

Bac 2011 L/S LV2 Suggested Correction.

Comments and line numbers have been added to help with the method. For 'série S' treat only the appropriate questions. (See the original paper)

I. Comprehension

1. Jo is Australian and she has completed her studies in physical education (*sport, physical training...*) in her home country. After her studies, she travelled a lot in the East Asian countries such as Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia before setting off to London when her money ran out. (*First paragraph*)

2. Jo, Jenny (line 9), Caroline (line 14) and Dee (line 12) meet in a flat in Corduroy Mansions (line 9), London (line 8).

3. Jenny's advertisement on the Internet (line 10) about roommates for her flat brings all four of them together in London.

4. Jenny was in the apartment in the first place, it was her flat. « She (*Jo*) had arrived two hours later, (*after seeing the advertisement*) been interviewed by Jenny and agreed to move in the next day. » (l. 9)

5. Jo arrived first, (*see question 4, repeat the quote in case it counts for a point, to be safe*) then Dee arrived after Jo « Dee had been interviewed the day after that, with Jo being co-opted onto the vetting committee. » (l. 12)

Caroline was the last one to join them. « ...Caroline when it was her turn to be assessed as the final member of the flat. » (l. 14)

6. a. Jo is speaking. (*Method : note who is speaking in the margin when you read the text to gain time when answering the questions.*)

b. Dee is speaking.

c. Dee and Caroline are both English. (*Jo is Australian, see paragraph 1*)

7. Jo and Dee have doubts about Caroline becoming their roommate because they thought that she had a strange attitude (*'a whinger' line 21, 'posh' line 24*) and that she did not seem to fit in as well as they did to begin with.

8. This sentence means that we cannot choose or even control who we are and how we behave, it depends on our origins and how we are brought up.

9. Jo valued her father's advice and consequently thought it was only fair to give Caroline a chance to move in with them, even if she was from a different background to hers.

10. Dee is referring to the British government's method of consultation. The situation is parallel to British government consultation in that Jenny did not ask for Jo and Dee's opinion about Caroline, despite her asking them to be present, but decided herself to accept her application to share the flat. It was a unilateral decision.

11. Dee sees her country, England, as very hypocritical (lines 45 -46), giving examples of how the government carries out consultation when in fact it has already taken a decision. Jo, on the other hand, thinks that her country, Australia, is fair in that they are very sincere, open and frank (line 48).

12. Suggested translation (Série L':

Dee éclata de rire. « Bien sûr que c'est hypocrite ! Mais il y a tellement d'hypocrisie dans ce pays. Ce n'est pas pareil en Australie ? »

Jo dut réfléchir quelques moments avant de répondre, « Je pense qu'on est plus francs, on dit les choses en face. »

II. Expression

1. Imagine Jenny's interview of Jo. Write the **dialogue**.

Build up the **interview** using **questions** and **answers** to suit the two characters (see their details in the text). You can try to imagine what Jo and Jenny would want to know about each other and about the flat.

2. Are parental values the only values that can influence people's lives? **Justify your answer**.

Discuss different values and their influence on people, the importance of parental values and others. Use examples to illustrate your answer.

Try to make this interesting by comparing, arguing, giving your own opinion and experiences.

NB : Always write the number of words used and THE QUESTION NUMBERS (Série S = choose one question in expression only).

There don't seem to be any real difficulties, use a dictionary for any problems with vocabulary.