

Devoir surveillé – Le monde du travail

Axe culturel 3 — Art et pouvoir : représentations du travail, identités professionnelles et enjeux sociaux en anglais

Durée : 90 min – Sans document – Sur 20 points · Anglais (LVA) 2nde

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Les réponses doivent être rédigées et justifiées. Soigne l'orthographe et la présentation.

Exercice 1 – Reading comprehension — Two weeks on work experience (4 pts)

Read the text carefully, then answer the four questions in English, in full sentences. My name is Aisha Bennett and I am seventeen. Last February, I spent two weeks on work experience in a small architecture office in Manchester. In the United Kingdom, most students do a placement at the end of Year 10, but I applied late, so I had to find a company myself. I sent fifteen emails and only one company answered. On my first morning, I arrived twenty minutes early, wearing a grey suit that belonged to my mother. Everybody else was wearing jeans. The office manager, Mr Okoro, smiled and said: "Relax. Here we judge people on their drawings, not on their clothes." During the first week, I mostly answered the phone, filed documents and made tea. I was disappointed: I had expected to design buildings. Then, on the Wednesday of the second week, an architect asked me to measure a small room and to draw it on the computer. It took me four hours and my plan was far from perfect, but she printed it and pinned it on the wall above her desk. I learned three things. First, nobody becomes useful in two weeks. Second, asking questions is not a sign of weakness. Third, I really want to study architecture. Before I left, Mr Okoro wrote me a short reference letter. I still keep it in my school bag.

- a) a) Where, when and for how long did Aisha do her work experience? Answer in one full sentence.
- b) b) Explain how she found her placement. Give two precise details from the text.
- c) c) Why was Aisha disappointed during the first week, and what changed her opinion in the second week?
- d) d) Explain in your own words, in English, what she means by: "nobody becomes useful in two weeks".

Exercice 2 – Vocabulary — The language of job hunting (4 pts)

Donne l'équivalent anglais exact des expressions suivantes, employées dans une recherche d'emploi.

- a) a) un entretien d'embauche
- b) b) une lettre de motivation
- c) c) être au chômage
- d) d) un stage en entreprise (donne deux traductions possibles)

Exercice 3 – Language — Introducing yourself and describing experience (4 pts)

Complète les phrases avec la forme correcte du verbe entre parenthèses, ou avec le mot manquant.

- a) a) I ____ (work) in this shop since last September.
- b) b) Last year, I ____ (do) a two-week placement in a vet's surgery.
- c) c) She works ____ a receptionist ____ a large hotel in Dublin. (deux prépositions)
- d) d) I look forward ____ (hear) from you soon.

Exercice 4 – Translation — Talking about work*(4 pts)*

Traduis les phrases suivantes en anglais.

- a) a) Je voudrais postuler au poste de serveur dans votre restaurant.
- b) b) J'ai travaillé pendant trois semaines dans une boulangerie l'été dernier.
- c) c) Le télétravail permet un meilleur équilibre entre vie professionnelle et vie privée.
- d) d) Elle a été licenciée l'année dernière, mais elle a retrouvé un emploi en mars.

Exercice 5 – Writing — Applying for a summer job*(4 pts)*

You have seen this advert online: « Seaside Café, Brighton — looking for a summer assistant, July and August. Send us an email and tell us about yourself. » Write the email you would send. Respect the four requirements below.

- a) a) Write between 120 and 150 words, with an appropriate opening (Dear Sir or Madam,) and closing formula.
- b) b) Introduce yourself in the present: age, studies, qualities, and say why you are interested in the job.
- c) c) Describe ONE past experience (a placement, a summer job, a voluntary activity) in the simple past, using at least two linking words (first, then, however, because, so).
- d) d) End by asking for an interview and by using the expected final sentence.

Bon courage !