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SESSION 2016

ÉPREUVE D'ANGLAIS

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

Cette épreuve est composée de deux parties :
- Partie 1 : grammaire et de vocabulaire (50 questions)
- Partie 2 : 2 textes de compréhension (20 questions)

Chaque question comporte quatre items, notées **A. B. C. D.**. Pour chaque item, vous devez signaler s'il est vrai en l'indiquant sur la grille de réponses en marquant la case sous la lettre V ; ou faux en l'indiquant sur la grille de réponses en marquant la case sous la lettre F.

Exemples :

Règle d'attribution des points :

Vous disposez d'un capital de points initial. Chaque erreur entraîne une pénalité (P) qui entame votre capital. Une absence de réponse entraîne une pénalité (p) qui entame aussi votre capital (p est inférieur à P). Enfin, un bonus est attribué si vous répondez correctement aux quatre items d'une même question.

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 pages
Durée de l'épreuve :	1 h 30
Coefficient de l'épreuve :	ESDES → 3 ESSCA → 3 IÉSEG → 3

PART I: GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

1) A. Satisfy the customer is the aim of every business.
   B. Peter wrote his impressions of a recent business trip to England in her blog.
   C. I constantly come across problems with software updates.
   D. The company has signed a contract with a Chinese supplier last week.

2) A. If he hadn´t missed his plane he would have been on time.
   B. I'm afraid I've got a complaint.
   C. Most trading strategies are not tested rigorously enough.
   D. The society sold off its roughly 41 million shares.

3) A. Sorry for being late, I lost my bus.
   B. Would you mind turning off the air-conditioning?
   C. Nobody knows why was the meeting postponed until next week.
   D. Either Helen nor Peter got the job.

4) A. He described a contrary view of the situation.
   B. Since Anna has hired the new assistant, the office has become more organised.
   C. The results take little account of personal preference.
   D. Can you give me a list of whose been invited?

5) A. My decision to resign from the company was made after a great deal of thought.
   B. On returning from Beijing, she wrote to the Chinese embassy.
   C. The process isn´t economical.
   D. Prices have increased by as much as 200 per cent.

6) A. Every business has an unique culture.
   B. Thank you again for giving me a such great opportunity.
   C. Financially, it is a good investment.
   D. I am looking forward to hear from you.

7) A. The products don´t harm the natural environment.
   B. Our future will be basic on what services we can provide.
   C. The proposal was submitted at 28th April.
   D. Tickets can be purchased at the Convention Centre or online.

8) A. Everybody are so happy about the success of the book.
   B. From the past twenty years, Telecom has rewarded its employees with a vacation package.
   C. The PDF document is also enclosed to the initial email we sent you last week.
   D. Consumers´ excessive use of plastic bags is harmful to the environment.

9) A. I used to work in the IT department of a bank.
   B. When companies let employees go, they make them redundant.
   C. She seems to be a very efficient salesperson.
   D. He explained me the problem.

10) A. My office was broken into when I was on holiday.
    B. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday.
    C. She is in charge of HR, not marketing.
    D. For a long time, hard skills, for example skills in technical subjects, were considered the most important thing in business.

11) A. I regret my decision to give her the job.
    B. I regret that the company will have to be sold.
    C. I am believing you now.
    D. Are you finding it difficult to concentrate on your work with this music on?

12) A. We use shareholders´ money to operate and invest in the business.
    B. Some of the profit we make is paid out to them.
    C. Our shares are traded on the London Stock Exchange (LSE).
    D. Of course, our shareholders take a keen interest in our accounts.

13) A. I have not shaved yesterday morning.
    B. I haven´t met any of my neighbours since I been here.
    C. We have been to Spain three times last year.
    D. When Anna was at hospital, we were visiting him twice a day.

14) A. Last night I gave him a problem and he solved it for me.
    B. Last night I gave him a problem and he would solve it for me.
    C. We used to visit Switzerland 3 times in 2014.
    D. The factory used to be over there.

15) A. I have been waiting for a hour.
    B. Music played an important part in his life.
    C. I generally take the bus to work.
    D. I generally go by bus.

