



SESSION 2009

ÉPREUVE D'ANGLAIS

Lisez attentivement les instructions suivantes avant de vous mettre au travail :

Chaque question comporte quatre propositions, notées **A. B. C. D.**. Pour chaque proposition, vous devez signaler si elle est vraie en l'indiquant sur la grille de réponses en marquant la case sous la lettre **V** ; ou fausse en l'indiquant sur la grille de réponses en marquant la case sous la lettre **F**. Une réponse est donc une suite de quatre marques **V** ou **F**.

Exemples :

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ATTENTION :

- la mauvaise marque (V, F) à une proposition entraîne des points négatifs
- l'absence de marque (V, F) à une proposition n'entraîne pas de points négatifs.

Vous vous servirez de la feuille jointe pour indiquer vos réponses en noircissant les cases situées à côté des lettres correspondantes.

Nombre de pages de l'épreuve :	10
Durée de l'épreuve :	1 h 30
Coefficient de l'épreuve :	ESSCA → 2 IÉSEG → 2 ESDES → 2

- 1)
 - A. Good afternoon. Let me introduce myself to you.
 - B. Hello everybody. My name is Tom Jones.
 - C. Good morning. I'd like to resent me.
 - D. Good morning. In the first time, I shall talk you about me.

- 2)
 - A. Tom tried to talk Mary into going to the cinema with him last night but she refused.
 - B. They have finally been talked out of buying this house.
 - C. "Shall we stay at home and watch a movie?" "What a good idea!"
 - D. You shall do what you're told!

- 3)
 - A. I'm very happy to can come and talk to you tonight.
 - B. I'm arrived here last night with my car.
 - C. I must leave tomorrow morning.
 - D. It's my great pleasure to see you all.

- 4)
 - A. Betty has 20 years old but looks much older.
 - B. Mary is oldest than Betty.
 - C. Tom is as young as Peter.
 - D. Mrs Smith is my father's age.

- 5)
 - A. Susan has very pretty hairs that are long and curly.
 - B. She has big brown almond-shaped eyes and small ears.
 - C. She has an air very beautiful.
 - D. She also has a lovely personality and is very bright.

- 6)
 - A. Do you have got any brothers or sisters?
 - B. No, I haven't got any. I'm a unique child.
 - C. I haven't got many money so I can't buy a Mercedes.
 - D. "Here you are Tom. Would you like some coffee?" "Yes, please. I'd like a cup."

- 7)
 - A. "How was the movie?" "It was absolutely great! I had a wonderful time!"
 - B. "How was George?" "He was tall with blue eyes and brown hair. Very handsome."
 - C. "How has your week been?" "It's been hard"
 - D. "How long has Mark been here?" "Since long time."

- 8)
 - A. Never I know very well what to do.
 - B. My neighbour always has his tea in the morning.
 - C. Some students are always coming late for their classes! This must stop!
 - D. France is facing a lot of problems these days. '

- 9)
 - A. The world is trying to deal with the subprime mortgage financial crisis this year.
 - B. Nobody really knows how much it will cost when it will be over.
 - C. People are now being refused home loans even if they qualify for one.
 - D. The US government has just come up with an economic stimulus plan to ease the financial crisis.

- 10)
 - A. "How often do you play football?" "Twice a week."
 - B. We watch the news all days in the morning.
 - C. Each of them know you very well.
 - D. None of us have time to go to the park today. We've got too many work.

