

EXAMEN : CAP / BEP

Spécialité : TERTIAIRE

EPREUVE : ANGLAIS

DUREE DE L'EPREUVE : 1 heure	COEFFICIENT : 1
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"WE COULD HAVE ANYTHING WE WANTED"

How it all began :

I found an advert on an agency's website for jobs at a very big theme park. I sent my CV by fax and e-mail. Two days later I received a long letter and a contract, about 10 pages long, describing in enormous detail the job, housing, working hours, etc. I left in early July, just after my exams.

The job :

On the first day there was a meeting in the Human Resources office. They told us about the different jobs we could choose - selling hamburgers, working on rides in shops, etc. You were paid \$5.75, and worked 40 hours a week, but you could work 60 hours if you wanted. You got paid overtime then \$7.50 an hour. I got a job in the gift shop because my English was not bad. I made the right decision, because the shop was air - conditioned! ! Some people who worked in the hamburger shops really suffered.

Housing :

I lived in a big apartment, with three other students : a Russian, a Scot and a Pole. There were shuttles to work for the employees all the time, even at midnight.

Best memory :

Every few weeks, the park would stay open late at night for employees only. From midnight to 3 am, we could have anything we wanted, rides (with no queues !), food ... I had the greatest time !

The biggest surprises :

One of our supervisors was only 19 years old ! In the States, if you're competent and motivated, they give you responsibilities. But if you do something wrong, you can get fired really easily. You usually get three warnings but a strange thing happened to a French student who worked there. He was clearing off tables in a hamburger place. There were some French fries left on the table and he ate one before throwing them away. His supervisor saw him and fired him immediately. I couldn't believe it !

Today in English, April 2000

Vocabulary

- *ad(vert) : publicité*
- *ride : (ici) attraction*
- *overtime : heures supplémentaires*
- *shuttle : navette*
- *fired : renvoyé*
- *warning : avertissement*

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Les candidats au CAP liront le texte jusqu'à "I had the greatest time" et répondront aux questions I, II et V. Les candidats au BEP traiteront l'ensemble des questions.

1 Répondez en anglais aux questions suivantes. Faites des phrases complètes.

- 1) How did Gregory find his job in the U.S.A ?
- 2) When did he leave for the U.S.A ?
- 3) Where in the theme park did he work ?

2 Dites si ces affirmations sont vraies (right) ou fausses (wrong). Justifiez toutes vos réponses en citant le texte

- 1) Gregory lived alone in the U.S.A.
- 2) He got a job in the gift shop because he spoke good English.
- 3) Employees had to walk to work.
- 4) Every week, employees could enjoy the theme park at night.
- 5) It's illegal to work 60 hours a week.

3 Traduisez en français.

De "but if you do something wrong..." à "a French student who worked there".

4 Ecrivez en toutes lettres, en anglais, les valeurs et nombres suivants :

\$5.75
19
60

5 Réécrivez les phrases en remplaçant les mots soulignés par le pronom personnel qui convient.

Ex : Gregory visited the park = He visited the park

The park would stay open late at night.
I lived in a big apartment with three other students.
His supervisor saw him and fired him.
A strange thing happened to Gregory.

6 Rédigez un paragraphe d'environ 50 mots dans lequel vous répondrez aux questions suivantes :

- Would you like to work in the U.S.A or in another foreign country ?
- Why or why not ? (minimum two reasons).

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