

BACCALAUREAT GENERAL

SESSION 2020

ANGLAIS

SECOND GROUP

Durée: 1h30

Ce sujet comporte 3 pages numérotées de 1 à 4

Contenus	Série ES, S, SG et L
Compréhension écrite	12
Expression écrite	8
Total	20

- Les candidats devront composer uniquement sur la copie d'examen distribué e au début de l'épreuve.
- L'usage du dictionnaire et du téléphone portable est interdit.

1 When Bassma Ali finished college with a degree in computer science, she was eager to find a job in her hometown in the Gaza Strip. But, as with many skilled graduates in the territory of 1.9 million people, her enthusiasm soon turned into frustration.

5 Since 2007, Gaza has been under a land, air and sea blockade from Israel, severely restricting the movement of goods and people. According to the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, 49% of the working-age population is unemployed. The problem is especially acute among Gaza's young IT graduates, roughly 70% of whom can't find jobs. "Everyone is trapped," Ali says. "It feels like you're facing a wall."

10 Ali, 33, and Rasha Abu-Safieh, 34, are trying to tear down that wall with their startup, G-Gateway. Launched in 2012 as part of the U.N.'s agency for Palestinian refugees, it gets around restrictions on the territory by connecting tech-savvy Gazans to companies with remote working opportunities. They have helped 620 young Gazans build tech-based careers. In May they secured \$3 million from the World Bank to turn GGateway into a regional hub for the digital economy.

15 At least half of spots on the program are reserved for female computer science graduates, fewer than one fifth of whom currently manage to find work. Abu-Safieh says employers tend to discriminate against women because they assume they will have to give up work when they start a family. Both G-Gateway founders prove this is not the case; between them Abu-Safieh and Ali have five children under the age of 10. They allow new mothers to bring their babies to
20 sessions, preventing them from falling behind.

The pair say the lack of opportunity in Gaza has an impact on the mental health of young people, leaving them open to exploitation by extremist groups. "They feel they belong to nowhere and their dreams are unachievable," Ali says. "That's very dangerous."

25 But GGateway is transforming their outlook. "When we get them generating an income, they start to believe in their abilities," Abu-Safieh says. "They start to believe they have a future."

<https://time.com/5414038/rasha-abu-safieh-bassma-ali-next-generation-leaders/>

I) COMPREHENSION (12 points pour les séries ES/S/SG. 14 points pour la série L)

A. Circle the right answer (3 points)

1. The text is taken from

- a) a folktale b) a novel c) a website

2. The text is about

- a) The Israeli-Palestinian conflict
b) The lack of job opportunities in Palestine
c) Racha Abu-safieh

3. Gaza is blocked by

- a) Jordan b) Israël c) USA

B. Are the following sentences true or false? Justify your answers by quoting from the text. (5 points)

1. The World Bank provided a sum of money to G-Gateway.
2. G-Gateway's trainees begin to dream of a bright future.
3. Abu-safieh and Ali discriminate against new mothers.
4. More than half of the working age population is jobless.
5. Bassma Ali was motivated to find a place to live.

C. Answer the questions. (4 points)

1. Who are the founders of the startup –G-Gateway?
2. How much did the startup receive from the World Bank?
3. In what field did Bassma get a degree?
4. Do you think that men and women in Gaza have the same job opportunities?

II/ WRITE (8 points)

Traitez l'un des deux sujets suivants:

Topic one: what is your dream job? How have you planned to achieve? Give reasons. (150 words)

Topic two: Imagine you are a female computer science graduate living in Gaza. You have suffered from gender discrimination while applying for a job. Write a letter to the founders of GGateway explaining your problems and asking for their help to find a job. (150 words)