- 11) A. Tomorrow we'll have fewer job to do so we'll be able to go together.
 B. Tonight we must finish our report but we have so many informations that it's very difficult.
 C. Mr Brown has given us very good advices what to do.
 D. The news about the world are notoriously very bad.
- 12) A. They spent their last holidays in London.
 B. My sister will go five days in New York next month.
 C. "Where's your mother?" "She's gone to the shops."
 D. Anne has never been to Japan.
- 13) A. "Blood Diamond" is one of the strongest movies I've ever seen.
 B. Before watching it many people had never heard about war or conflict diamonds.
 C. I hope that now they will ask for a Kimberley Certificate when they decide to buy a diamond ring.
 D. Everybody should feel concerned about this issue!
- 14) A. If we want to find an issue to the Climate Change problem we must act together.
 B. We are all responsible of greenhouse gas emissions and about our carbon footprints.
 C. With his documentary "An Inconvenient Truth" Al Gore has raised people's awareness of this problem.
 D. He and IPCC have been jointly awarded a Nobel Peace Prize this year.
- 15) A. I am absolutely agree with Al Gore's decision not to run for US president in 2008.
 B. If I were him I would continue working on the global warming theme.
 C. I sometimes wonder what he would have done in 2003 had he been elected president in 2000.
 D. I'm very interesting by politics.
- 16) A. "What are you doing?" "I'm watching TV."
 B. Professor Smith is a famous scientist who's been working in this field for 20 years.
 C. He has written 5 books and lectured in many countries.
 D. He has been to New York three times lately.
- 17) A. "Have you done your homework yet?" "No, not yet."
 B. France has already embarked on its reform program.
 C. "I'm very hungry, I haven't eaten yet." "Shall we go to a restaurant?"
 D. This restaurant is new; it's been opened only last month.
- 18) A. This hardly deserves any attention.
 B. Some people work very hardly to succeed.
 C. Please, run fastly to catch up with him; he's got very important documents.
 D. I suggest finishing for now, having lunch and then resuming in the afternoon.
- 19) A. I hope you won't forget buying bread on the way back, there's none at home.
 B. I still remember us playing in the pool when we were little and lived in South Africa.
 C. Look at them having a fight about nothing!
 D. I really appreciate your singing for our choir; you've got such a beautiful voice!
- 20) A. I've already showed you how to cook a chocolate cake. Do it now!
 B. Tom is actully in his third year of business studies; next year he'll be studying at Harvard.
 C. You don't have to smoke here! It's forbidden!
 D. I cannot support small children any more; they're just too noisy for me!

- 21) A. I recall you promising me you would not fall in love with me.
 B. They've been recalled to the headmaster's office to explain why they came late to school yesterday.
 C. I'm going to call on my grandmother tomorrow; she's not feeling very well.
 D. Please, remind your husband that he's got a dentist appointment next Monday.
- 22) A. This painting reminds me of the sunsets I used to watch daily when I lived in St. Lucia.
 B. I think I'll never get used to cold winters and long dark evening in Europe again.
 C. They've got accustomed to play Monopoly since they lived in the US.
 D. I always look forward to Christmas holidays.
- 23) A. I'm so looking forward to go to the party with you.
 B. Tom was so happy about his new computer when he got it for his birthday.
 C. My boss is never satisfied on our work; she's very exigent.
 D. They've decided to set up an import-export society.
- 24) A. It has been showed that there's a link between food we eat and our health.
 B. I'm sorry, nothing was brung for you yesterday.
 C. The table has been beautifully lied for dinner; I'm sure you'll find it to your entire satisfaction.
 D. The anti-mondialisation movement is very strong in France.
- 25) A. It always makes me good to go to the swimming pool at least once a week.
 B. I don't understand why people insist on making war rather than love.
 C. I aim at making a successful business.
 D. Oil companies have made a lot of money in the last few years.
- 26) A. I'm glad they've agreed to come with us; we must start planning the trip very soon.
 B. I'm sorry, I've forgotten my planning today. What class have got next?
 C. Mary writes in her journal every night before going to sleep.
 D. I don't trust politicians any more; I don't know what their agenda is.
- 27) A. Not only he lost all his money but he also was unfaithful to his wife.
 B. He's received a good education at home; he's always very polite.
 C. People must be educated about how to respect the environment and live in society.
 D. Mary has been well brought up; it's always a pleasure to have her company.
- 28) A. "My Blueberry Nights" was too good. I just loved Jude Law in it, he's such sweet.
 B. Bill Gates is enough rich to be able to retire and take care of his and his wife's foundation.
 C. They always have enough time to do what they need to do.
 D. The Smiths are not as well-off than the Browns.
- 29) A. Every children in the world should have enough feed and go to school.
 B. My Internet provider is notoriously unreliable.
 C. Thank God, we can rely of regular supply of fresh baguettes every day.
 D. John Dean has admitted to having committed insurance fraud when he staged his death.
- 30) A. Dubai is turning into a prominent commercial centre in the world.
 B. I like shopping at Zara – they have very pretty commercials there.
 C. Let's go to the new commercial centre in town and spend some money.
 D. There's no such thing as bad publicity.

