

**Matière:** Anglais ❖ **Durée:** 2 heures (de 10h à 12h) ❖ **Le 11 /12/ 2014**

**1<sup>ère</sup> année secondaire**

**Nom & Prénom:** ..... **Classe:**..... **N°:** .....

**Le sujet comporte 4 pages**

**The text:**

① Kasey Remmereid, 18, owns a successful photography studio. She is making a name for herself among students and families and is currently photographing a fashion show in Paris. Kasey says it started as a hobby by taking pictures of friends for free. "As my Dad started his own business at 17, when I told him I wanted to have my own business, he said, 'I'm never going to tell you no,' " Kasey said. At first, she began working by taking pictures at home. Later, her parents found a vacant building and paid its rent so that she could have her own shop.

② "I'd go to high school, then to my studio for two hours, and later on to daycare where I was working as a nurse. I'd go back home to do my homework, then back to the studio and work as long as I could," said Kasey. "When I earned a lot of money, I thought of buying a computer and a nicer camera. My parents told me that it was going to be expensive... and I said, yes, but just trust me. ***It's going to pay off!***" Now as she's working with fashion shows, her promise to her parents has been fulfilled. "I'm self-sufficient, independent and I want to tell people 'I'm doing great.' "

③ She has no regret about missing college, especially when knowing that her friends who got a degree couldn't have a job or a clear future plan. Yet, she is lucky to have both. "I love what I'm doing. I just can't be happier. I wouldn't have been able to make my business a success without working hard and getting financial and emotional support from my parents. That is my secret to success," said Kasey.

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**I- Reading Comprehension: (15 marks)**

**1) Tick (✓) the proverb that goes with the main idea in the text: (1 mark)**

- True happiness consists in making others happy.
- Happiness is having a large, caring and close family.
- Happiness comes when you love what you are doing.

**2) Pick out details from the text to show that the following statements are false. (3 marks)**

**a- Kasey is the first in her family to start a business at a young age. (paragraph 1)**

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**b- While in college, Kasey spent her time only on studying and photography. (paragraph 2)**

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**c- Kasey feels sad for not getting a degree. (paragraph 3)**

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**3) Answer the following question with reference to paragraph 1. (2 marks)**

How was Kasey supported by her parents both morally and financially to start her own business?

a- morally:.....

b- financially:.....

**4) Complete the following with words from paragraph 1. (3 marks)**

Kasey is fond of her job. At first, it was just a ..... . Then, thanks to her parents' support, she managed to make a ..... business. As a well-known photographer, she is ..... working with fashion shows and making a lot of money.

**5) Answer the following question with reference to paragraph 2. (1 mark)**

**How did Kasey's successful experience affect her personality?**

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**6) Tick (✓) the correct answer. (1 mark)**

**'...It's going to pay off!' (paragraph 3) means:**

- She will make a lot of money.
- She will borrow money to buy the camera.
- She will pay back her parents' money.

**7) What do the underlined words in the text refer to? (2 marks)**

**its (paragraph 1):** .....

**both (paragraph 3):** .....

**8) Find a word in paragraph 2 having nearly the same meaning as: (1 mark)**

**achieved:** .....

**9) Give a justified answer to the following question. (1 mark)**

**Do you think Kasey was right when she left college to start her own business? Why?**

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**II- Language: (10 marks)**

**1) Fill in the blanks with words from the list below. There are 2 extra words: (3.5 marks)**

**(in / self- reliant / despite / earned / on / actually / reward / however / who)**

Deciding to give your children pocket money can help pave the way to independence. Most parents want to raise sensible, .....children who understand the value of money. So, many parents ..... consider offering pocket money in return for help around the house as something of a 'win-win'. Children discover that the money they ..... hard shouldn't be wasted. They must spend it ..... something they've really thought about. In return, parents get some help and can feel confident that they're raising children ..... know their way around vital household skills. ...., some other parents feel that it's important not to use pocket money as a way to make children do things around the house that they should really do without any ..... .This helps children to feel part of the family and learn respect for others.

**2) Put the words between parentheses in the right tense or form (3.5 marks)**

Anthony Yip took two O-level mathematics papers last year as a private candidate. He **(be)** ..... nine at that time studying at Henry Park Primary School. He says he finished the two-hour papers **(early)** ..... than his older peers. He did not want, however, to draw attention to himself by **(give)** ..... the paper first. The O-level examinations are **(do)** ..... by those nine years older. "We wanted to know if he was a prodigy like his siblings," says his father. Today, Bryan, 20, is a second-year medicine student at Monash University while his brother, 18, **(study)** ..... medicine at Cambridge University. The Ministry of Education allows "grade skipping" on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the child's social and **(emotion)** ..... development. Since 2000, seven children **(skip)** ..... a grade level in primary schools.

**3) Circle the right alternative: (3 marks)**

I don't know whether this is the best time of my life. I had a good and enjoyable childhood. However, being a teenager is one of the **(difficulties / more difficult / most difficult)** times as I have to take important decisions about what path to follow and what **(gift / career / achievement)** to choose. That's why this is the time for trying out the different things I like and finding out what I am best **(at / off / on)** for the future. I don't mind **(try / trying / to try)** all sorts of sports, hobbies and activities in order to see what really fits in with me. I also try to show I am a **(grow up / growing up / grown-up)** but sometimes I'm still viewed as a teen. In fact, my parents **(never / always / rarely)** treat me like a child. Although they trust me, they are sometimes overprotective.

