



EXAMEN DE FIN D'ÉTUDES SECONDAIRES CLASSIQUES Sessions 2022

DISCIPLINE	SECTION(S)	ÉPREUVE ÉCRITE	
Anglais - Textes littéraires inconnus	CA	Date de l'épreuve :	16.09.22
		Durée de l'épreuve :	14:15 - 16:55
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Partie obligatoire			
Question	Nb points	Obligatoire	
1	12	x	
2	10	x	
3	14	x	
4	12	x	
Partie au choix			
Choisissez une question parmi les deux suivantes et indiquez votre choix avec un x.			
Question	Nb points	Choix du candidat	
5a	12		
5b	12		

Still I Rise

BY MAYA ANGELOU (1928-2014)

You may write me down in history
With your bitter, twisted lies,
You may trod me in the very dirt
But still, like dust, I'll rise.

Does my sassiness upset you?
Why are you beset with gloom?
'Cause I walk like I've got oil wells
Pumping in my living room.

Just like moons and like suns,
With the certainty of tides,
Just like hopes springing high,
Still I'll rise.

Did you want to see me broken?
Bowed head and lowered eyes?
Shoulders falling down like teardrops,
Weakened by my soulful cries?

Does my haughtiness offend you?
Don't you take it awful hard
'Cause I laugh like I've got gold mines
Diggin' in my own backyard.

You may shoot me with your words,
You may cut me with your eyes,
You may kill me with your hatefulness,
But still, like air, I'll rise.

Does my sexiness upset you?
Does it come as a surprise
That I dance like I've got diamonds
At the meeting of my thighs?

Out of the huts of history's shame
I rise
Up from a past that's rooted in pain
I rise
I'm a black ocean, leaping and wide,
Welling and swelling I bear in the tide.

Leaving behind nights of terror and fear
I rise
Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear
I rise
Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,
I am the dream and the hope of the slave.
I rise
I rise
I rise.

(Published in 1978)

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. The poet frequently uses the word 'you'. Who is being addressed and why? Give examples. (12)
2. Analyse the poem's structure. What are the literary devices used by the poet? Give examples. (10)
3. Some stanzas begin with questions. What is their effect on the tone of the poem? Give examples. (14)
4. How does the repetition of the phrase 'I rise' affect the impact of the poem? (12)

OPINION QUESTION - CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

5a. In your opinion, how does this poem tie in with today's 'Black Lives Matter' movement? (12)

OR:

5b. In your opinion, would the impact of the poem increase if it were read aloud by the poet? Why (not)? (12)