

# 2011 Brevet de fin d'études moyennes (BFEM)

## Épreuve d'anglais LV1

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### I. Reading comprehension (8 points)

Tisa had many ideas of what she wanted to be when she grew up. She was always thinking of something unusual. "I have decided that I want to be a bus driver," she told her grandmother one day. Granny smiled, but she did not laugh. "I have never seen a woman driving a bus, my dear," she said. "But I have heard about it on the radio. Women sometimes drive buses in cities."

When Tisa told her mother about her idea, her mother laughed. "Oh Tisa, what funny dreams you have in your head!" but this did not stop Tisa dreaming. Could she be a bus driver one day?

Tisa had always enjoyed being on buses since she was quite young. Her father was a bus driver. She liked to sit next to him on the bus. She watched him carefully to see how he drove the bus and operated the pedals. When Tisa told him about her plan, her father sighed. "Tisa, I am a bus driver. Your brother can be a bus driver when he grows up. But not you! Do you forget you are a girl? "

... But her father's remarks did not make her abandon her project. She was just going to do the things she enjoyed doing. She liked to make toy cars for herself and her brother. This time, she would become what she wanted to be: a bus driver.

***Adapted from Two Girls And Their Dreams, Rachel Carnegie, 1999 (Longman)***

**A. Choose the appropriate sentences among a, b, c or d proposals 1pt**

**1) A title for the text could be ...**

- a. The bus driver's ambition
- b. The boy who wanted to be a bus driver
- c. The girl who wanted to be a bus driver
- d. Driving women

**B. Are these sentences true or false? Justify with quotes from the text. 2pts**

- 2. Tisa's grandmother has seen women drive buses in cities
- 3. Tisa was very much influenced by her father's job

**C. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the word below. 1,5 pts**

Father / mother / grandmother

When Tisa told her family members about her dream, her (4) \_\_\_\_\_ said that it was not possible; her (5) \_\_\_\_\_ said it was possible for boys, not for girls, her (6) \_\_\_\_\_ thought it was a stupid idea.

**D. Choose the most suitable meaning for these words among a, b, c or d proposals 2pts**

7. "something unusual" (line 2) mean ...

- a. Uncommon
- b. Funny
- c. Easy
- d. Ordinary

8. "Her father sighed" (line 9) means...

- a. Her father laughed
- b. Her father smiled
- c. Her father got angry
- d. Her father took a deep breath

**E. Select 3 (three) adjectives from the list below that describe Tisa's personality? 1,5 pts**

determined – demoralized – curios – ambitious – pessimistic

- 9. \_\_\_\_\_;
- 10. \_\_\_\_\_;
- 11. \_\_\_\_\_

## II. LINGUISTIC COMPETENCE (6 pts)

### F. Fill in the gaps coherently with the words in the list below. 2 pts

Can – can't – mustn't – should

People generally think that women (12) \_\_\_\_\_ do some jobs because they are too

weak. But many things have changed in this world. A lot of female workers (13)

\_\_\_\_\_ compete with men in the domain reserved to men. Young girls

(14) \_\_\_\_\_ be encouraged to do any job they would like to do.

Consequently

parents (15) \_\_\_\_\_ prevent them from making their own choices.

### G. Complete the sentences below with the correct words in brackets. 2 pts

16. Tisa's father doesn't want her to be a bus driver; \_\_\_\_\_ does her mother (so / neither / either).

17. The bus was \_\_\_\_\_ by a woman (drove / driving / driven)

18. The driver \_\_\_\_\_ his car repaired by a mechanic (had / made / let)

19. She isn't allowed to drive \_\_\_\_\_ she has her driving license (if / unless / in case)

### H. Turn the sentences in the way indicated. 2 pts

20. "Women sometimes drive buses in cities" Granny said.

Granny told Tisa \_\_\_\_\_

21. The passengers gave the conductor money.

The conductor was \_\_\_\_\_

## Writing (6 points)

Choose **ONE** topic only and write about 80-120 words

**Topic 1:** Write a paragraph to tell about how Tisa became a bus driver a few years later.

**Topic 2:** tell the story of a tomboy (a girl who behaves like a boy) in school) in your school, district or village.

**Topic 3:** Mrs Ndiaye and Mr Diop work in the same office. Mrs Ndiaye is the boss, but Mr Diop doesn't accept her authority because she is a woman. Complete their conversation.

**Mrs Ndiaye:** Mr Diop, why did you refuse to obey my orders?

**Mr Diop:** Because you're just a woman! And I am a man.

**Mrs Ndiaye:** Do you \_\_\_\_\_

**Mr Diop:** Yes! A man is superior to a woman. It's God decision. So I don't have to obey you.

**Mrs Ndiaye:** But God has also decided that, in this office I'm \_\_\_\_\_

**Mr Diop:** It's just you are a lucky woman! But you're only a woman!

**Mrs Ndiaye:** Don't you know that  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Mr Diop:** Of course, I know that women are our  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Mrs Ndiaye:** So for this reason, you should have more respect for all women.

**Mr Diop:** Okay, I agree with you. But do me a favour! Promise me \_\_\_\_\_

**Mrs Ndiaye:** Promised! I won't \_\_\_\_\_ when I give you an order