

# BACCALAURÉAT TECHNOLOGIQUE

SESSION 2013

## ANGLAIS LV1

Série(s) : STI2D, STD2A, STL, ST2S      Durée de l'épreuve : 2 heures - Coefficient : 2

Série(s) : STG

Durée de l'épreuve : 2 heures - Coefficient : 2  
*spécialité* Gestion des Systèmes d'Information

Durée de l'épreuve : 2 heures - Coefficient : 3  
*spécialité* Mercatique (marketing) et Comptabilité & Finances  
d'Entreprise  
*spécialité* Communication et Gestion des Ressources Humaines

**L'usage des calculatrices et de tout dictionnaire est interdit.**

Barème appliqué pour la correction.

	TOUTES SÉRIES TECHNOLOGIQUES
COMPRÉHENSION DU TEXTE	10 points
EXPRESSION PERSONNELLE	10 points

Dès que le sujet est remis, assurez-vous qu'il est complet.  
Ce sujet comporte 4 pages numérotées de 1/4 à 4/4.

## DOCUMENT 1

### THE ALASKA INTERIOR

April 27th, 1992

*Greetings from Fairbanks! This is the last you shall hear from me, Wayne. Arrived here 2 days ago. It was very difficult to catch rides in the Yukon Territory. But I finally got here.*

*Please return all mail I receive to the sender. It might be a very long time before I return South. If this adventure proves fatal and you don't ever hear from me again I want you to know you're a great man. I now walk into the wild. --Alex.*

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(Postcard received by Wayne Westerberg in Carthage, South Dakota.)

Jim Gallien had driven four miles out of Fairbanks<sup>1</sup> when he spotted the hitchhiker standing in the snow beside the road, thumb raised high, shivering in the gray Alaska dawn. He didn't appear to be very old: eighteen, maybe nineteen at most. A rifle protruded from the young man's backpack, but he looked friendly enough; a hitchhiker with a Remington semi-automatic isn't the sort of thing that gives motorists pause in the forty-ninth state<sup>2</sup>. Gallien steered his truck onto the shoulder and told the kid to climb in.

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The hitchhiker swung his pack into the bed of the Ford and introduced himself as Alex. "Alex?" Gallien responded, fishing for a last name.

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"Just Alex," the young man replied, pointedly rejecting the bait. Five feet seven or eight with a wiry build, he claimed to be twenty-four years old and said he was from South Dakota. He explained that he wanted a ride as far as the edge of Denali National Park, where he intended to walk deep into the bush and "live off the land for a few months."

Gallien, a union electrician, was on his way to Anchorage, 240 miles beyond Denali on the George Parks Highway; he told Alex he'd drop him off wherever he wanted. Alex's backpack looked as though it weighed only twenty-five or thirty pounds, which struck Gallien – an accomplished hunter and woodsman – as an improbably light load for a stay of several months in the backcountry, especially so early in the spring. "He wasn't carrying anywhere near as much food and gear as you'd expect a guy to be carrying for that kind of trip," Gallien recalls.

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"People from Outside," reports Gallien in a slow, sonorous drawl, "they'll pick up a copy of Alaska magazine, thumb through it, get to thinkin' 'Hey, I'm goin' to get on up there, live off the land, go claim me a piece of the good life.' But when they get here and actually head out into the bush, well, it isn't like the magazines make it out to be. The rivers are big and fast. The mosquitoes eat you alive. Most places, there aren't a lot of animals to hunt. Livin' in the bush isn't no picnic."

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Jon Krakauer, *Into the Wild*, 1997

<sup>1</sup> Fairbanks: the second largest city in Alaska.

<sup>2</sup> the forty-ninth state: Alaska

## DOCUMENT 2

5 So many people live within unhappy circumstances and yet, will not take the initiative to change their situation because they are conditioned to a life of security, conformity and conservatism. All of which may appear to give one peace of mind, but in reality nothing is more damaging to the adventurous spirit within a man than a secure future. The joy of life comes from our encounters with new experiences, and hence there is no greater joy than to have an endlessly changing horizon, for each day to have a new and different sun. Don't hesitate, or lie to yourself to make excuses. Just get out and do it. JUST GET OUT AND DO IT.

Christopher McCandless, *Back to the Wild, the Photographs and Writings of Christopher McCandless*, 2011

## I. COMPRÉHENSION DU TEXTE

**Vous répondrez à toutes les questions en anglais.**

1. Choose from the following options the best title for this set of documents.  
(**Documents 1 and 2**)
  - a. Hitchhiking
  - b. Going on holiday
  - c. A new life experienceJustify your choice with one quotation from each text. (**Documents 1 and 2**)
2. Name the two main characters. (**Document 1**)
3. Where and under what circumstances do they meet? (**Document 1**)
4. What is the young man looking for? Choose two words from the following list: companionship; solitude; fame; anonymity; comfort; security. (**Document 1**)
5. What is the narrator looking for? Choose two words from the following list: companionship; solitude; fame; anonymity; comfort; security. (**Document 2**)
6. In your own words, explain who the 'People from Outside' are. (**Document 1**)
7. Why does the driver think the young man is carrying too little equipment?  
(**Document 1**)
8. Explain in your own words what makes life enjoyable according to the narrator.  
(**Document 2**)
9. Compare the vision of risk given by the driver in **document 1** and by the writer in **document 2**.

## II. EXPRESSION PERSONNELLE

**Vous traiterez les DEUX sujets.**

1. The driver tries to prevent the young man from 'walking deep into the bush' alone. Imagine their conversation. (80 words)

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2. Do you agree "*the joy of life comes from our encounters with new experiences.*"?  
(120 words)