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Le sujet comporte 04 pages numérotées de 1/4 à 4/4

I. READING COMPREHENSION

THE TEXT

1. One typically fraught evening, Jo Bevilacqua, 39, from Cambridgeshire, was attempting to cook dinner with one hand, answer work calls with the other and engage with two daughters desperate for her attention. Without delay, Jo decided something had to give: her business. So, 14 months ago, workaholic Jo stepped away from her career to devote all her time to her children, 14 and 12. "Alana and Lottie needed me to be physically and emotionally present. My work had begun to encroach on my parenting, and I didn't feel good about that," Jo says. So, in the face of mounting pressure, Jo put her job on ice and took a career break known as teen-ternity leave.

2. The children had grown up sharing their mum with her business, but had begun to complain about it. "Increasingly, they made comments that I was always on my phone or laptop at home. I was running on empty. It always felt like such a stressful last-minute rush to get to school or from school to an activity in the evening. However, now, everything is a million times calmer, more organised and we are all so much happier," she asserts.

3. Jo admits that initially friends and colleagues were 'shocked' that she took a career break, but they were understanding of her reasons for wanting to be at home. "You've worked so hard these past two years. It's time to put you and your family first," a couple of colleagues told her. A few friends have said they wish they were in a financial position to do the same. Fortunately, Jo has not lost her income stream as she has a team running her business.

4. "These days, my daughters and I are close and our bond is even stronger. When Alana and Lottie are at school, I go to the gym and catch up with friends. But it's not all idyllic. We don't jump and skip around all day; there are some tricky issues to navigate. I'm also quite concerned that when the time comes to return to work, I won't be able to find my mojo again. But, for now, this feels right, and I have no timeframe in mind when it comes to returning to working as I was before," she concludes.

Daily Mail, November 23, 2023
(Adapted)

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ANGLAIS (Section: lettres_Session principale 2025)

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (15 marks)

1. Tick (✓) the most appropriate title for the text. (1 mark)

- a. The art of aligning work with family life ☐
- b. The gift that matters most: love and time ☐
- c. The tireless pursuit of professional success ☐

2. Complete the following paragraph with 4 words from paragraphs 1 and 4. (4 marks)

Worn out by trying to fit everything in, Jo decided to press the pause button and take a from a job that started to upon her role as a mother. Hopefully, she intended to handle several family and have more time to reconnect with she lost touch with.

3. For each of the following statements, pick out ONE DETAIL from the text showing that it is false. (3 marks)

a. Jo took time before she decided to leave her profession. (paragraph 1)

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b. Jo faced challenges providing for her family. (paragraph 3)

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c. Jo's relationship with her daughters worsened once she stopped working. (paragraph 4)

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4. Circle the 2 adjectives that best describe Jo. (2 marks)

- a. dutiful b. indecisive c. self-centred d. considerate

5. Pick out words or expressions from the text meaning nearly the same as: (2 marks)

a. physically and mentally exhausted (paragraph 2):

b. extremely pleasant (paragraph 4):

6. Who/What do the underlined words in the text refer to? (2 marks)

a. You (paragraph 3) refers to

b. We (paragraph 4) refers to

7. Give a personal justified answer to the following question. (1 mark)

If you were one of Jo's kids, would you support her decision regarding her work? Why? Why not?

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II. WRITING (15 marks)

1. Use the notes below to write a five-line biography of the Tunisian chemist Mounji Bawendi. (5 marks)

Date and place of birth	March 15 th / 1961 / Paris, France
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bachelor's degree / 1982• Master's degree / Harvard University / 1983• Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) / 1988
Achievement	known / advances / chemical production / high quality quantum dots
Award	Nobel Prize / Chemistry / 2023

2. "Citizenship is the chance to make a difference to the place where you belong," says Charles Handy.

Motivated by the core message of this quote, write a 12-line Facebook post in which you suggest three practical ideas on how to be a responsible engaged citizen. (10 marks)

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III. LANGUAGE (10 marks)

1. Fill in the blanks with 7 words from the box below. (3.5 marks)

chronic / as / commitments / hardly / critical / empowered / with / alleviate / challenges

Education is often overlooked in the fight against climate change. While policy changes and global are necessary to prevent global warming from further worsening, improved education is the first step toward achieving our goals. Environmental education can help climate anxiety, too. This is broadly defined as a "..... fear of environmental doom" and may be exacerbated by a lack of understanding. Educational resources that clearly explain the mechanisms behind global warming equip students the knowledge they need to do something about climate change. This can help them feel and foster a greater appreciation for the planet's resources. Environmental education can also promote thinking, communication, and problem-solving skills. This is particularly important today, students need to be able to evaluate the long-term impact of social, economic and ecological policies.

2. Put the words in parentheses in the right tense or form. (3.5 marks)

When Lyn and Steve Stokes retired at the age of 48, they did not dream of settling down into the sedate lifestyle of the typical pensioner. Instead, the couple from Bedford in the UK (**yearn**) for something usually associated with young (**adventure**) travellers: they wanted to see the world. Though not aware of it, the Stokes are part of a growing trend of older travellers choosing to spend their retirement (**undertake**) ambitious and long-term trips. The phenomenon has been dubbed the 'golden gap year'— a mature version of the high school graduate's intermission of (**explore**) and self-discovery— and it looks set to shake up the travel industry. In the 20 years following their retirement, they have completed their bucket list of destinations as well as visiting most of Europe. "I (**distinct**) remember being asked by a colleague what I (**plan**) to do when I retired," Steve, now 68, says. "I had saved most of my working life and I suddenly realised that retirement was going to be the opportunity to do things we (**always / dream**) of— gifting us with golden years of adventure."

3. Circle the right option. (3 marks)

Strive, better than give in! I first realized I had an unhealthy attachment to my phone the day I stood in the middle of Big Bend National Park, (**surround / surrounding / surrounded**) by some of the most unique scenery the US offers but not looking at any of it. Instead, my eyes were glued (**to / at / on**) the screen in my hand as I desperately tried to find cell service in an area I knew was completely off-grid. Frustration welled in my chest as I kept trying to connect. I needed service, but not because I was attempting to call for help or consult a trail map. I was trying to (**tell / post / download**) a story on Instagram. This moment in Big Bend, (**though / nevertheless / whereas**) eye-opening, didn't prompt an immediate detox: It took another year before I was ready to confront my cellular (**regression / possession / obsession**). Even once you are aware of the all- (**consumed / consuming / consumption**) relationship you have with your phone, wrestling your focus back from the hypnotic glow of your screen is no easy feat. Because people need their phones, it's unrealistic to think that you can divorce yourself from your devices entirely— but you can strive for a better way to coexist with them.

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