16) A. I´m having a meeting with my tutor tomorrow to discuss my work.
    B. The exam will have finished by 3 o'clock.
    C. There is to be a ministers´ meeting this evening.
    D. It was announced that there was to be a ministers´ meeting that evening.

17) A. Who should the documents be sent?
    B. Whose going with you to Canada?
    C. Whose flat were you staying in?
    D. What one of the following statements is true?

18) A. Can you bring me some milk back from the shops?
    B. What do we mean by "politics" in organizations?
    C. Can you list five negative political games that people play in organizations?
    D. What is the best way to handle workplace politics?

19) A. There could be much explainations for this.
    B. My boss always gives me good advices.
    C. Talks on Iran's nuclear programme are at a critical stage, with an outline agreement due on 31 March.
    D. Last November, the Republicans won control of both chambers of Congress, giving them significant power over Mr. Obama.

20) A. I don´t have any brothers or sisters, so I am a single child.
    B. I couldn´t believe it when the taxi driver told me how much the price was.
    C. I wasn´t surprised to see Lisa today, she always comes up without an invitation.
    D. Hurry up! We are going to lose the bus.

21) A. He turned round slowly.
    B. He slowly turned round.
    C. Slowly, he turned round.
    D. He turned slowly round.

22) A. However, Jane has an excellent résumé, she hasn´t found a job yet.
    B. There are several universities that have excellent engineering schools.
    C. It is implicit in the Constitution of the United States that everyone had a right to their privacy.
    D. His salary was £187,500 a year and he was usually paid a bonus of £50,000.

23) A. Chernobyl accident is the most serious accident in this history of nuclear industry.
    B. Massive amounts of radioactive materials were released into the environment resulting in a radioactive cloud that spread over much of Europe.
    C. The greatest contamination occurred around the reactor in areas that are now part of Belarus, Russia, and Ukraine.
    D. At present, more than five million people live in areas that are considered to be 'contaminated' with radioactive materials from the Chernobyl accident.

24) A. The deadline for the report is at 6th May 2017.
    B. The deadline for the report is May 6th 2017.
    C. The deadline for the report is on 6th May 2017.
    D. I was born in 21st April 1992.

25) A. I´ve lived here all my life.
    B. The new TV show hooks the spectator from the first episode.
    C. She broke up with her boyfriend last week.
    D. Have you seen Tom recently?

26) A. Would you like a cup of tea?
    B. Would you like some tea?
    C. Do you feel like a cup of tea?
    D. Would you like to drinking a cup of tea?

27) A. My job is to contribute to long-term plans for our future activities.
    B. We have to anticipate competitors´ activities.
    C. We have to be ready to respond to changes in society.
    D. We imagine ways in which the energy industry might change and evolve.

28) A. Climate change is the single biggest environmental and humanitarian crisis of our time.
    B. The choices we make for where and how we live have enormous impacts on our well-being, economy and natural environment.
    C. We must to stop to buy products that contain dangerous chemicals.
    D. The world's oceans are on the edge of the ecological collapse.

29) A. Monica was frightening by the horror movie.
    B. I am not very interesting in science.
    C. My mum thinks that classical music is very relaxing but I can´t stand it.
    D. My brother can be annoying.

30) A. You shouldn´t have spoken so rude to the shop assistant.
    B. We´ve got some relatives staying for the weekend.
    C. Your jealousy is making it hard for us to remain friends.
    D. Many teenagers pay a lot of attention to their appearing.

31) A. Mr. Brown rarely returns clients´ phone calls.
    B. Mr. Brown returns rarely clients´ phone calls.
    C. The printer ran without paper.
    D. If there is better commate communciation, I would not resign.

32) A. This region is often referred to as the best place to do business.
    B. By the end of this century, business, will be changed greatly.
    C. The group is composed of five companies.
    D. The competitor´s attempt to take over the company was stopped.

33) A. A consultation firm will help us find softwares.
    B. Due to substantial layoffs, costs were reduced.
    C. It´s important that the clients are seeming interested.
    D. Find out the details and write a report.

34) A. The consultant would have doubled his business if he had advertised.
    B. Mrs. Johns would like the invoice to be faxed to Sydney.
    C. Salary increases will not be higher than the cost of living.
    D. Feel free to call to the engineer for more assistance.