- 31) A. Firstable, we shall see the recent economic developments in China.
B. In the second time, we'll talk about China's growing influence in Africa.
C. Then, we're going to look at some forecasts for China's position in the world.
D. Finally, the presentation will conclude with some general remarks.
- 32) A. The man gave a lecture yesterday is a famous Harvard University business professor.
B. I really don't know to whom I should address this letter.
C. "This is Mary Brown speaking. May I speak to Mr Tom Smith?"
D. "Certainly Madam. Please, don't quit, I'll put you through directly."
- 33) A. By the time he gets here we'll have been working on this project for three hours.
B. By now you should have realized that he's not a good husband for you.
C. By 2005 the Internet had become an integral part of our daily life, both professional and personal.
D. By the time she was 14 she had been riding a horse for 11 years.
- 34) A. I wish they weren't come to the party last night.
B. It's high time you had a haircut and stopped dyeing your hair.
C. If only they didn't drunk so much at the party last night!
D. You look as if you could do with a good night's sleep.
- 35) A. I'm definitely going to have my garden landscaped professionally.
B. I certainly don't think he's capable to run this department expertly.
C. Unless President Sarkozy does not want a revolution on his hands he must listen to people's voice.
D. Health and safety procedures are among the most important decisions to be taken by managers.
- 36) A. As my salary is now more important than last year I've decided to buy a new car.
B. It's more important to be an honest person than to make a lot of money.
C. Urbanization is a global problem a more important amount of people move to live in towns and cities.
D. Using urban transport in common is one of good ways to fight the global warming.
- 37) A. I don't understand why has Al Gore been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize?
B. I can't see any link between his awareness raising activities and ensuring peace in the world.
C. I strongly disagree with you as I believe that the consequences of global warming could be a serious threat.
D. We should make all possible to avert the catastrophe in waiting.
- 38) A. As it has been mentioned earlier concurrence poses a serious problem to companies these days.
B. I need to go and buy a new pair of baskets to play tomorrow. My old ones are worn out.
C. I'm so happy; I mustn't do any housework this week. My husband has done it!
D. Look out! You're going to fall down! You fool!
- 39) A. You needn't take your shoes off. It's dry outside.
B. They needn't have made all this effort, but I really appreciate them being so thoughtful.
C. I really don't understand why shouldn't you have called when you knew you were late.
D. I hate sport so I don't do any, although I know I should.
- 40) A. Although I hate making ironing I do it once a week.
B. However the coalition in Iraq is winning millions of Iraqis have been displaced.
C. Even though democracy is the best system ever invented to govern a country, it is not perfect.
D. We've just been out doing footing. The weather is excellent.

