# SLIDE

# The 'SES' curriculum in European section

What are we going to study this academic year?

A challenge to economic growth:	Gender inequalities in the labour market:				
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The ma	The main issues				
Changes in the workplace:?	The Great depression in 1930's and the Great recession in 2008:				

### AN EXAMPLE OF ORAL EXAM IN BACCALAUREAT

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Épreuve orale de langue anglaise en SES en section européenne

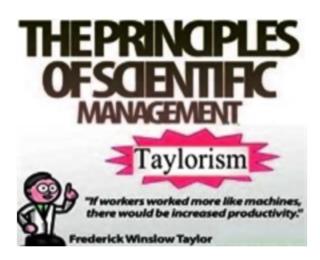
#### **EVALUATION SPECIFIQUE AUX SECTIONS EUROPEENNES**

Temps de préparation : 20 minutes Durée de l'épreuve : 20 minutes Coefficient : épreuve optionnelle Thème : Work management

Le sujet comprend deux documents.

- 1. What is meant by productivity and how is it measured? (document 1)
- 2. Explain the underlined sentence in document 2.
- 3. To what extent does Taylorism have negative impacts?

#### **Document 1**



https://bizshifts-trends.com/revisiting-taylorism-neo-taylorism-vs-anti-taylorism-permission-to-think-vs-prohibition-to-think/

#### **Document 2**

On 27 November, to coincide with Black Friday, workers at Amazon's Castel San Giovanni warehouse in Piacenza province, Italy, downed tools to demand improved working conditions and a pay rise based on productivity bonuses. (...)

A number of surveys carried out in Amazon warehouses in Italy and other countries have highlighted high levels of stress and proneness to physiological and psychological disorders among staff members – white and blue collar alike – that often force them to resign. (...)

The average period a worker spends in a warehouse is three years, after which the body can no longer sustain the pace of work, leading to his or her resignation. Amazon's workforce is therefore prone to permanent turnover.

In this sense, <u>Amazon has updated the corporate management principles successfully introduced by Frederick Taylor at the dawn of the 20th century</u> and laid out in his 1911 book The Principles of Scientific Management. (...)

Making use of the technology at hand, this is precisely how Amazon goes about its business: hiring workers, maximising their contribution to the production process and once the body gives way or productivity levels drop, replacing them with fresh hands, choosing at will from the vast pool of unemployed and precarious workers. By demanding better working conditions, employees at Amazon are challenging its corporate model.

'Work according to Amazon', by <u>Andrea Iossa</u>, 22 February 2018 https://www.equaltimes.org/work-according-to-amazon?lang=fr#.Yfzwii pOqA

#### DNL SES in 'Baccalauréat'

#### Marks gained for the speaking exam

#### How do marks attribute for the exam?

-	% of the marks is given by both the	and	d teachers	training the
	students in 'terminale' during the academic y	ear		

- ...... % depends on the **oral assessment** at the end of the year, probably in May..

#### What does the oral exam consist in?

#### The oral exam lasts ...... minutes

- .... min in preparation;
- another .... min. for an interview with two teachers: English and SES teachers, the ones you had during the year.

## The oral exam contains 2 parts

-	part one: the candidate picks out one random document which is a text
	(no more than 15 lines long) and another one which could be a picture, a diagram,
	For 20 minutes the student prepares questions using both his/ her and the
	twoand the third one gives a
	perspective.
	After preparing the questions the student presents them to the

<u>NB</u>: All documents are on one of the issues addressed in the DNL SES courses which were taught during the year.

part two: the candidate could address an issue studied in the English lessons or he could talk
about a special action in connection with the European section.
 The jury could ask the student a few questions in order to appreciate the student's ability to interact

orally.

#### How will pupils prepare for the exam?

- Attending DNL SES courses, doing homework and working hard on all the tests!
- Training for the oral exam, especially the first part, with mock oral exams provided at the end of each issue.

#### Mock oral exams

#### **Rules**

- 1. At the end of each issue, each of the three students prepares a subject while the others prepare another subject on a writing paper for 20 minutes.
- 2. At the end of the prep., the three students present their answers orally for 10 min. maximum each one, and the others will give me back their written work and will listen to the oral presentations.
- 3. Lastly, all the students will get marks, either from their oral presentation or their written paper.
- 4. You will have a correction for each subject which will be useful to revise just before your exam.

Please, could you fill in the table below? If not, I should do it!

Issues	Names
Innovation and sustainable economic growth	-
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Gender inequalities	-
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The two financial crises	-
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4. Work management	-
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5. Four subjects on the different issues addressed	-
during the academic year	-
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