it is believed that a third of all motorists text, make a call or access social media while driving. **We** would ask all drivers to consider their actions and the consequences of the choices which they make - the only safe option is to turn your phone off and put it out of sight."

Adapted from *the Daily Mail*  
December 3, 2016

Section : ..... N° d'inscription : ..... Série : .....  
 Nom et prénom : .....  
 Date et lieu de naissance : .....

Épreuve : ANGLAIS (SECTION LETTRES)

**COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS**

1. Complete the table with information from paragraphs 1 and 4. (3 marks)

A driver hit an elderly man

| Cause of the accident | Decision of the court |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| .....                 | a. ....               |
| .....                 | b. ....               |

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

- a) Nobody helped the victim after the accident. (Paragraph 2)  
.....
- b) Everybody was sure that Arthur had no chance to leave the hospital. (Paragraph 3)  
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- c) Using mobile phones at the wheel is a minor cause of road accidents. (Paragraph 5)  
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3. Focus on paragraph 3 and pick out three (3) details describing the victim's bad state at present. (3 marks)

- a. ....
- b. ....
- c. ....

4. Tick (✓) the correct alternative. (3 marks)

- a. The accident happened in 2014  2015  2016
- b. 'off-duty' (Paragraph 2) nearly means

not working at present  quite busy as usual  not doing the job properly

- c. 'ample' (Paragraph 4) nearly means  
hard  enough  spare

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

- a) 'the pensioner' (Paragraph 1) refers to .....
- b) 'We' (Paragraph 5) refers to .....

6. Give a personal and justified answer to the following question. (1 mark)

Should drivers like Ryan Niner be severely punished? Why? Why not?

I think that such drivers ..... be severely punished because  
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**II. WRITING (15 marks)**

1. Use the table below to write a coherent 5-line report about **The School Food Plan. (5 marks)**

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Launching date of the plan</b> | September 2014  |
| <b>Purpose</b>                    | provide nutritious meals  |
| <b>Beneficiaries</b>              | 55,000 infant pupils / 350 schools in England   |
| <b>Effects on the pupils</b>      | higher attendance / more concentration in class / better communication / less violent behaviour |
| <b>Parents' attitude</b>          | Approve / support / ready to contribute   |

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2. You have just read on a news website that a 64-year-old Tunisian lady is sitting for the baccalaureate exam.

**Write a 12-line article for your school magazine in which you state your opinion about pursuing studies at an advanced age.**

**Support your ideas with sound arguments. (10 marks)**

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### III. LANGUAGE (10 marks)

#### 1. Fill in the blanks with seven (7) words from the list below (3,5 marks)

launched – on – access – granted – aims – to – tirelessly – scheduled - hardly

Have you ever dreamt of having a vacation on the moon? Well, a dream of a trip to the moon is just about to turn into a reality soon. According to reports, the Moon Express – a company that .....to bring people from the Earth to the Moon in terms of a vacation – has been .....permission by the US law to leave the Earth and land on the moon. It is the only private company with such great .....The company is offering tickets to the moon for more than \$150,000,000, and the trip is .....for 2026. Naveen Jain , the mastermind behind the company, and his team have been working .....to convert this dream of many into a reality. Based on another report in IFL Science, the trip will start by being .....from the Soyuz rocket from Russia and will drop by the International Space Station (ISS) before officially making it .....the moon.

#### 2. Put the bracketed words in the right tense and / or form: (3 marks)

It has been the dream of retirees for thousands of years to settle in the countryside where the air is cleaner and the life is quieter and (**healthy**) .....These days, thanks to technological advances, growing numbers of professionals (**choose**) .....to base themselves in the countryside, not to retire but because in many industries there is simply no need to be chained to a desk in the city. Having a broadband connection and choosing a phone or a tablet is all that (**require**) ..... According to UK statistics, there is some truth to theory that your life (**expect**) .....increases in the countryside. Living in rural areas means you are slightly less likely to die (**premature**) .....from cancer, stroke or coronary heart disease. Lately, government forecasters (**predict**) .....that, on average, people born in very rural areas will live 1.5 to 2 years longer than those in major urban areas.

#### 3. Circle the correct option.(3,5 marks)

Parents in Armenia start thinking about their children's careers at a very young age – around six months or so. When an infant's first tooth (**arrives / arrived / will arrive**), typically between the age of four and seven months, a celebration takes place. As part of the ritual, objects (**symbolize / symbolizing / symbolic**) different professions are arrayed in front of a child: a microphone for an entertainer, a stethoscope for a doctor, scissors for a tailor or money for a banker. (**However / No matter / Whichever**) object the baby chooses first is thought to be a sign of where the child's professional aptitude lies. Parents are free to add (**with / to / for**) or omit from the mix as they wish. "Parents may orchestrate the future life of their (**offspring / siblings / relatives**) by choosing only those objects that symbolize prestigious and desired professions," Professor Antonyan said. Parents (**should / must / can**) also game the selection by positioning objects nearer to or farther from their infant's (**reach / achievement / desire**). At one recent ceremony, the father of the baby asked to place a ladle a bit far from his daughter to save her from a destiny of a housewife.