

**OPTION INTERNATIONALE DU BACCALAURÉAT
SESSION 2015**

SECTION : AMÉRICAINNE

ÉPREUVE : HISTOIRE-GÉOGRAPHIE

DURÉE TOTALE : 4 HEURES

Le candidat a le choix entre deux sujets **A** et **B** qu'il doit traiter, selon son choix, dans leur totalité.

Pour l'un des sujets, dans la première sous-partie, le candidat rédige un sujet de composition en histoire parmi deux propositions au choix et dans la seconde sous-partie, il traite un exercice de géographie à partir de document(s).

Pour l'autre sujet, dans la première sous-partie, le candidat rédige une composition en géographie parmi deux propositions au choix et dans la seconde sous-partie, il traite un exercice d'histoire à partir de document(s).

Chacune des deux disciplines compte pour la moitié des points dans la note finale.

Les dictionnaires sont interdits.

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SUJET A

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et faire l'exercice – étude critique de document(s).

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HISTORY ESSAY AND GEOGRAPHY DOCUMENT-BASED QUESTION

PART ONE:

HISTORY ESSAY 1

Compare and contrast the paths to power taken by China and the United States since the end of the Second World War.

HISTORY ESSAY 2

Analyze the evolution of the role of the State in France since 1946.

PART TWO:

GEOGRAPHY DOCUMENT BASED QUESTION

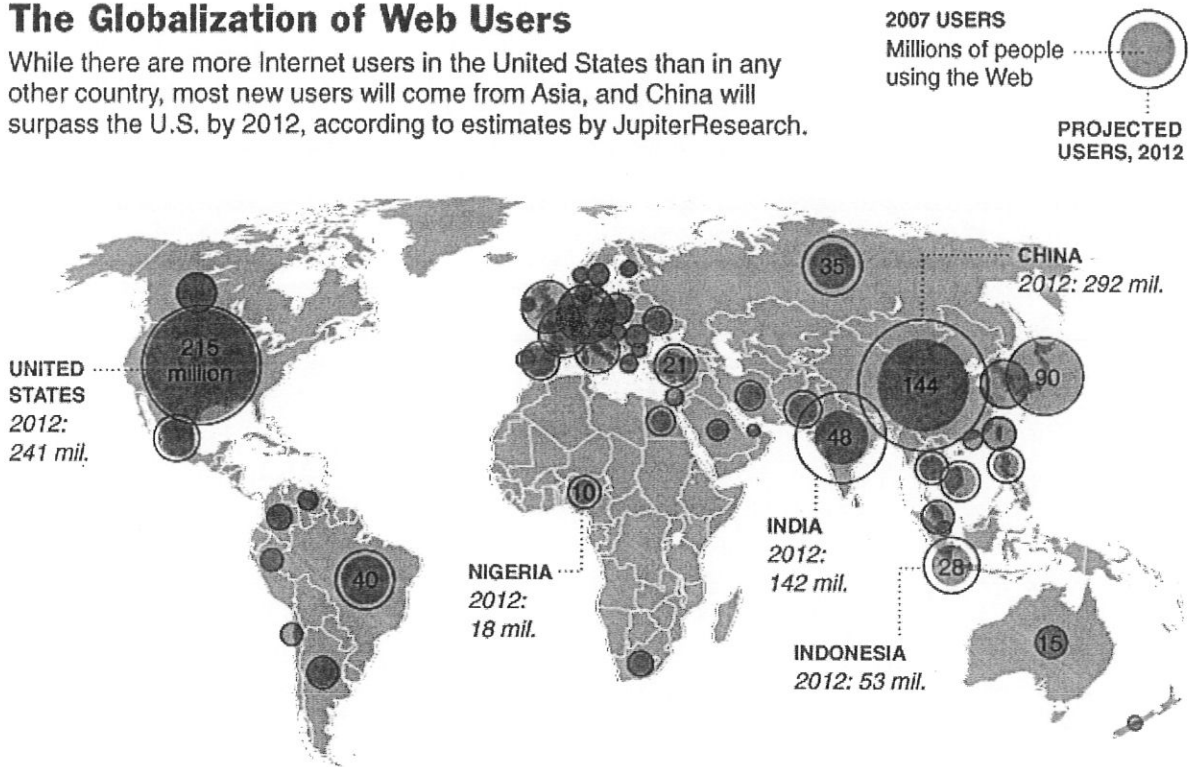
Globalization: transport and communications

Using the documents critically and your own knowledge, analyze the impact of changes in transport and communications on globalisation. Be sure to discuss the value and limitations of the documents.

