

# Centre Tamoul d'Enseignement en France

## Examen d'aptitude 2018



## Épreuve d'Anglais

*Niveau : 2nde – Durée : 2h*

**Consigne :**

1. Les cartables et les effets personnels devront être placés au-devant ou à l'arrière de la salle d'examen
2. La durée de l'épreuve est de 2h.
3. À la fin de l'examen, aucun retard de rendu ne sera toléré
4. Les calculatrices ne sont pas autorisées
5. Les téléphones portables devront être éteints
6. Le sujet comporte 4 pages (page de garde non comprise)
7. Le sujet doit être rendu avec les copies
8. Le sujet doit être lu recto-verso

**Cadre réservé à l'administration :**

N° d'identification : \_\_\_\_\_



Dear Archie,

You won't be too surprised to hear from me, and you'll know that it probably means I'm coming to you for something. Because you've always been the one I could ask. This time it's money. Ibrahim has been granted a visa for America. It was never  
5 a problem to get one for me, but it has taken months and endless hassle to arrange for him. He's been turned down by every other country he's tried. I still don't know how he's done it, better not ask! You'll understand that, after his experience in S.A.

So we have the green light for the USA. But my dollars have run out. We  
10 couldn't have and wouldn't have expected his family to keep us. His earnings here (work he's had as a favour from a relative) and the small sums I've been able to add by having the nerve to teach English, are not enough to pay our airfares and give us a breather when we get there. Could I ask, I *am* asking, could you possibly, somehow, let me have the equivalent of about 5,000 dollars? I know exchange control  
15 regulations may make this difficult, but any currency<sup>1</sup> you could arrange to come to me from you contacts anywhere, would be fine. Ibrahim has a friend at a bank in the capital who will take care of the draft<sup>2</sup> and get us the proper rate of exchange at this end. I am enclosing a sheet with all details of the bank for the transfer, however you can do it.

Dear Archie, I would hope to pay back some time. (...) We really have to have cash right now. (...) To be honest, I won't be able to meet the debt too soon because we don't know what our situation will be in the USA. (...) I suppose in America I could  
25 most likely get the same kind of work I used to do. I could contact the principals there, of the people I worked for in Johannesburg, it's an international spider, legs down all over the place. If they make some sort of in-house request to employ me apparently a work permit won't be a problem. For the moment, Ibrahim's been granted one, I'm just the wife he's supposed to provide for while she sits and watches TV.

Archie, I don't know how to say how grateful we'll both be to you.  
You know I can't ask my father.  
With much love, as it's always been,

Julie

Nadine Gordimer,  
The Pickup,  
Bloomsbury, 2002

<sup>1</sup>currency: dollars, euros, pounds, etc.

<sup>2</sup>a draft: a written order for money to be paid by a bank, usually to another bank.

**I. COMPREHENSION (10 points)****A. Complete the following summary with words taken from the text:**

Julie is sending a letter to (1) \_\_\_\_\_ because she needs (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to go to (3) \_\_\_\_\_ with (4) \_\_\_\_\_ who is her husband and has been granted a (5) \_\_\_\_\_.

**B. Concentrate on line 1 to 19.****True or false: Justify by quoting from the text:**

- 1) Archie is used to helping Julie.
- 2) It has not been easy for Ibrahim to get a visa for the USA.
- 3) Ibrahim is unemployed.
- 4) Julie wants Archie to send the money in US dollars only.
- 5) Ibrahim has no contacts to help him.
- 6) Julie has made all the necessary arrangements for Archie to send the money.

**C. Choose the right statement:**

- 1.a. Julie will consider the money given as a present from Archie.
- 1.b Julie will consider the money as part of her inheritance.
- 1.c Julie will pay back the money when she can.
- 2.a Julie and Ibrahim have been granted a work permit to work in America.
- 2.b Ibrahim has been granted a visa and a work permit.
- 2.c Only Julie has been granted a work permit.

Once in America,

- 3.a Julie wants to stay at home as a housewife.
- 3.b Julie won't be able to do the same work as in Johannesburg.
- 3.c Julie does not know yet what she will do.

**D. Vocabulary**

- 1) "He's been turned down" (line 6) means:
  - a) He's been accepted.
  - b) He's been considered.
  - c) He's been rejected.
- 2) "My dollars have run out" (line 9) means:
  - a) I have no dollars left.
  - b) I have a lot of dollars left.
  - c) I do not know how many dollars I have left.



- 3) “To keep us” (line 10) means:
- a) To stay with us
  - b) To help us financially
  - c) To give us a job

**E. What or who do the following words refer to?**

- a) Line 25: there
- b) Line 26: they
- c) Line 28: one
- d) Line 28: he
- e) Line 28: she

**F. Select the three adjectives which define Julie:**

Angry / Thankful / Penniless / Surprised / Organised

**II. EXPRESSION** (10 points)

Write **the two** essays:

- 1) Write the letter written by Archie to answer Julie. (150 words)
- 2) Is it possible to say “NO” to a friend? Justify your answer with examples. (150 words)