35) A. Only five years ago, there were a shortage of computer specialists.
    B. The solution cannot be determined until the problem is identified.
    C. No one has turned on the air conditioner yet.
    D. I would ask for a meeting if I would be her.

36) A. The trainer is in charge of the group.
    B. All banks are open by 8:30 am to 4 pm.
    C. Kathy is buying a new car anyway.
    D. The driver is behind the wheel.

37) A. The skyscraper is on fire.
    B. The trainer is setting his watch.
    C. Tina is ready to leave yet.
    D. Sandy has yet to finish working on her degree.

38) A. Will be finished the report by eight o'clock?
    B. You paid a lot for this car?
    C. How many pages are there in the book?
    D. Why hasn´t this letter been typed?

39) A. Anna will review the artwork.
    B. The artwork will be reviewed by Anna.
    C. The artwork will have been reviewed by Anna.
    D. Anna will have reviewed the artwork.

40) A. Paul is a marketing assistant and Lynn too.
    B. Paul is a marketing assistant and so is Lynn.
    C. I didn´t see Mike this morning and neither did Joe.
    D. I didn´t see Mike this morning and Joe didn´t either.

41)
- A. I failed the test because I did so many mistakes.
- B. Iceberg Research released its third report on Noble on Saturday.
- C. Onions make your eyes water.
- D. My teacher was angry because I hadn´t made my homework.

42)
- A. No sooner had the train started than it stopped.
- B. Just as soon as the train started, it stopped.
- C. You should not count receiving the scholarship.
- D. He set a company hiring out bikes for students.

43)
- A. I think I´m coming up with flu.
- B. James would rather not eat at that restaurant.
- C Our car broke at the side of the highway in the snowstorm.
- D. I can´t get over how she manages to get away with doing so little work.

44)
- A. Your purchases add up to $205.32.
- B. I went after my dream and now I am a published writer.
- C. I have to look about my sick grandmother.
- D. She takes after her father.

45)
- A. Two children were knocked down by a drunken truck driver.
- B. His uncle passed off last night after a long illness.
- C My plane takes up in five minutes.
- D. I turned the job away because I don´t want to move.

46)
- A. She had a small round black wooden box.
- B. There were countless problems with the new machinery.
- C. He lives in the eastern district.
- D. He seemed to be a so annoyed policeman.

47)
- A. After a difficult ordeal, her and Robert felt great relief.
- B. He was an intelligent young nice man.
- C. My husband is more happy than yours.
- D. He is a handsome young man.

48)
- A. This house is the least expensive of all.
- B. Bill took not only a French class but too a Japanese class.
- C. She is suffering because she is very shy.
- D. To give an effective speech, there is the delivery that is most important.

49)
- A. The students took a test on the first day of the course.
- B. Because of the child´s unnormal behaviour, he was referred to a psychiatrist.
- C. If she would not have lost her ticket, she would be gone to the concert.
- D. He is not sure whether he´ll go on the trip.

50)
- A. The dollar rose by 1.42% against the euro, making one dollar worth €0.9543.
- B. The strength of the dollar makes it harder for firms to compete with foreign rivals.
- C. Witnesses say a suicide bombers were responsible for the explosions.
- D. At least 50 people were reportedly hurt in the explosions at the Catholic church.

PART II: READING COMPREHENSION

TEXT 1

Young people facing postcode lottery to get work experience
By Greg Dawson: Newsbeat politics reporter
From the topic Life
12 Feb 2015

Employers in some parts of the UK are almost twice as likely to offer work experience compared to other areas of the country.

A survey of 18,000 businesses shows one in five says nothing could persuade them to offer work experience.

That's despite two thirds claiming experience is vital when it comes to hiring new staff.

The survey was carried out by the UK Commission for Employment and Skills, a government-funded organisation.

It says the problem has left many young people trapped in a cycle where they can't get a job without experience but can't get the experience to get a job.

Unemployment may be gradually falling but, of almost 2 million people in the UK without a job, 40% are under 25.

Dame Fiona Kendrick is the chief executive of Nestle UK and Ireland and is one of the authors behind this report.