- 41) A. After to finish cleaning the house we'll have lunch.
B. You must read the instruction carefully before to assemble this wall unit.
C. Should you really decide to come and visit us my mother will be delighted.
D. Small children are usually eager to playing on the merry-go-round.
- 42) A. Success must be worked for.
B. I'm afraid my life has been a total failure; I haven't succeeded in anything.
C. A friend of mine prides himself on being an excellent cook.
D. Why don't you concentrate yourself on your work instead of talking?
- 43) A. I can easily adapt myself to new situations and people.
B. They can never relax themselves when they know they'll have an examination the following day.
C. "Legally Blonde" had very bad critics in France.
D. I suppose the French could not really appreciate the film's sense of humour.
- 44) A. I wonder who's book this is.
B. The table whose leg has just broken is almost 100 years old.
C. I have no idea who's bothering you now on the phone but I think you had better answer it.
D. It's too late now; we must report this meeting for tomorrow.
- 45) A. I would rather you called it off; there's no need for the meeting now.
B. I don't think so. I really believe we must get together to discuss many things we haven't been able to do recently.
C. OK, then, let's put it off till next month.
D. You have reason; this'll give us enough time to well prepare and to be efficient then.
- 46) A. You look deep in thought; what's on your mind?
B. I'm thinking to all the problems we have to face now.
C. I can see this is provoking a lot of thinking in your spirit.
D. Yes, my mentality of being occupied by all these reflexions.
- 47) A. The severe weather events are causing more and more damages in the world.
B. Inondations are more important and more frequent.
C. Ice caps are melting and polar bears are losing their habitat.
D. We must absolutely do something to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- 48) A. I was very happy to hear that even the US agreed to sign the Bali protocol in December 2007.
B. However, it is still criticised as not being bold enough.
C. Biofuel which is seen by many as a good alternative energy source seems to be contributing to the increase in food prices.
D. Yes, corn prices have grown up to the extent that poor people in Mexico cannot afford to buy it.
- 49) A. It exists many renewable sources of energy.
B. Reform the special retirement plans in France will be very difficult, even though it's necessary to do it.
C. The more people work the more they should earn.
D. Susan's job is very difficult; no wonder she wins a lot of money at the end of the month.
- 50) A. The fewer people know about it the better it is for everybody.
B. The less you know about it the better off you are.
C. I'm sure Brat Pit is the better actor in the world.
D. The party last night was one of the worst events I've ever attended in my entire life.

Fill in the gaps with the appropriate words.
ESSAY by Liam Fitzpatrick

Save Yourself

We know how to 51) many forms of cancer, apathy gets the better of 52)

"Life isn't worth 53)..... without a couple of vices." "Something's going to get you in the end." "I'll take my chances."

We all love to feign insouciance 54) cancer, or to tell apocryphal stories about 55) apparently random nature – of some haggard two-pack-a-day smoker who lived to be 96, versus the exquisite gamine who never smoked, always used sunscreen and did yoga, but went for a 56) checkup and was told she wouldn't see her 25th birthday. But 57) it used to be difficult to know who would and who would not be its victims, cancer is 58) to predict these days. Its causes are actually very well understood, and many types of the disease are preventable - 59) helps 60) why braggadocio isn't heard in the oncology ward, a place full of regret. Picture yourself in one as your dumbstruck spouse and children hover over your bed. Are you really going to tell them you're glad that you 61) the wrong foods, never set foot 62) a treadmill and never stopped smoking? That it was worth it for a curtailed lifetime of artificial flavorings, binge drinking and postponed health screenings.

Of course 63) But are you willing, in the meantime, to modify your behaviour? Well, I wonder.

Late last month, 64) World Cancer Research Fund released a report – *Food, Nutrition, Physical Activity and the Prevention of Cancer: A Global Perspective* – that unambiguously spelled out the things we can 65) to substantially reduce the risk of getting the disease. Based on an analysis of 7,000 previous studies, the report was billed as the most sweeping examination ever conducted of the relationship between cancer and the way we live.

From **Time** of November 26th, 2007

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| 51) A. prevent
B. hinder
C. predict
D. warn | 56) A. unique
B. typical
C. routine
D. always | 61) A. have eaten
B. ate
C. will eat
D. has eaten |
| 52) A. ourselves
B. our
C. us
D. ours | 57) A. so
B. when
C. since
D. while | 62) A. on
B. at
C. over
D. beyond |
| 53) A. to live
B. living
C. lived
D. lives | 58) A. easier
B. easy
C. more easier
D. easiest | 63) A. yes
B. sure
C. certainly
D. not |
| 54) A. about
B. above
C. for
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B. which
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D. some |
| 55) A. it
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B. to have explained
C. to explain
D. to be explained | 65) A. make
B. do
C. act
D. produce |

READING COMPREHENSION

The Euro-African Summit.

Please come, but don't bring your monsters.

The dictators of Sudan and Zimbabwe should not have been welcome to Lisbon.

