

Devoir de synthèse N°1 : Décembre 2010

Matière : Anglais

Durée : 2 heures (de 8 H à 10 H)

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The text.

① Guru Pasha, 39, runs the world's first and only dance troupe, Ability Unlimited, exclusively for disabled artists with conditions ranging from autism to hearing difficulties. Theatre therapy classes are taught by physically disabled teachers with the aim of nourishing student artists' minds and bodies so they can learn to participate actively in society. And everything from costume designing to stage setting is managed by **them**. We believe in using arts as a vehicle to resolve issues of inclusion facing the disabled

② Artists- sitting in wheelchairs- may sometimes perform dangerous acts. "As a person who runs an international dance production for physically and mentally disabled people, I was once so badly injured by a sword that I had to be rushed to hospital. But these people have taught me the virtues of peace and patience. I have to reach their level of understanding during the intensive dance rehearsals "says Guru.

③ We want dignity for the disabled and their active participation in a more inclusive society. To this end, we work tirelessly to serve up an engaging, but meaningful, cocktail of dance, drama, music and art. My artists don't need mercy. They need opportunity.

④ When five-year-old Zubair came to learn dance, he was like a log of wood. No hands, no legs. But as I didn't have the heart to say 'no' to his father, I took little Zubair on as a challenge. I devised a special choreographic technique for him where only his face would be the performance's focus. The moment the little boy got on stage in front of an audience after a year, he showed unbelievable talents!

⑤ But despite such exhilarating results, I must confess that the journey has been far from easy. Travelling is a huge problem. Most of the time, I end up carrying my artists on my arms. We don't also have much money. Our artists are from community workshops, living in slums. So, to sustain our company we also offer dance theatre classes and choreography classes throughout the year for students of all ages with disabilities. Disabled people in India are usually engaged in the same monotonous activity: making paper bags, But at Ability Unlimited, it's obviously different.

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A- Reading Comprehension. (15 marks). [each correct answer is out of 1 mark]

1- Tick ✓ the right alternative.

- a) The text is:
 expository biographical narrative
- b) The most appropriate proverb or that can sum up the text is:
 "In the land of the blind, the one-eyed man is king."
 "Where there is life, there is hope."
 "Children and fools tell the truth."



2- Fill in the blanks with the appropriate information by referring back to the text. You can use your own words.

The troupe's name	Country	Its main purpose	The manager	The teachers' health	The financial resources
.....	India.	1)..... 2).....

3- Correct these false statements with details from the text.

- a) Disabled artists come from rich families. (paragraph 5)

- b) These artists have to play safe roles only. (paragraph 2)

- c) The artist Zubair failed to perform well. (paragraph 4)

4- What does the underlined pronoun in the first paragraph refer to?

them (line 5) refers to:.....

5- Find synonyms to the words below:

- a) the many repetitions before the final performance (paragraph 2) =.....
- b) exciting (paragraph 5) =.....

6- Answer the question below. Give a justified personal opinion.

Do you think that handicapped people should be given the same opportunity as the able-bodied in all artistic domains? Why or why not?

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B- Writing. (15 marks).

1- Guided writing. (5 marks)

Use the notes below to complete this webpage advertisement about Sidi Bou Saïd:

(20 kilometers from the capital / built on a hill / overlook the gulf of Tunis / a tourist attraction / known for the extensive use of blue and white colours (White walls and blue doors) / reputation as a town of artists / Arabic and Andalouisi architecture/ listen to “Malouf” in cafés / centre of Arabic and Mediterranean music (the house of Baron Rodolphe d’Erlanger)

Sidi Bou Saïd: the splendour of the past and the magnificence of the present.



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2- Free writing. (10 marks)

You have just won a 7- day free holiday after participating in a radio program competition and you are asked to choose the country you would like to spend your holiday in. Write a 15-line letter to the radio program producer to inform him of you final choice and the reasons behind this choice.

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C- Language. (10 marks). [each correct answer is out of half a mark]

1- Fill in the blanks with words from the list below. There are 2 extra words.

cruise / packaged / Furthermore / round / last / However / cost / safari / various
definitely

Among the benefits of travelling is that we can choose the kind of trip we would like to have. There are.....travelling options for all tourists. We are free to select the type, duration and of travel that suits our interest and budget. For example, we can choose a two-day.....to a nearby island or a year-long trip the world. We can also choose to travel as independent travellers or go on a group-..... tour. With the enormous variety of options, there is..... a kind of vacation trip to meet every individual need. travelling provides opportunities for us to share happiness with our friends and family. When we travel with (one of) them, we create memories that would.....a lifetime.

2- Circle the right alternative.

I really enjoy reading in my free time. My mind often (**publishes / determines / discovers**) what I read. I enjoy comic books; I also like skimming the newspapers every day to find out what's happening around. This keeps me up to date (**in / for / of**) current local and international events. (**Because / While / Besides**) I sometimes don't have (**too / much / more**) time to read, I generally stop over the editorial section of the newspapers and read the sports sections. Every once in a while, I take the time to read a (**good-hearted / two-page / well-known**) novel if time permits. Overall, reading helps me not only (to **stay / staying / being**) in touch with the world but it also gives me a chance to relax.

3- Use the correct tense and/ or form of the words between brackets.

Dear Ola,
Our flight home was fine and we have started to settle back into the routine. We are all happy with the (**true**).....amazing visit to your country and so feel sad because the trip is over. We all felt it was an excellent tour. We did so much and (**see**) so many beautiful places. We enjoyed the terrific (**vary**) of attractions, sites, sounds and tastes of Portugal and would love to return someday for more. We praise and thank you for your reliability, professionalism and (**friend**) service. We would gladly recommend "Accessible Portugal" to others (**seek**)accessible tours to Portugal. Mark and I felt it was one of the best vacations we (**ever/have**) if not the best.

Yours,
Janet





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