



BACCALAUREAT BLANC N°2

SESSION DE MAI 2017

Série: - A1, A2

Coéf.: A1 :4 / A2 :2

Durée: 3h

EPREUVE D'ANGLAIS : LANGUE VIVANTE 1

(Cette épreuve comporte 4 pages numérotées 1/4, 2/4, 3/4, 4/4.)

Do all the activities of this examination paper on your answer sheet.

PART ONE: READING (30%)

Read the text below and do the tasks that follow.

- 1 On 19 August 2006, the ship Probo Koala unloaded a waste shipment at Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast). This waste was disposed of at open air sites around Abidjan. The ship was chartered by the London office of Trafigura, a Dutch international petroleum trader. The Probo Koala had attempted to discharge this waste at the port of Amsterdam, but the port service would not accept the waste without an additional handling charge because of the waste's alleged toxicity. The ship left the port of Amsterdam without discharging its waste. After the waste from the ship was discharged in Abidjan, people living near the discharge sites began to suffer from a range of illnesses (nausea, diarrhea, vomiting, breathlessness, headaches, skin damage, and swollen stomachs). Sixteen people died, allegedly from exposure to this waste, and more than 100,000 sought medical attention.
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- 10 Trafigura sent two of its executives to Abidjan in August 2006 to investigate what happened. These executives and a representative from a Trafigura subsidiary, Puma Energy, were arrested by Ivorian authorities and imprisoned. On 12 February 2007, the Government of Côte d'Ivoire signed a settlement agreement with Trafigura in which the company agreed to pay \$198 million to the Ivorian government for a compensation fund, the construction of a waste treatment plant and to assist in the recovery operations. However, the company stressed this payment was not "damages" and that it did not admit liability. Côte d'Ivoire agreed to drop any prosecutions or claims, now or in the future, against Trafigura. After this settlement agreement was made, the Trafigura executives and the Puma Energy representative were released from prison.
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- 20 In February 2008, Dutch prosecutors served notice that they intend to file criminal charges against Trafigura, among others, for its alleged part in the disposal of waste in Côte d'Ivoire. In June 2008 an Amsterdam court began hearing evidence in this case. The Dutch trial started in June 2010.
- 25 The Dutch prosecutors accused Trafigura of illegally exporting hazardous waste to Côte d'Ivoire. The allegations against the company are that it breached Dutch export and environmental laws and forge official documents. Trafigura rejected these charges. In July 2010 the Dutch court ruled that the company had concealed the dangerous nature of the waste aboard the Probo Koala and fined the company €1 million. The Dutch court also convicted a Trafigura employee and the Ukrainian captain of the Probo Koala for their roles in the matter.
- 29 In the meantime, Greenpeace filed a complaint with the Court of Appeal in The Hague trying to compel the public prosecutor to prosecute the company for more than just the export of hazardous waste. In April 2011, the appeal court ruled that the public prosecution department is not required to prosecute Trafigura for the dumping of the waste in Côte d'Ivoire.

[https://business-humanrights.org/en/trafigura-lawsuits-re-Côte d'Ivoire](https://business-humanrights.org/en/trafigura-lawsuits-re-Côte-d'Ivoire)
consulted on April 28th

A - VOCABULARY CHECK

Match the words or expressions in column A with their definitions or meanings in box B according to the text. Write your answers like this:

Column A	Column B
1. disposed of (Line 2)	a. freighted
2. chartered (Line 2)	b. oblige
3. allegedly from (Line 9)	c. accord
4. agreement (Line 12)	d. hid
5. stressed	e. falsify
6. liability (Line 15)	f. bring a claim to justice
7. file (Line 18)	g. dangerous
8. hazardous (Line 21)	h. said with insistence
9. forge (Line 22)	i. responsibility
10. concealed (Line 24)	j. because of
11. compel (L26)	k. emptied, discharged

