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Anglais LV1 – Série générale

COMPRÉHENSION DE L'ÉCRIT

A. DOCUMENT A

1.a. Henry Ford is Bill Ford's grandfather. Henry Ford II is Henry Ford's son and Bill's uncle.

1.b. Henry Ford founded Ford Motor Co. in Detroit, while Henry Ford II created the Renaissance Center.

2.a. In Bill Ford's experience, people generally have a negative view of Detroit today. For example, when he tells people where he's from, they say 'I'm sorry' (l.16)

2.b. Bill says that '[he] love[s] Detroit' (l.17)

3.a. Bill Ford bought Detroit's Michigan Central Station.

3.b. The building is old and derelict, 'graffiti-covered' (l.2) and 'long-neglected' (l.12)

3.c. Bill Ford wants to redevelop the building and transform it to include shops, restaurants and office space.

3.d. Two things in Bill Ford's life can explain this project. First the fact he has always loved the city and this building in particular and second, the fact that there is a tradition in his family of creating and investing in the city of Detroit.

3.e. The journalist calls it audacious because it is one 'of the biggest restoration projects in

recent history' (l.19), it is also a bet on the future in the context of a struggling economy in this part of the country.

Pour les NON-LVA seulement

4. According to Bill Ford this project will be both a public attraction and a center for economic activity with startups and entrepreneurs, a place where the future of transportation will be created.

LVA seulement

5. A vision is in fact nothing but a projection of an ideal of progress into the future and here the journalist uses it because Bill Ford has a dream about creating 'the future of transportation' (l.8) in Detroit and imagines the future as symbiosis between Ford Motor Co and the city itself, which he illustrates by saying 'We want to be part of the fabric of Corktown' (l.31).

B. DOCUMENT B

6.a. In 2014 Charlottesville was named America's happiest city.

6.b. The inhabitants agree with the title, since 'an informal poll of residents didn't find too many who rejected the finding.' (l.9-10) and when questioned most of them said 'they would not be persuaded to move even if they were offered greater material security elsewhere' (l.14-15)

6.c. The journalist means that as a town, Charlottesville has many attractive features, which he's just listed in the previous sentence, and few negative ones, hence the assessment that it has 'more or less everything going for it'.

7.a. Thomas Jefferson, famous for establishing the University of Virginia and being the principal author of the Declaration of Independence.

7.b. Since Thomas Jefferson included in the text of the Declaration of Independence the right to the pursuit of happiness, it seems very appropriate that the city where he was born receive the title of happiest city in the USA.

LVA seulement

8. When Chip Levy says that 'happiness is an allowable goal' it means that according to the Declaration of Independence, it is legitimate for American people to make happiness one of the goals in their lives.

C. DOCUMENT A ET B

9. Both documents illustrate how some individuals feel deeply connected to the place where they live. In Document A, we look at Bill Ford's vision of economic development for his city of Detroit, a project born of his love and attachment to the city, whereas the Charlottesville residents interviewed in Document B all express their attachment to the quality of life and values of their town.

EXPRESSION ÉCRITE

A. Séries ES, S et L LVO

Sujet 1

Ladies and Gentlemen, Fellow Detroit residents,

It is my immense honour and pride to inaugurate today with you our renovated Michigan Central Station.

When I bought the building four years ago, people called it an 'audacious' move, which I believe was just a polite way of saying that this was a crazy idea. Everyone had seen pictures of this old abandoned building, covered in graffiti, the symbol of a struggling city.

Yet when I looked at it, I saw a proud past and more, I saw potential, possibilities. I envisioned a future where prosperous shops and dynamic startups would bring life to these walls and make this building a place of innovation, the symbol of our collective success.

Yes, I say our success, because while I have a deeply personal connection to this city, we, at Ford Motor Co. want this Michigan Central Station project to be your success too. We know

that the future will be built together and that is why I invite you, fellow Detroit citizens, to seize every opportunity here to invent and create your future.

Thank you.

Sujet 2

'Happiness is a place called home.' Many people are deeply attached to their hometown or to the place where they live, but I am more of a wanderer. I have lived in many different places and I know that happiness is not a place but a feeling of belonging. The joy of having friends, old and new, around you and of knowing that you are safe and loved.

Sure, beautiful landscapes, cultural facilities and easy access to shops help too. Studies have shown that being in a natural environment, going for a walk in the forest for example, is good for our health since it helps reduce our stress levels. But when the weather is too harsh for us to enjoy the great outdoors, going to the cinema or to a museum or simply being able to borrow books from the local library are also excellent ways of enjoying ourselves, therefore proving that happiness is not a place but a state of mind.

B. Séries L LVA

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Ford Motor Co. want this Michigan Central Station project to be your success too. We know that the future will be built together, that together we are stronger and that collective intelligence is the future of our economy. That is why I invite you, fellow Detroit citizens, to seize every opportunity here to invent and create our future and show the rest of the world what a beautiful thriving community we have here.

Thank you.

Sujet 2

Happiness seems like a deeply personal and intimate feeling and at first glance it might seem strange to look for a connection between this and the place we live. Yet, if we consider Maslow's pyramid of needs, then it is easy to see how these two things are connected. Indeed, first in the pyramid of human needs are basic physiological needs. Can we find everything we need to survive (food and shelter) where we live?

Then come safety needs. Do we live in a safe environment or do we fear for our safety when we walk home at night? Can we find employment in our area? Is the place where we live healthy or near a source of contamination?

Then comes the need for belonging, which includes friendship and a sense of connection. Do we live in an environment where we can create good relationships? This is particularly important for people who happen to be different from the norm, either because of a handicap, sexual orientation or gender.

Finally to truly be happy, humans need to be the most that they can be and here again, the place where we live plays an important part. Do we have access to education and cultural facilities?

For all these reasons, the place where we live has an undeniable effect on our happiness.