

Compréhension de l'écrit et expression écrite

Le sujet porte sur l'axe 6 du programme : **Innovations scientifiques et responsabilité.**

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1. Compréhension de l'écrit ;
2. Expression écrite.

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Document A

The scene takes place in the future. Mr and Mrs Weston have bought a robot to look after their daughter.

"George, I say! Will you put down that paper and look at me?"

The paper rustled to the floor and Weston turned a weary face towards his wife, "What is it, dear?"

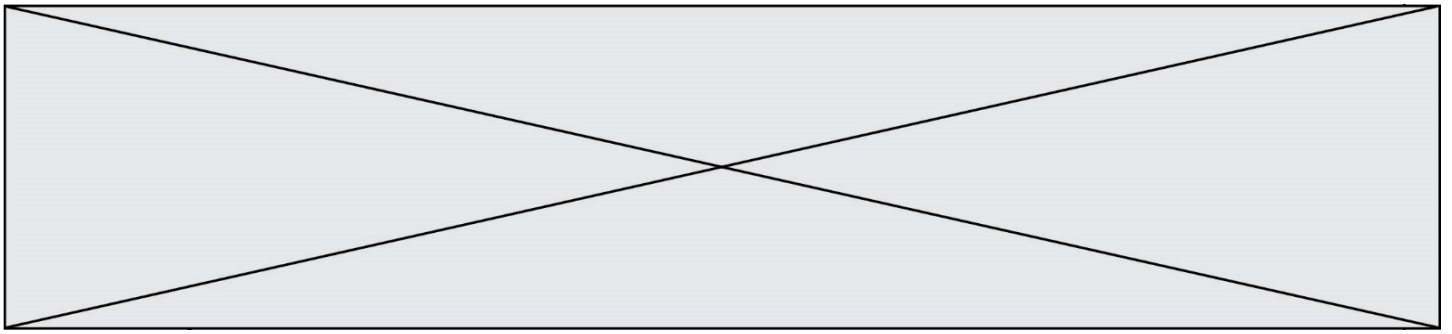
"You know what it is, George. It's Gloria and that terrible machine."

5 "What terrible machine?"

"Now don't pretend you don't know what I'm talking about. It's that robot Gloria calls Robbie. He doesn't leave her for a moment."

10 "Well, why should he? He's not supposed to. And he certainly isn't a terrible machine. He's the best darn robot money can buy and I'm damned sure he set me back half a year's income. He's worth it, though — darn sight cleverer than half my office staff."

He made a move to pick up the paper again, but his wife was quicker and snatched it away.



Document B

Why I want a robot nanny.

[...] Most parents, rightly, would balk at the idea of leaving the house while a glorified toaster babysits [...]. This first generation of care-bots is rudimentary but, down the line, perhaps they'll be marketed to look after our kids while parents and other human carers are absent. Would that really be such a bad thing? Maybe not.

- 5 After all, let's not forget that humans, whether they're parental guardians or paid professionals, are riddled with faulty circuitry and make bad decisions every day. We can be temperamental, neglectful, and need regular bathroom breaks. A mechanical babysitter doesn't need any time off. It's also unlikely to be a sex offender and will never lose patience when your little darling demands to read the same dull storybook
- 10 about a lost puppy over and over. And robots, I presume, don't flip out and swear loudly when they accidentally step on a Lego brick. What these droids lack in compassion they'll make up for with their pre-programmed encyclopedic knowledge of everything, and their unfalteringly positive attitude. It's a trade off that demands proper pragmatic consideration rather than ridicule.
- 15 As with self-driving cars, we just need to shift our risk assessment criteria.

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