"The areas where employers are least likely to offer any form of experience of the workplace are also where youth unemployment is high," she says.

Areas with the fewest opportunities for work experience include Hull and Northern Lincolnshire, Leicester, Sheffield and Cumbria.

Liverpool, Birmingham and Solihull all have a much higher number of businesses offering experience and also happen to have significantly lower levels of youth unemployment.

Almost 40% of employers who didn't offer work experience said it was because they didn't have any suitable roles to offer.

A quarter said they didn't have the time or resources.

Employers also reveal that they prefer to recruit young workers via word-of-mouth recommendations, meaning young people without connections are at a disadvantage.

Michael Davis is the chief executive of the UK Commission for Employment and Skills.

He says: "Young people are already facing increasingly difficult conditions finding their way into the workplace, and the news that these factors can be further compounded based simply on location is disheartening."

The organisation is calling for all schools and colleges in the UK to set up links with at least one local business.

UK employers are also being asked to take the lead in a new government-sponsored careers company which aims to build links between schools and businesses.

In response, Employment Minister Esther McVey told Newsbeat: "This Government is giving young people the experience they need to get the job they want and, having increased employment by 1.75m since 2010, that's what we'll continue to do.

"We've hugely expanded our work experience scheme, helping employers across the country offer almost a quarter of a million work experience placements.

"We are also working with businesses to help them create their own training and work experience schemes so more people get the chance to get their foot in the door to the career they want."

51) A. The survey was conducted by the EU commission for Employment and Skills.
B. The Commission for Employment and Skills is financed by the government.
C. The survey deals with the struggle of young people to find work placements.
D. The results show that England in particular offers many internships for young people.

52) A. The study highlights gender-based differences.
B. Youngsters are less likely to find an internship than people in their mid-twenties.
C. Eighteen million businesses took part in the survey.
D. One-fifth of businesses are reluctant to offer experience.

53) A. Employers have a lot of internships available but do not have the means to finance them.
B. Having interns is too time-consuming for 40% of employers.
C. Employers also state that they favour people that were recommended to them.
D. Nearly half of employers who didn´t provide internships indicate that they do not have any suitable roles to offer.

54) A. Former work experience plays a crucial role in recruitment.
B. Areas like Hull and Sheffield offer plenty of placements.
C. Experience is a key factor for success in the job market.
D. The vast majority of unemployed individuals are minors.

55) A. Young people are caught in a vicious cycle.
B. The youth unemployment rate in Liverpool and Solihull is not considerably lower than in other cities.
C. Mr. Davis states that the future for young people is looking bright.
D. If they try hard enough, young people can get their dream job.

56) A. This report is published by Fiona Kendrick.
B. Fiona Kendrick runs Nestle's operations in Ireland.
C. Esther McVey states that job vacancies have trippled in the past years.
D. Esther McVey adds that they collaborate with businesses.

57) A. 2 million people without a job are under 25.
B. The outcome of the study is that the average age of jobless people is 25.
C. 40% of jobless people in England are younger than 23.
D. Schools in the UK have tight networks with companies.

58) A. Companies would take more interns if they worked for free.
B. Young people don´t want to gain work experience because they are too lazy.
C. Mr. Davis is the CEO of the UK Commission for Employment and Skills.
D. Mr. Davis is worried about the fact that internship opportunities depend on regional areas.

59) A. Having connections helps young people to get a foot in the door.
B. The British government is promoting a programme in which they intend to create ties between businesses and schools.
C. Before 2010, the number of unemployed was much higher.
D. The Employment Minister states that they have helped businesses provide 250,000 internships.

60) A. The government is supporting businesses who establish their own training programmes.
B. The government is helping businesses to develop work experience programmes.
C. Youngsters are taking jobs away from more experienced people.
D. There has been a regional downturn in the level of employment available to people.

Mother Language Day
Lysette Taplin
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UNESCO's decision to celebrate International Mother Language Day since 2000 derives from the importance of linguistic diversity and the need to maintain and revive minority languages. Today, there are around 7,000 languages in the world, and an increasing number of situations in which two or more languages co-exist and are indispensable in everyday communication.