Document 1:

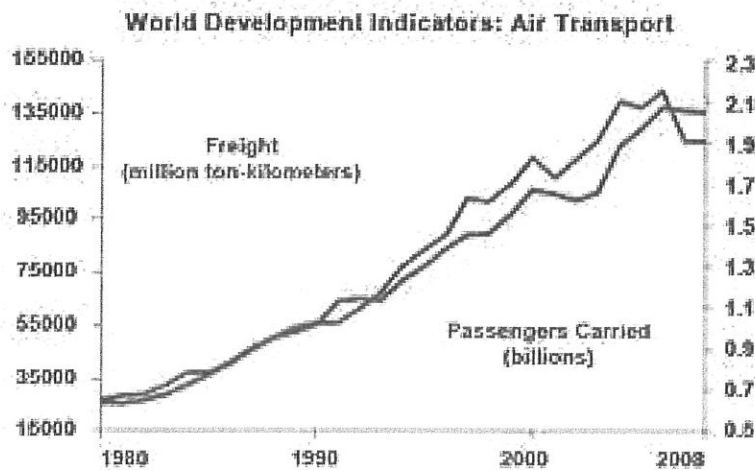
The Globalization of Web Users

While there are more Internet users in the United States than in any other country, most new users will come from Asia, and China will surpass the U.S. by 2012, according to estimates by JupiterResearch.



Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/imagepages/2008/12/31/business/31hindi.gfx.ready.html>

Document 2:



Source: The World Bank Group

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GEOGRAPHY ESSAY AND HISTORY DOCUMENT-BASED QUESTION

PART ONE:

GEOGRAPHY ESSAY 1

What are the limits of the power of the United States on a continental and on a global scale?

GEOGRAPHY ESSAY 2

Is population an asset or a constraint for economic development in South and East Asia?

PART TWO:

HISTORY DOCUMENT BASED QUESTION

The Middle East and Global Security

Using your own knowledge, as well as the documents below, explain why the Middle East has continued to effect and influence global stability since the end of World War I. Include an assessment of the values and limitations of the documents in your analysis.

Document 1:

Eisenhower Doctrine (January 5, 1957)

Source : <http://millercenter.org/president/speeches/detail/3360> ,
Eisenhower speech before Congress in 1957.

(...) There are worldwide hopes which we can reasonably entertain, and there are worldwide responsibilities which we must carry to make certain that freedom (...) may be secure.(...) The Middle East has abruptly reached a new and critical stage in its long and important history. Other nations exercised considerable authority in the area and the security of the region was largely built around their power. But since the First World War there has been a steady evolution toward self-government and independence. This development the United States has welcomed and has encouraged.

(...) Just recently there have been hostilities involving Western European nations that once exercised much influence in the area. Also the relatively large attack by Israel in October has intensified the basic differences between that nation and its Arab neighbors. All this instability has been heightened and, at times, manipulated by International Communism. Russia's rulers have long sought to dominate the Middle East. (...)The reasons are not hard to find. They do not affect Russia's security, for no one plans to use the Middle East as a base for aggression against Russia. Never for a moment has the United States entertained such a thought.

Neither does Russia's desire to dominate the Middle East spring from its own economic interest in the area. Russia does not appreciably use or depend upon the Suez Canal. (...) The Soviets have no need for, and could provide no market for, the petroleum resources, which constitute the principal natural wealth of the area. Indeed, the Soviet Union is a substantial exporter of petroleum products.

The reason for Russia's interest in the Middle East is solely that of power politics. Considering her announced purpose of communizing the world, it is easy to understand her hope of dominating the Middle East. (...) It contains about two thirds of the presently known oil deposits of the world and it normally supplies the petroleum needs of many nations of Europe, Asia and Africa. The nations of Europe are peculiarly dependent upon this supply, and this dependency relates to transportation as well as to production! (...)

Then there are other factors, which transcend the material. The Middle East is the birthplace of three great religions. They symbolize religions, which teach that the spirit has supremacy over matter and that the individual has a dignity and rights of which no despotic government can rightfully deprive him.

Document 2:

Source : Cartoon by Walt Handelman, *US NEWS*, May 20th 2014.



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