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**TEST D'ADMISSION EN 4^{ème} SECTION INTERNATIONALE AUSTRALIENNE
SESSION 2019**

ÉPREUVE ÉCRITE - DURÉE 1 HEURE

PAS DE DICTIONNAIRE AUTORISÉ

I- COMPREHENSION DE L'ECRIT

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Lis le texte et fais les activités qui suivent

One of our best modern-day conveniences has become a threat. Plastic bags have been such a big part of our lives for a long time that many of us don't give them a second thought – but we should. Plastic bags are environmentally unfriendly in so many ways. We need to practice saying NO when offered a plastic bag to carry our goods from the shop. Every time you say no to a plastic bag and use a re-usable bag, you are helping to reduce society's reliance¹ on petrochemicals and also helping to save marine animals. [...]



Once we've converted our natural resources into one of these ugly bags, they take hundreds of years to disintegrate. Many of them end up in our waterways and oceans polluting the environment and killing birds, fish and other marine animals. These animals often mistake plastic bags for jellyfish and eat them, or they are caught up in them and drown.

Our oceans have been accumulating a whole range of plastic and non-biodegradable garbage. The amount of plastic waste is so high that it is coalescing² into islands of garbage, that are often referred to as 'The Great Pacific Garbage Patch' or 'The trash Vortex' - not what you imagine when you think of an island and not somewhere you would want to spend your next holiday. [...]

¹ Dependence on something

² Coming together to form a mass or a whole

There is a solution to our global reliance on plastic bags - biodegradable bags.

Biodegradable bags are made from renewable, organic material such as cornstarch. They can be composted, reducing landfill waste and they break down quickly, reducing the danger to marine life. [...]

Reusable bags are easy to get a hold of - they sell them at most supermarkets, if not all. This is such an easy way to do your little bit to reduce carbon emissions and save a marine animal or two. Reject the plastic bag now so our children aren't wading through them at the beach tomorrow.

Excerpt from Ban the Plastic Bag by Dionne Lister, www.earthfirst.net.au

1) Answer the question (2 pts) :

What type of document is it and where can you read it ?

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2) Circle TRUE or FALSE and justify your answers by quoting from the text. (14 pts) :

a) **TRUE - FALSE** : Plastic bags are very useful in everyday life.

Justification :

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b) **TRUE - FALSE** : Plastics are not safe for the environment.

Justification 1 :

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Justification 2 :

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c) **TRUE - FALSE** : Bags made with petrochemicals help to protect sealife creatures.

Justification :

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d) **TRUE or FALSE** : All plastics end up in a landfill (= une décharge).

Justification :

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e) **TRUE or FALSE** : Those plastics will not break down into a lifetime.

Justification :

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f) **TRUE or FALSE** : The Great Pacific Garbage Patch is an island where you can go on holiday.

Justification :

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g) **TRUE or FALSE** : There are alternatives to plastic bags.

Justification 1 :

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Justification 2 :

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3) What does the author fight for ? What does she want us to do ? (4pts)

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