

Le sujet comporte 4 pages numérotées de 1/4 à 4/4

I. READING COMPREHENSION (12 marks)

- 1. On his 15th birthday, Christopher Hill got his cell phone. For his 16th, he was given a used red Ford pickup truck. Mr. Hill, a diligent student, also took pride in his clean driving record.
- 2. Until last Sept. 3. Mr. Hill, then 20, left the parking lot of a Goodwill store where he had spotted a dresser he thought might interest a neighbor. He dialed her to pass along news of the finding. Mr. Hill was so engrossed in the call that he ran a red light and did not notice Linda Doyle's small sport utility vehicle until the last second. He hit her. Ms. Doyle was pronounced dead shortly after. Later, a police officer asked Mr. Hill what color the light had been. "I never saw it," he answered.
- 3. The U.S. government warns against talking on cell phones while driving, but no state legislature has banned it. "I'm on the phone from when I leave the Capitol to when I get home, and that's a two-hour drive," said Tad Jones, the majority floor leader in the Oklahoma House of Representatives, who helped block the legislation. "A lot of people who travel are used to using the phone."
- 4. Studies show that drivers using phones are four times as likely to cause a crash as other drivers. Some researchers say that sufficient evidence exists to justify laws outlawing cell phone use for drivers and they suggest using technology to enforce them by disabling a driver's phone.
- 5. Now, Mr. Hill rarely talks when he drives. His mother gave him a hands-free headset two months after the accident. She thought <u>it</u> would create less distraction. He tried it once, and found his mind wandering into his phone call so much that "I nearly missed a light," he said. "I hope people don't have to go through what I did to realize it's a problem," he said.
- 6. Sergeant Matthew Downing, who has been on the Oklahoma City police force for 11 years, says he increasingly sees erratic behavior from drivers talking on their phones or texting. "A ton of people pass me literally unaware of their surroundings," he said.

BY MATT RICHTEL International Herald Tribune September 20th, 2009

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Epreuve : ANGLAIS - Sections : scientifiques et économique

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Complete the paragraph with reference to the text (3 marks)

Christopher Hill used his cell phone while driving. He was so involved in the that he ran a red light and Ms. Linda Doyle's car, causing her

2. The following statements are false. Pick out details to correct them (3 marks)

a. Tad Jones was the only person against outlawing cell phone use for drivers.

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b. Fewer and fewer people are using their cell phones while driving.

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c. Using a hands-free headset while driving helped Christopher focus better.

3. Explain, in your own words, the solution given by researchers to prevent drivers from using cell phones. Focus on paragraph 4. (1 mark)

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4. Tick (\checkmark) the right alternative (3 marks)

- Mr. Hill 'also took pride in his clean driving record' (Paragraph 1) because he
 - a) broke a speed record.
 - b) had never made a driving offence.
 - c) always kept his car clean.
- ... 'drivers using phones are four times as likely to cause a crash as other drivers' (Paragraph 4) means almost the same as:
 - a) They are more likely to cause a crash than other drivers.
 - b) They are less likely to cause a crash than other drivers.
 - c) They are as likely to cause a crash as other drivers.
- 'a distraction' (paragraph 5) is something that
 - a) prevents you from paying attention
 - b) helps you to concentrate.
 - c) makes you pleased.

5. What does the underlined word in the text refer to? (1 mark)

- 'it' (paragraph 5) refers to
- 6. Are you convinced by Tad Jones' arguments ? Justify your answer. (1 mark)

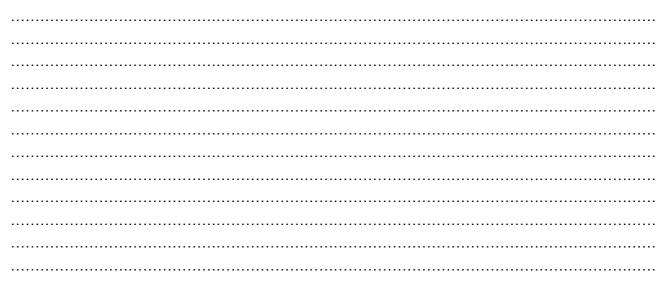
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II. WRITING (12 marks)

1. Complete the following conversation: (4 marks)

2. One of your friends is thinking of moving from the city to settle in the countryside, where you live, assuming that he would enjoy a better life. He wants to know what you think of his intention. Write him a 12-line letter telling him what you think of his plans. (8 marks)

Do not write your name.



III. LANGUAGE (6 marks)

1- Fill in the blanks with six words from the box. (3 marks)

issues - scientific - adapt - there - gases - evident - who - particularly

Global warming has become perhaps the most complicated issue facing world leaders. On the one hand, warnings from the (1) community are becoming louder, as an increasing body of science points to rising dangers from (2) produced mainly by the burning of fossil fuels and forests. On the other hand, the technological, economic and political (3) that have to be resolved have gotten no simpler, (4) in the face of a global economic slowdown.

World leaders recently announced what had already become (5) that no formal treaty could be produced anytime soon. They called for reductions in emissions and increased aid to help developing nations (6) to a changing climate and get access to non-polluting energy options.

2- Put the bracketed words in the right tense or form. (3 marks)

Facebook **(announce)**a whole host of new features at its annual F8 conference in San Francisco last week. F-Secure, an internet security firm, found that 73 per cent were not 'friends' with their boss on the site. The survey also found that 77 per cent said that they use the site's **(private)**tools to safeguard their private information.

The poll discovered that Facebook **(use)**are becoming increasingly aware of the need to ensure their **(person)**information and status updates remain private with 35 per cent of pollsters **(admit)**posting something on the site they later regretted.