

UE102 – Etude de Textes & Civilisation du Monde Anglophone

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Durée : 3h – Aucun document autorisé

CIVILISATION DU MONDE ANGLOPHONE

1. Short Answer Questions (/20)

Respond to the following questions in English or French.

a) Write the names of the capital cities of the following countries: (2 pts)

- Republic of Ireland
- Canada
- New Zealand
- Australia

b) In a few sentences, explain the difference between the following terms: i) The British Isles, ii) Northern Ireland (Ulster); iii) Ireland. (2 pts)

c) Briefly define 'urbanisation' and describe the importance of this phenomenon for understanding the economy of nineteenth-century England. (2 pts)

d) Give two reasons why the decolonisation of the British Empire took place rapidly in the decades following World War II. (2 pts)

For the four following questions, think of Michaëlle Jean's 'Installation Speech' as Governor General of Canada and René Bouchard's response to this speech:

e) In a few sentences describe Michaëlle Jean's attitude toward multiculturalism and immigration in Canada. (2 pts)

f) What phrase does Michaëlle Jean use to qualify historical divisions between French-speaking Canadians and English-speaking Canadians? (1 pt)

g) In a few sentences, describe why does René Bouchard objects to her description of French-Canadians and her view of Canadian multiculturalism? (2 pts)

h) As Governor-General of Canada, briefly explain what is Michaëlle Jean's relationship to Queen Elizabeth II? (1 pt)

i) True or false, Kevin Rudd offers financial compensation to Australian Aborigines in his 'Apology Speech' (1 pt)

k) In a few sentences, compare the place of the English language in the society and culture of the Republic of Ireland and of Canada. (3 pts)

l) True or false, one of Harold Macmillan's objectives in the 'Wind of Change' speech, was to urge the South African government against pursuing a policy of racial segregation. (1 pt)

m) True or False, Gerry Adams is Prime Minister of Northern Ireland. (1 pt)

2. Commentary (/60 content ; /20 language)

Respond **in English** to the following questions (environ 100 mots par réponse)

a. Consider the following extract from Gary Foley's response to former Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's 'Apology Speech':

“People should remember that the apology was only to that segment of the indigenous community known as the ‘Stolen Generations’. The emotional response to Rudd’s apology which was evident everywhere in Australia, well in South Eastern Australia, makes it inevitable that this as an event will be a part of future white Australian mythology about how wonderfully they have always treated the Aboriginal people. It will become part of white Australia’s long history of denial.”

How fair do you believe Foley’s criticism of Rudd’s speech to be? Justify your response.

b. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: It is likely that within the next generation the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland will be unified to form a single, independent country? Justify your answer, making reference to historical background and/or documents from the fascicule where necessary.

c. Consider the following information:

The Most Common Languages in the World			
	LANGUAGE	APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF NATIVE SPEAKERS (in the year 2000)	COUNTRIES WITH SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF NATIVE SPEAKERS
1.	Mandarin Chinese	874,000,000	16
2.	Hindi (India)	366,000,000	17
3.	English	341,000,000	104
4.	Spanish	322-358,000,000	43
5.	Bengali (India and Bangladesh)	207,000,000	9

World Map with English-speaking countries shaded in red:



Taken together, what do the two documents tell us about the place of English in the world? Justify your answer, making reference to the history of the British Empire and/or the varying status of the English language in different ‘English-speaking countries’ throughout the world.

ETUDE DE TEXTES

In a structured essay of about 450 words, analyse the strategies that are used in the following advertisement to construct a distinctive brand image for Samsonite Black Label travel shoes.



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BLACK LABEL

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The **WORLD**
at your **FEET**

The Ultimate Travel Shoes with
Samsonite Adapt® Technology – for shoes
that expand and contract as you travel