



EXAMEN NORMALISÉ 1^{er} SEMESTRE

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Niveau : 3ac

Matière : Anglais

Salvador Dali



If you ask anybody who the most famous and successful artist of the twentieth century was, you will almost always get the same answer : Pablo Picasso. If you were to go one step further and ask who the second most famous artist of the twentieth century was, more often than not, the reply would be Picasso's fellow countryman, Salvador Dali.

Dali, or to give him his full name Salvador Felipe Jacinto Dali Domenech was born on 11th May 1904, in Figueres, a small town in the foothills of the Pyrenees, just sixteen miles from the French border. He was the son of a wealthy notary. Apart from **their** home in Figueres, the Dali family had a summer house in the fishing village of Cadaques « That is where the Dalis built their son his first studio.

Dali's talent as an artist became apparent at a young age and he had his first drawing lessons when he was ten. As a young man, Dali went to Madrid to study at the San Fernando Academy of Fine Arts, where his talents were recognised immediately. He had a one-man show in Barcelona when he was just twenty-one years old! International fame was to come only seven years later, in 1928, when three of his paintings were shown at the third annual Carnegie international Exhibition in Pittsburgh. That's when Dali's career as an artist really took off.

Shortly after the Pittsburgh Exhibition, Dali moved to Paris. That is when he started painting in the style that was fashionable at the time, known as surrealism. The surrealist theory was based on the theories of Dr Sigmund Freud, the well-known psychoanalyst, who was a proponent of the study of dreams. In surrealism the artist associates objects that ordinarily cannot be associated in order to surprise and shock the spectator. Hence Dali's paintings were full of recurring images of burning giraffes and melting watches. His paintings were so well executed that they were almost photo realistic.

In 1929 Dali met Gala Eluard and fell head over heels in love. She became his business manager and the source of inspiration for many of his greatest works. They were married in 1934 and then made their first trip to America, where they spent a lot of time, including the whole of the Second World War. After Gala's death in 1982, Dali never really recovered and many people would argue that without her Dali would not have reached the heights that he did.

Dali's international reputation was based as much on his flamboyant and outrageous personality as **it** was on his works of art. He was the darling of American high society for quite some time and painted portraits of Jack Werner, the Hollywood mogul, and Helena Rubinstein, the cosmetics queen. He illustrated books, designed jewellery and textiles and even produced a couple of films. In 1974 Dali opened the *Teatro* Museo in his hometown of Figueres and that was where he spent most of his time prior to his death on 23rd January 1989. Salvador Dali will always be remembered as one of the true greats of the twentieth century.

I/ Reading Comprehension

(6 pts)

A/ Match the following titles with the paragraphs :

3 pts

- a-** Many talents **b-** Leaders in their field **c-** Early success
d-A companion for life **e-** Following a trend **f-** Well to do background.

1-..... 2-..... 3-..... 4-..... 5-.....6-.....

B/ Are these statements true or false ? Justify !

1 pt

1- Salvador Dali had his first studio at home in Figueres.

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2- In Paris, Dali started a new trend in painting.

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C/ Find words or expressions which mean the same as :

1 pt

1- started :..... (para 3)

2- got better :.....(para 5)

D/ What do the underlined words in the text refer to ?

1 pt

1- their :

2- it :

II / Language :

(8 pts)

A/ Put the verbs between brackets in the correct tense :

2 pts

1- Some birds (**fly**)to warm countries in the winter.

2- “While we (**watch**).....a movie last night, the lights (**go, out**)..... ,” says Emy.

3- “I (**work**).....in this company for four years. I like my job and my colleagues, ” says Mrs Stevens.

2 pts

B/ Choose the correct answer : a, b or c :

1- - Jane : Where have you..... ? I've been waiting for you for ages !

- Diane : Sorry to keep you waiting !

a- gone

b- been

c- went

2- “ When I entered the room, I found dust on all the furniture. There were also..... on the old carpet,” said the police detective.

a- footprints

b- footwork

c- footsteps

3- - Mr Smith : I want to fix the antenna, bring me the....., James !

- James : Ok, dad.

a- ladle

b- ladder

c- lather

4- Florence Nightingale worked as a nurse all her life. She looked injured soldiers during many wars.

a- up

b- for

c- after

C/ Put the words between brackets in the correct form :

1- “ We had an (**amaze**).....holiday in the mountains last year. I'd love to go again,” says Dany.

2- Emily missed her (**fly**)..... because she arrived at the airport very late.

D/ What would you say in these situations ?

1- Neighbour : Excuse me but you've parked your car in front of my garage !

You :(**Make an apology**)

2- Friend : I'm getting fatter.

You : (**advise your friend**)

(6 pts)

III / Writing :

« After- school activities are important ». Write an article to your school magazine, showing their importance and suggesting some of the activities you would like to have in your school.

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