Through learning languages, even just by mastering a second language, we develop a fuller awareness of linguistic and cultural traditions (UNESCO, n.d.). And besides the obvious practical benefits learning a foreign language provides, it has been demonstrated to improve memory and brain power and delay the onset of Alzheimer's and dementia.

Bilingualism, even when acquired in adulthood, can have a positive effect on the brain. Students who speak more than one language tend to outperform peers in math and reading (French Immersion School of Washington, n.d.; Anne Merritt, 2013), and are more adept at focusing on relevant information by ignoring irrelevant and misleading stimuli. This can be due to the fact that by learning another language, we have to switch back and forth between two distinct systems of rules, challenging the brain to recognize and work out meaning. For this reason, bilingual students learn to become critical thinkers and perform better at problem-solving tasks. The brain is said to function better with exercise. Language learners need to memorize rules and vocabulary and thus strengthen their cognitive muscles, making them better at memorizing lists and sequences (Anne Merritt, 2013).

Learning a second language can also develop mother tongue skills. Generally, not much attention is paid to the grammatical structures of our native tongue, but once we start to focus on the mechanics of a second language: grammar, conjugations and sentence structure, our awareness of our first language improves. These transferable skills give bilingual students a greater insight into their mother tongue, thus making them more effective communicators as well as better writers.

But aside from the positive effects on our cognitive process, learning a second language opens the door into a particular culture, broadening our understanding of a race and culture, and making us more appreciative of other perspectives. Once I started to learn a second language, I began to experience how learning about another culture, in my case Mexico, has enabled me to achieve a significantly more profound understanding and appreciation of my own. As a Brit living in Mexico, I feel a stronger connection to my heritage which I took for granted when living in England.

61) A. International Mother Language Day is celebrated to protect endangered languages.
B. International Mother Language Day is celebrated to preserve linguistic diversity.
C. International Mother Language Day has been observed since 2000.
D. UNESCO published the text.

62) A. There are approximately 7, 000 languages spoken worldwide today.
B. Bilinguals have higher test scores than monolinguals.
C. The author states that acquiring another language enhances general motivation.
D. The author works for UNESCO.

63) A. Research indicates that language learning boosts the brain.
B. Positive brain changes only take root before adulthood.
C. After adulthood language learning can cause damage in the brain.
D. People who acquire foreign languages do better in other subjects.

64) A. Positive cognitive effects depend on how well the person speaks the language.
    B. Learners who are pressured to learn a language show no postive cognitive effects.
    C. The author states that acquiring a foreign langauge helps to gain a better insight into a culture.
    D. Individuals with better cognitive abilities are more likely to become bilingual.

65) A. Only people who begin learning English in their teens show improvements in the structure of the brain.
    B. Studies reveal that speaking more than one language may slow down dementia.
    C. Research results indicate that language learning can heal dementia.
    D. Acquiring another language retards the brain.

66) A. Language learning may increase the fear of losing ones cultural identity.
    B. Bilinguals frequently have problems writing in their native tongue.
    C. Multilinguals can better differentiate between significant and insignificant content.
    D. Students who speak at least one foreign language have an advantage in literacy.

67) A. Multilingualism can have negative impacts on one´s mother tongue.
    B. Adult learners have to spend more time learning the subtle accoustic changes that occur within pronunciations.
    C. Students experience a deficiency at being able to speak the foreign language properly for a long time and hence experience a great deal of anxiety.
    D. Multilingualism triggers the ability to think criticially.

68) A. By figuring out the meaning between two language systems, people train their brain.
    B. Switching back and forth between two or more systems irritates students.
    C. Billinguals achieve higher test scores in problem solving tasks.
    D. By learning a language, people gain a better insight into their own language.

69) A. Multilingualism helps to develop understanding of others and their point of view.
    B. People who learn foreign languages are more self-confident.
    C. The text criticizes that language learning focuses solely on passing examinations.
    D. We can assume that the author speaks Spanish.

70) A. The author states that she feels homesick.
    B. The author is convinced that language learning opens new horizons.
    C. The author indicates that she has obtained a better understanding of her own culture.
    D. The author of the text has lost her cultural roots.

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