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A N G L A I S

LANGUE VIVANTE 2

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Ce sujet comporte 6 pages numérotées de 1/6 à 6/6.

Répartition des points

Compréhension de l'écrit	10 points
Expression écrite	10 points

Document 1

CITIZENSHIP ISSUES CAN CAUSE STRESS ON FAMILIES

The first time Carmen tried to cross the Rio Grande River into the United States she was a newly married 16-year-old. She was the youngest of the dozen or so who were attempting to leave their homeland for a future of uncertainties. Her husband had already made the crossing to get her to the promised land of Texas.

"We were crossing through a drainage pipe(1) but were caught," she remembers of that harrowing night in 1993.

The four women in the group were put up in a hotel, with no food until the next afternoon. When they were released, they waited until dark, this time with the understanding that a few individuals would sacrifice themselves and be caught, the distraction giving the others in the group a chance to disappear quietly into the darkness.

Now 35 and living in northwest Arkansas with her husband and four American-born children, Carmen can still recall the memory of her first crossing. She is not alone. Countless others of the estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants living in the U.S. have similar tales to tell of a risky, if not life-threatening, escape to America. Twenty years later, the stakes remain high(2) for Carmen and her family. She and her husband keep the family afloat(3) doing construction jobs and housekeeping. But the imminent threat of deportation of her husband keeps her awake at night.

"When someone knocks at the door, I am afraid they have come for him. I worry about my children and I want them to stay here where there is food and they can get an education," she said.

www.arkansas-rogers.org, Alessia Schaefer, February 21, 2013

(1) a drainage pipe = a pipe to evacuate rain water
(2) the stakes remain high = survival is still difficult
(3) keep the family afloat = support the family financially

Document 2

the seattle globalist

REJECTING THE AMERICAN DREAM, MEXICANS REINTEGRATE BACK HOME

Mexico City native Nelly Lozano lived what some might consider the American Dream. Lozano had a college education, a high-paying job at Boeing that paid for an "almost brand-new" car and a quiet, comfortable home in Renton(1). Meanwhile, she actually dreamt of returning to Mexico.

"What are you doing here?" she asked herself. "Why do you live here if you're not happy – if you're not completely happy?" So in 2011, she left.

Thousands of other Mexicans, across classes and ages, education levels and legal statuses take the same plunge(2) each year, opting to return home from the U.S.

"People may think, 'What are you doing?' if you move back," Lozano said. "Like, 'you're stupid. You have a good job. You have school for your son.' All of these good things, right? All of these opportunities."

"But if you're not happy," she said, "and you're just fulfilling other people's points of view, then that's not good."

About 90 percent of the approximately 1.4 million Mexican immigrants who returned home from the U.S. between 2005 and 2010 did so voluntarily (rather than through deportation). Some found less economic prosperity in the U.S. than they imagined. Others experienced irreparable alienation. Some, like Lozano, say they just missed their families and culture.

She got a job as a sales assistant at Neuronix Medical. It paid less, but she could work less and spend more time with her son.

Alysa Hullett, March 26, 2015
from *www.seattleglobalist.com*

(1) Renton = a city near Seattle, Washington
(2) to take the same plunge = to make the same decision

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Les candidats traiteront les exercices sur la copie qui leur sera fournie et veilleront :
- à respecter l'ordre des questions et à reporter les repères (lettre et chiffre) sur la copie (exemple : I- 1), II- A- 1), etc.).
- à faire précéder les citations demandées du numéro de ligne dans le texte.

I. COMPRÉHENSION DE L'ÉCRIT (10 points)

Document 1

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

1) Carmen emigrated from Mexico.

2) She was quite young when she arrived in the United States.

3) She joined her husband in the United States.

4) She was dreaming of a better life.

B. True or false? Justify by quoting from the text.

1) Carmen and her friends swam across the Rio Grande.

2) They were stopped while trying to enter the United States.

3) They decided to try again at night.

4) All of them finally arrived in the United States.

5) Millions of immigrants are living illegally in the United States.

C. Pick out a quote to show how dangerous the crossing was for immigrants.

D. Pick out in the text the following information:

1) Carmen's age:
2) Her place of residence:
3) Her family members:
4) Carmen and her husband's jobs:

E. Find two reasons why Carmen is still worried. Explain in your own words. (about 20 words)

Document 2

F. Copy the sentences and fill in the blanks with the appropriate elements.

Nelly Lozano is a woman who was born in *(city)*…… and emigrated to (*country)…..* Now she lives in *(country)*…..

G. Find three elements in the text to show that Nelly Lozano was successful in the country she emigrated to.

H. True or False? Justify by quoting from the text.

1) Nelly Lozano had a successful life in the United States.
2) Nelly was satisfied with the life she had.
3) Some immigrants preferred going back to Mexico.

I. In the following list, choose the three reasons why people go back to Mexico:

1) They don't like American food.
2) They feel isolated.
3) They miss the weather.
4) They don't see their families.
5) They haven't become rich.

J. Focus on the last two lines of the text and say whether Nelly is satisfied with her new situation. (about 20 words)

Document 1 and 2

K. Complete each sentence with the correct name: Carmen or Nelly.

_____ is afraid of being sent back to Mexico.

_____ is disappointed with the American lifestyle.

L. Choose the title which applies to documents 1 and 2

a) Discrimination against Hispanics in the United States.
b) Illegal immigration to the U.S.
c) Limits to the American Dream.

II. EXPRESSION ÉCRITE (10 points)

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

1) Nelly Lozano is being interviewed on CBS Radio News. She speaks about her experience and gives her reasons for leaving. Write the interview.

OR

2) If you had the opportunity to do so, would you like to live in a foreign country?

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