

Baccalauréat Technologique
Sciences et Technologies de Gestion

Session 2009

A N G L A I S

LANGUE VIVANTE 2

STG TOUTES SÉRIES SAUF CGRH :
Durée : 2 heures - coefficient : 2

STG CGRH
Durée : 2 heures - coefficient : 3

L'usage de la calculatrice et du dictionnaire est interdit.

Avant de composer, le candidat s'assurera que le sujet comporte bien
4 pages numérotées de 1 à 4.

5 It is exactly midnight, which means Mother's Day has just begun. I stayed overnight with my mother in the apartment in Sutton Place where I grew up. She is down the hall in her room, and together we are keeping the vigil¹. The same vigil we've kept every year since my brother, Charles MacKenzie Jr, "Mack", walked out of the apartment he shared with two other Columbia University seniors ten years ago. He has never been seen since. But every year at some point on Mother's Day, he calls to assure Mom he is fine. "Don't worry about me," he tells her. "One of these days I'll turn the key in the lock and be home." Then he hangs up.

10 We never know when in those twenty-four hours that call will come. Last year Mack called at a few minutes after midnight, and our vigil ended almost as soon as it began. Two years ago he waited until the last second to phone, and Mom was frantic that this slim contact with him was over.

15 Mack has to have known that my father was killed in the Twin Towers tragedy. I was sure that no matter what he was doing, that terrible day would have compelled him to come home. But it did not. Then on the next Mother's Day, during his annual call, he started crying and gasped, "I'm sorry about Dad. I'm really sorry," and broke the connection.

20 I am Carolyn. I was sixteen when Mack disappeared. Following in his footsteps, I attended Columbia. Unlike him, I then went on to Duke Law School. Mack had been accepted there before he disappeared. After I passed the Bar² last year I clerked for a civil court judge in the courthouse on Centre Street, in lower Manhattan. The judge has just retired, so at the moment I'm unemployed. I plan to apply for a job, but not quite yet.

25 First, I must find a way to track my brother down. What happened to him? Why did he disappear? There was no sign of foul play. Mack's credit cards were not used. His car was in the garage near the apartment. No one of his description ended up in the morgue. (...)

The ring of the phone made me bolt up. I saw that it was five minutes to three. With one hand I snapped on the bedside light and with the other grabbed the receiver. Mom had already picked up, and I heard her voice, breathless and nervous.

"Hello, Mack."

30 "Hello, Mom. Happy Mother's Day. I love you."

Adapted from Mary Higgins Clark, *Where Are You Now?* 2008

¹ keep the vigil : *rester éveillé*

² the Bar : *diplôme d'avocat*

NOTE AUX CANDIDATS

- Les candidats traiteront les exercices sur la copie qui leur sera fournie et veilleront
- à respecter l'ordre des questions et à reporter la numérotation sur la copie (numéro de l'exercice et, le cas échéant, la lettre repère ; ex. : 1 a, 1 b, etc.) ;
 - à faire précéder les citations éventuellement demandées du numéro de ligne dans le texte.

I - GENERAL COMPREHENSION

Write down the correct answer.

1- The story is about

- a) a missing person. b) a murder. c) a bank robbery.

2- Mack is

- a) Charles's brother. b) Charles himself. c) Charles's father.

3- Mack is the narrator's

- a) brother. b) father. c) friend.

4- The scene takes place on the day when

- a) mothers celebrate their birthdays.
b) mothers give children presents.
c) children give mothers presents.

II - DETAILED COMPREHENSION

A- The following statements are RIGHT. Justify by quoting from the text.

- 1- The scene is set in a place which the narrator knows well.
- 2- Mack plans to come back one day.
- 3- The narrator was a teenager when Mack left.
- 4- The narrator is without a job.

B- RIGHT or WRONG? Justify by quoting from the text.

- 1- Mack has always kept in touch with his family.
- 2- Mack always calls at the same time of day.

- 3- The narrator doesn't want to know where Mack is.
- 4- On that day, the phone rang at exactly midnight.
- 5- The narrator spoke to Mack before her mother did.

C- Pick out three sentences showing that Mack's disappearance has been investigated.

D- What or who do the following pronouns refer to?

- 1- line 2 "**She** is down the hall..."
- 2- line 7 "Don't worry about **me**..."
- 3- line 14 "... what **he** was doing..."
- 4- line 15 "But **it** did not."

E- Find the equivalent in the text for :

- 1- puts down the telephone receiver (2 words)
- 2- extremely worried
- 3- studied at
- 4- succeeded in an exam

III - EXPRESSION

Choose **ONE** of the following subjects. (150 words)

- a) Write the letter that Mack sends to the narrator to explain what happened and to describe his new life.

OR

- b) Some people decide to leave everything behind to change their lifestyles. Imagine why.