B / COMPREHENSION CHECK

Say whether the following statements are true or false and give the line(s) to justify your choice. Write your answer like this: 11. True (L 24-25)

1. Trafigura is an English petroleum company. (paragraph 1)
2. The ship that contained the waste was called Probo Koala. (parag. 1)
3. The port of Amsterdam accepted to take a part of the waste. (parag. 1)
4. Fortunately, no one died from the accident. (paragraph 1)
5. The representatives sent to Abidjan by Trafigura could not investigate. (paragraph 2)
6. The company accepted to pay a fine of nearly 200 million dollars. (parag. 2)
7. The Ivorian government agreed to quit any legal form of attack. (parag. 2)
8. The Dutch process started in February 2008. (paragraph 3)
9. The Dutch alleged that Trafigura violated the Dutch laws. (Paragraph 4)
10. The company, Trafigura, lied about the true nature of the waste. (parag. 4.)
11. The Dutch condemned two staff members of the vessel. (parag.4)

PART TWO: LANGUAGE IN USE (30%)

A/ Use “so” or “such” to transform the following sentences.

Do like in the example: 6. It's so difficult to turn one's back to corruption.

1. The waste dumped in Côte d'Ivoire was toxic.
2. The organisms of people near the dumps were affected.
3. The Prime Minister at that time was shocked.
4. It was a bad mistake.
5. They are invading people.
6. It is difficult to turn one's back to corruption.

B/ Ask a question corresponding to the underlined words or expressions.

Example : 4 – How did Peter travel?

1. The company had concealed the nature of the waste.
2. Trafigura sent two of its executives to Abidjan in August 2006 to investigate.
a)
b)
3. People began to suffer from a range of illnesses.
a)
b)
4. Peter traveled by boat.

C / Fill in the gaps with the appropriate preposition from this list: *in, from, into, for, around, over*. Some of them may be used more than once. Write down your answer on your sheet like this:

Example: 11. in

Côte d'Ivoire Toxic Waste Victims Still Await Payments

By Emilie Iob, Voice of America, 12 Nov 2015

In Côte d'Ivoire, the government announced earlier this month that all locations affected (1) _____ the dumping of toxic waste have been cleaned...(2.) _____ 2006, tanker trucks illegally dumped several hundred tons of toxic waste (3) _____ open-air spots in and (4) _____ Abidjan. The waste came (5) _____ the vessel *Probo Koala*, chartered by Dutch oil trading firm Trafigura...Trafigura has always denied being liable (6) _____ that. In 2007, it agreed to pay (7) _____ \$160 million (8) _____ exchange (9) _____ being exempt (10) _____ future prosecution. It paid an extra \$37 million to settle a court case (11) _____ the U.K. two years later. The money was meant to be used to clean the dumping sites and compensate the victims. But a lot of victims still have not received any compensation, said the president of an association of victims.

PART THREE: WRITING (40%)

Do only one of the two tasks below (200-250 words)

Task 1:

An English lawyer is visiting Côte d'Ivoire to meet the victims of Probo Koala. is invited by the dynamic English Club of your school one Wednesday afternoon. As a chairperson of your club, you have to write a speech to introduce him. have to introduce him as you are the chairperson of your club. Here are some ideas from his curriculum vitae to help you.

Name: Joseph BACON

Date and place of birth: 1980 in London

Studies: B.A. in Business law from a Prestigious Law University in England

Work experience: Barclays Bank after his graduation (7 years); Creation of his own business since 2015

Hobby: Travels a lot. Went to Europe, America and Asia where he visited lots of countries and cities. Recently chose Africa to do business.

Project: After some travels across Africa, dreams to find a partner in Côte d'Ivoire

Marital status: Married, 2 children

Task 2

An NGO (Non Governmental Organisation) which cares for the Environment, organises a writing contest or competition on the following topic: *"Industrial development is not possible without pollution."* Do you share this statement? Write your essay which will be submitted to the jury.