In Lisbon at the end of this week, the leaders of the European Union will sit down with the leaders of the African Union. It will be a grand jamboree, the first of its kind since a summit in Cairo seven years ago. But one prime minister from the European side will not be showing up. This is not because Gordon Brown has been having such a torrid time to fill Tony Blair's boots in Britain, though he has. He is staying away because he refuses to attend the meeting that is also being attended by Zimbabwe's Robert Mugabe.

Behind the scenes, Britain's allies complain that this is mere grandstanding – and Mr. Brown is capable of that. But on this occasion it is he who is right and they who are wrong.

Since Europe and Africa are connected not only by an unfortunate past but also by a complex present of trade, aid and migration, there is naturally plenty for the two groups of leaders to discuss. But the truth is that this meeting is taking place for two less noble reasons. One has to do with the rotating six-month presidency of EU, and the deeply felt need of every incumbent to have some big project to show for it. In this case it is Portugal that sits as president, and the Lisbon jamboree was its big idea. When Mr. Brown said he would stay away if Mr. Mugabe showed up, the Portuguese chose to go ahead without Mr. Brown rather than spoil the party.

The second big impulse behind the meeting is a feeling on Europe's part that it is missing out. Africa may be Europe's neighbour and Europe its biggest trading partner, but China has lately been muscling on the action.

From The Economist of December 8th, 2007.

- 66) A. The dictators of Sudan and Zimbabwe had not been invited to the Euro-African summit 2007.
B. The EU and AU leaders were to meet in Portugal in December 2007.
C. It was to be a big gathering.
D. The previous one was held in Egypt in 2000.
- 67) A. Gordon Brown decided not to give a presentation at the summit.
B. Gordon Brown is looking after Tony Blair's affairs in Britain.
C. Gordon Brown is finding it easy to replace Tony Blair as Prime Minister.
D. Gordon Brown refused to assist the gathering.
- 68) A. Zimbabwe's Robert Mugabe will be present at the meeting.
B. Zimbabwe's Robert Mugabe is one of Gordon Brown's friends.
C. Mr. Brown is a big man.
D. The Economist backs Mr. Brown's decision.
- 69) A. The links between Africa and Europe go back a long time.
B. The links between, Europe and Africa are multifaceted and of great significance.
C. EU and AU leaders will be meeting to discuss honourable and noble issues.
D. The EU president uses a rotating chair for six months.
- 70) A. The EU and AU summit was Portugal's initiative.
B. The African leaders have decided to throw weights during the meeting.
C. Mr. Brown does not like going to parties.
D. China has been getting increasingly influential in Africa.

Give One, Get One by Steven Levy

The \$100 (well, \$200) laptop is ready to change the world, if people will buy it for the kids who need it.

Walter Bender, the software chief of One Laptop Per Child – the much-ballyhooed, as-yet-unproven project to deliver millions of cheap computers to kids in developing countries – recalls a recent conversation he had with a woman at the World Bank. Now that the project is finally rolling out its innovative XO devices (which are manufactured not at the promised \$100 price point but \$188, a discrepancy I'll get to later), he was trying to entice the bank to support the project. *In my country*, the woman said, *kids learn outdoors and there's little shade*. Bender told her that the XO screen is great in bright sunlight. *But access to books is central to learning in my region*. Bender said that's why the XO easily transforms into an e-book reader. *There's little energy in my country*. That's why we made it solar-powered, replied Bender. This went on for a few more questions, with Bender parrying every thrust until the woman had no more objections. But the meeting ended with no commitment on her part.

This is a season of joy and consternation at the OLPC program. The nonprofit project has nearly completed the three-pound green-and-white plastic XO, and it is a design and tech triumph. You can feel the excitement at the company's Cambridge, Mass., headquarters, where tables are stacked with working prototypes (and other units are cooking in 140-degree ovens to simulate the Nigerian desert). I've been playing with the laptop for a couple of days, and this is no hand-me-down for poor kids in struggling countries. It's cool enough to impress the most tech-sated American teenager, as well as a genuine advance toward a mean, lean machine to run Web-based applications. The 7.5-inch screen is indeed bright in sunlight, and the software suite is impressive. Unlike my iPhone, it can run Flash video. Its Wi-Fi connectivity finds more hotspots that your average Windows laptop can hope to locate. And OLPC's drop tests show that the device can absorb a fall more gracefully than a Panasonic Toughbook.

