

Code branche ANGLA	Ministère de l'Éducation nationale, de l'Enfance et de la Jeunesse EXAMEN DE FIN D'ÉTUDES SECONDAIRES TECHNIQUES Régime technique – Session 2015/2016	
Épreuve Écrit	Branche	Division / Section
Durée épreuve 3 heures	Anglais	GE / GI / AR / SO
Date épreuve 27/05/2016		

PART A

I) Essential Articles (15 marks)

iSlave

- Why is it not at all surprising that some of Foxconn's Chinese migrant workers have tried to commit suicide?

9 marks

What does censoring Wikipedia tell us about the way the internet is policed?

- What exactly is the IWF and what does its job consist of? How does it operate?

6 marks

II) Short stories (15 marks)

Marionettes, Inc.

- Why did Braling decide to purchase a duplicate and how did his friend Smith react when he found out?

7 marks

Sharp Practice

- What crime was O' Connor charged with and why did the jury have no other choice but to acquit him?

8 marks

PART B

The Battle Against Food Waste

Last week, the British retailer Marks & Spencer introduced a new packaging strip aimed at making strawberries shipped in from overseas last two days longer. Eventually, the company hopes to use the technology on all types of berries. Marks & Spencer says that because its strawberries will stay fresh longer, consumers can reduce food waste at home.

This is a modest initiative, but it is the latest in a difficult global battle against food waste. Around the world, a staggering one-third of food — or about 1.3 billion tons each year — is wasted, a study commissioned by the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization estimated last year.

The research, which was carried out at the Swedish Institute for Food and Biotechnology, estimated that in Europe and North America, 280 to 300 kilograms of food, or 620 to 660 pounds, per person are wasted each year. That is more than twice the figure for developing regions like sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia.

In the developed world, consumers account for about one-third of the waste, discarding even food that is still edible.

The problem is a “‘disposing is cheaper than using or re-using’ attitude in industrialized countries,” the U.N. agency’s report says.

In developing countries, the problems are slightly different. Because of inadequate technology, most of the waste occurs before it gets to the consumer, while the food is being grown, processed and distributed.

At a time when prices are high for staples like corn, tackling waste has moved up the agenda. In addition to establishing biogas facilities that can process agricultural waste, some restaurateurs have started efforts to combat the problem.

In Britain, the Sustainable Restaurant Association, based in London, began a campaign last autumn to reduce waste.

It sends 250 “doggy boxes” — for taking uneaten portions home — to each participating restaurant. Some restaurants put stickers in their windows bringing the campaign to their patrons’ notice.

Of course, there is a trade-off between more packaging and less food waste, but Tom Tanner, an S.R.A. representative, said the doggy boxes were made of recycled material and compostable.

The S.R.A. is also encouraging restaurants to waste less food in the kitchen, after a recent survey of 10 London restaurants found that they wasted about half a kilogram of food per customer per meal.

Mr. Tanner said that even though those restaurants already had a sustainability mind-set, many were unaware of the extent of the problem. About 65 percent of the waste stemmed from kitchen practices like throwing away vegetable peels.

But patrons accounted for about 30 percent of the waste. Some were too embarrassed to request to-go boxes, partly a function of “natural British reserve,” Mr. Tanner said. The S.R.A. hopes to extend its campaign to restaurants outside London.

“The days when you can just waltz into a restaurant, pay your money and say, ‘If it ends up in the bin, that’s fine’ — I don’t think so many people feel good about that,” Mr. Tanner said.

Some in the food industry say that the local food movement has highlighted the problem of waste and spurred efforts to combat it.

In the past few years, “we’re seeing more food banks starting to get into perishable food, because there’s a focus on healthy food for people, particularly people who are low-income or struggling,” said Tonia Krauser, director of communications for Second Harvest, a Toronto charity that collects excess food donated from restaurants, food manufacturers and other places and redistributes it to agencies serving people in need.

Advocates of reducing food waste say that governments could do more to aid their cause.

In developing countries, improving roads to help food get to market faster without spoiling would help, the F.A.O. report suggested.

European governments may get more involved; a resolution to be considered Thursday at the European Parliament meeting in Strasbourg calls for halving food waste by 2025, with help from awareness campaigns and other mechanisms.

648 words

by Kate Galbraith, *New York Times* (adapted)

I) Comprehension Questions

- 1) What astounding facts did the Swedish Institute for Food and Biotechnology reveal in its study? **5 marks**
- 2) What are the various reasons for this food waste? **4 marks**
- 3) How is the SRA (Sustainable Restaurant Association) trying to fight this problem? **6 marks**

II) Development Essay

15 marks

Write a structured essay of 250 words ($\pm 10\%$). Indicate the number of words used.

How can individual consumers take action to minimize the amount of food they waste?