

# CONCOURS D'ENTREE A L'EAMAC - 2007

(Niveau Bac scientifique)

## EPREUVE D'ANGLAIS

Durée : 2 heures

Read the following text and answer the questions below.

### NIGHT FLIGHT

"This is Captain Cook speaking. Our estimated time of arrival in Brisbane will be one a.m., so we've got a long flight ahead of us. I hope you enjoy it. Our hostesses will be serving dinner shortly. Thank you."

It was Christmas Eve 1959, and the beginning of another routine flight. The hostesses started preparing the food trays. A few passengers were trying to get some sleep, but most of them were reading. There was nothing to see from the windows except the vast blackness of the Australian desert below. There was nothing unusual about the flight, except perhaps that the plane was nearly full. A lot of passengers were travelling home to spend Christmas with their families. The hostesses started serving dinner.

It was a smooth and quiet flight. The hostesses had finished collecting the trays, and they were in the galley putting things away when the first buzzers sounded. One of the hostesses went along the aisle to check. When she came back she looked surprised. "It's amazing" she said. "Even on a smooth flight like this two people have been sick."

Twenty minutes later nearly half the passengers were ill-dramatically ill. Several were moaning and groaning, some were doubled up in pain, and two were unconscious. Fortunately there was a doctor on board, and he came to the galley and said, "I'd better speak to the captain. This is a severe case of food poisoning. I think we'd better land as soon as possible." "What caused it?" asked one of the hostesses. "Well," replied the doctor, "I had the beef for dinner and I'm fine. The passengers who chose the fish are ill." The hostesses led him to the flight deck. She tried to open the door. "I think it's jammed," she said. The doctor helped her to push it open. The captain was lying behind the door. He was unconscious. The co-pilot was slumped across the control, and the radio operator was trying to revive him.

The doctor quickly examined the two pilots. "They just collapsed," said the radio operator. "I don't feel too good myself." "Can you land the plane?" said the doctor "Me? No, I'm not a pilot. We've got to revive them!" he replied. "The plane's on automatic pilot. We're OK for a couple of hours." "I don't know," said the doctor. "They could be out for a long time." "I'd better contact ground control" said the radio operator. The doctor turned to the hostess. "Perhaps you should make an announcement, try to find out if there's a pilot on board." "We



can't do that!" She said, "It'll cause a general panic. "Well how the hell are we going to get this thing down?" said the doctor

Suddenly the hostess remembered something. "One of the passengers... I overheard him saying that he'd been a pilot in the war. I'll get him." She found the man and asked him to come to the galley." "Didn't you say that you used to be a pilot?" she asked. "Yes.....why? The pilot's all right, isn't he?" he said. He led him to the flight deck. They explained the situation to him. "You mean, you want me to fly the plane?" he said. "You must be joking. I was a pilot, but I flew single-engined fighter planes, and that was fifteen years ago. This thing's got four engines."

### I-Vocabulary (5 marks)

Explain the following expressions related to the passage:

- how the hell are we going to do with it? (1mark)
- estimated time of arrival (1mark)
- doubled up with pain (1mark)
- blackness (0.5mark)
- buzzer (0.5mark)
- jammed (0.5mark)
- radio operator (0.5)

### II-Comprehension questions (5marks)

Answer the following questions:

- What was the hostess start doing at the beginning of the flight? (1mark)
- What happened twenty minutes later? (1mark)
- Where did the hostess lead the doctor and why? (1mark)
- What was the radio operator trying to do first and what he thought they ought to do? (1mark)
- Did the hostess want to make an announcement? Why? (1mark)

### III-Grammar (6marks)

Put the verbs in parentheses in the correct forms

- I (to learn) the English language since 2000. (0.5mark)
- If the team (to win) the football match, the minister of Sports (to reward) them last week. (1mark)
- The United Nations Organisation (to create) a long (ago / since / for) (0.5mark)



- 4) The head of State together with a delegation (to visit) the national Museum (0.5mark)
- 5) I (to cross) the road when the accident (to take place) (1 mark)
- 6) It is absolutely necessary that the meeting (to take place) today at four o'clock a.m. (0.5mark)
- 7) By the year 2010, must of Africans countries' (to be independent) for a half century. (0.5mark)
- 8) John told the policemen that he (to see) the thief. (0.5mark)
- 9) What (to think) about and what (to think) about this idea? (1 mark)

**IV-Translation (4marks)**

**Translate the following into French**

- a) The hostesses had finished collecting the trays, and they were in the galley putting things away when the first buzzers sounded (1 mark)
- b) I was a pilot, but I flew single-engined fighter planes, and that was fifteen years ago. This thing's got four engines. (1 mark)

**Translate (he following into English**

- a) Je veux voir ce film mais je voudrais me reposer quelques minutes. (1 point)
- b) Pendant que vous jouiez au tennis, j'ai écrit une longue lettre à ma sœur.