From Newsweek of October 1st, 2007.

- 71) A. This is an article about portable computers for poor children in rich countries.
B. The OLPC is a well-publicised project that is very popular with many people in the world.
C. The World Bank seems enthusiastic about the OLPC project.
D. Walter Bender is a soft, gentle boss of the OLPC program.
- 72) A. Walter Bender had a fencing match with a woman from the World Bank.
B. She comes from a hot country.
C. There are problems with electricity supply in her country.
D. Children in her country find it difficult to get books to study.
- 73) A. The new XO does not need any source of electricity.
B. At the beginning of the program the XO was supposed to cost \$100.
C. The XO can be used as a book.
D. One cannot use the XO computer in very bright sunlight.
- 74) A. OLPC's objective is not to make millions of dollars.
B. Steven Levy visited OLPC's main office to see the new computer.
C. There were many prototypes everywhere and it was very hot inside.
D. People working at OLPC are totally dedicated to the project.
- 75) A. American teenagers are fed up with all the high tech devices and gadgets they have.
B. Steven Levy does not like his iPhone.
C. Steven Levy was very impressed with the XO's features and characteristics.
D. XO seems to be a very functional technically sophisticated electrical device.

Part One

They say when trouble comes close ranks, and so the white people did. But we were not in their ranks. The Jamaican ladies had never approved of my mother, "because she pretty like pretty self" Christophine said.

She was my father's second wife, far too young for him they thought, and, worse still, a Martinique girl. When I asked her why so few people came to see us, she told me that the road from Spanish Town to Coulibri Estate where we lived was very bad and that road repairing was now a thing of the past. (My father, visitors, horses, feeling safe in bed – all belonged to the past.)

Another day I heard her talking to Mr Luttrell, our neighbour and her only friend. "Of course they have their own misfortunes. Still waiting for this compensation the English promised when the Emancipation Act was passed. Some will wait for a long time."

How could she know that Mr Luttrell would be the first who grew tired of waiting? One calm evening he shot his dog, swam out to sea and was gone for always. No agent came from England to look after his property – Nelson's Rest it was called – and strangers from Spanish Town rode up to gossip and discuss the tragedy.

"Live at Nelson's Rest? Not for love or money. An unlucky place."

Mr Luttrell's house was left empty, shutters banging in the wind. Soon the black people said it was haunted, they wouldn't get near it. And no one came near us.

I got used to a solitary life, but my mother still planned and hoped – perhaps she had to hope every time she passed a looking-glass.

From *Wide Sargasso Sea* by Jean Rhys

- 76) A. The narrator's mother came from the French West Indies.
B. The narrator and her mother lived in Martinique.
C. The narrator's father was dead.
D. The narrator did not feel happy or secure any more.
- 77) A. Coulibri Estate was a little state where the narrator and her mother lived.
B. Mr Luttrell lived close to the narrator and her mother.
C. The Emancipation Act was a law imposed by England.
D. People felt that their bad luck was caused by the Emancipation Act.
- 78) A. They didn't expect to be compensated by England for their misfortunes
B. The narrator's mother believed that it was unlikely they would be paid any compensation.
C. Nelson's Rest was the place where Mr Nelson usually had a rest.
D. There was a lot of wind which emptied Mr Luttrell's house.
- 79) A. Mr Luttrell killed his dog and committed suicide by drowning in the sea.
B. People from Spanish Town came to see Nelson's Rest out of curiosity.
C. Black people were scared of Mr Luttrell's house because it was haunted.
D. As Mr Luttrell's house was haunted people did not want to visit the narrator and her mother, either.
- 80) A. The narrator's mother often looked in the mirror.
B. The narrator's mother liked what she saw in the mirror.
C. The narrator's mother continued to make projects for her future.
D. The narrator did not find her lonely life strange any more.

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