

## SESSION 2010

# 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

*L'épreuve ci-dessous est celle de 2010.*

*A compter de 2011, l'épreuve d'anglais comportera 2 parties : une partie grammaire et vocabulaire (50 questions) et une partie avec 2 textes de compréhension écrite qui comporteront chacun 10 questions. Le format de ces 2 textes sera plus long que les années précédentes. L'exercice à trous est supprimé. L'épreuve comprendra 70 questions au lieu de 80.*

- 1)
  - A. I need that piece of information right away.
  - B. He asked for those informations but he could not get any.
  - C. In the light of the some information we have obtained recently, we can affirm that she is guilty as charged.
  - D. The informations office is on your left.
- 2)
  - A. Too many persons arrived there that night.
  - B. There was so much students in the room that they had to bring some more chairs!
  - C. The doctor had far too many patients coming in every day.
  - D. She complained that too little friends came to her party.
- 3)
  - A. The most students passed a very difficult exam.
  - B. They saw the most of boys passed running in the street.
  - C. When most of the workers had arrived, the manager started his speech.
  - D. Will thought the more clients would place orders for Christmas.
- 4)
  - A. He will can speak English fluently in a few years.
  - B. The teacher told her that she was going to can swim well soon.
  - C. We will be able to ski in a few years.
  - D. She is going to be able to drive a lorry after a few more lessons.
- 5)
  - A. We have been in London for a week last year.
  - B. Paula has been being shopping a lot last month.
  - C. They spent Christmas in Los Angeles three years ago.
  - D. He stayed with his parents since two months.
- 6)
  - A. She goes to the cinema every Thursday afternoon.
  - B. We are never going to the seaside in winter.
  - C. He told me he was going to the opera.
  - D. When did they went to see their grandparents?
- 7)
  - A. When Tim comes home, I'll tell him that you called.
  - B. When the winter will come, we are going to go to the mountains.
  - C. I inform my boss when the parcels will arrive.
  - D. When she speaks everybody listens.
- 8)
  - A. She could at least help her mother with the household!
  - B. Their work was appreciated at least.
  - C. Cindy was at a lost: she didn't know how to react.
  - D. She lost her temper easily.
- 9)
  - A. I'm totally agree with you.
  - B. They quarrelled but in the end they were totally agreed with each other.
  - C. Marge ever totaly agrees with anyone.
  - D. I told him that I was agreeing with him entirely.
- 10)
  - A. The man I saw was your husband.
  - B. The old woman which she met happened to be her future neighbour.
  - C. The police arrested the person that was presumed guilty.
  - D. Why did you greet that woman whom you don't know?

- 11) A. She wished her mother could help her.  
B. They wish they could be of some help.  
C. He wishes her happiness and joy.  
D. Ann did a lot of wishful thinking when she was young.
- 12) A. Who told you to come here?  
B. I said her that I didn't love her anymore.  
C. They tell to me to shut up.  
D. Story-telling is one of my grandfather's gifts.
- 13) A. She used to listen to classical music every morning.  
B. They got used to being helped by their parents.  
C. The boys were not used to this kinds of treatment.  
D. My cousins love to hear a jazz music in their cars!
- 14) A. The first time I saw her she was five.  
B. In the first time he gave us some details about the company.  
C. At first she seemed shy.  
D. You then described her your new apartment.
- 15) A. I can't go to the party because I'm revising for my exam actually.  
B. He has always had sensible arguments!  
C. She's a very sensitive person.  
D. Actually, I know him quiet well.
- 16) A. He came home at nightfall.  
B. At dawn she packed her things and left the house.  
C. In night time everyone's asleep in this village.  
D. In the winter they all go skiing.
- 17) A. Mary always takes pleasure at talking to her friends.  
B. They don't enjoy ice-skating as much than I.  
C. He loves cooking Indian dishes.  
D. He hates having lost the game.
- 18) A. I forwarded the messages at my boss's office.  
B. I'm looking forward to meet with you.  
C. We've got good economical conditions in France.  
D. We thank you by advance for your answer.
- 19) A. Dislike her, he works fifteen hours a day.  
B. She is likely her mother!  
C. Like it or not, you're going to school today!  
D. I like to thank you for your kindness.
- 20) A. This pencil is mine, and that one's your.  
B. I told him about my troubles and he told me about him.  
C. His kids are younger than hers.  
D. They washed themselves and went to bed.

- 21) A. Nothing was sent to me.  
B. I asked them where the church was, but no one didn't tell me anything.  
C. I didn't see something nowhere!  
D. Is there anybody out there who could help that wreched soul?
- 22) A. She is terrified by lightning!  
B. He survived at a lot of huricanes and tornados.  
C. Lots of sky-scrapers are earthquake-prove buildings.  
D. Global warming is a big environmental issue nowadays.
- 23) A. He's got three childrens: a girl and two boys.  
B. They built their house themselves!  
C. Politics say the economic crisis will come to an end soon.  
D. Never trust a salesman: he'll do anything to get your moneys!
- 24) A. She is looking after a word in a dictionary.  
B. They were looking for to buy a house.  
C. Look at you! You're all covered with mud!  
D. A babysitter looks up the children when the parents aren't at home.
- 25) A. One should never give up fighting for a better life!  
B. They have plenties of old clothes to give away.  
C. Our house gives into the street.  
D. The lilies gave for a delicate perfume.
- 26) A. Their wedding has been put of.  
B. All the lights had been swiched on.  
C. Prices were cutted down because of the crisis.  
D. He was out off sugar so he went to the store to buy some.
- 27) A. Even he plays tennis in the rain!  
B. He only liked the first part of the concert.  
C. Even a child could understand it!  
D. She works on Monday in the store.
- 28) A. He speaks a good Japanese.  
B. France produces some great wines.  
C. Our baggages have been sent to our hotel.  
D. He had one potatoe and a steak for lunch.
- 29) A. The scientists performed a lot of analysis before discovering the truth.  
B. He's very keen on billiard.  
C. They cut the cake in two halves.  
D. The media covered the whole event.
- 30) A. She's got a two-rooms flat in Paris.  
B. He became an international laughing-steak.  
C. Human language differs dramatically from natural animal communication.  
D. He asked me why should I believe in God.

- 31) A. You must not worry about me!  
B. She told me I needn't to have gone to the bank.  
C. They ought to must visit their parents.  
D. I'll see you in Wednesday evening.
- 32) A. He is an university teacher and an European deputy.  
B. Is this bag his?  
C. It's terrible weather, is it!  
D. She's more happier than ever.
- 33) A. This is the hottest summer since 30 years.  
B. My sister is much taller that I.  
C. His eyes are a light green.  
D. It rains again. It's raining a lot every winter.
- 34) A. I would have never said that?  
B. When did she arrive?  
C. Why are waiting these persons here?  
D. It is a hole in my trousers.
- 35) A. What time did they get to the airport?  
B. He was running about his life!  
C. We had lot of fun together.  
D. Try to not be late.
- 36) A. I mustn't work the next week, I'm on holiday.  
B. They used to smoke.  
C. The policeman advised to me not to park there.  
D. It would be nice if we would have more room.
- 37) A. As soon as I saw him I knew we met before.  
B. This picture was painting by a friend of my grandmother's.  
C. She was wearing black old Spanish leather riding boots.  
D. They bought an old brown French designed armchair.
- 38) A. That mustn't be Bob at the door, it's too early!  
B. You may not be serious about that thing, it's so farfetched!  
C. How she works hard!  
D. Nobody stopped by, did they?
- 39) A. Little Tom's being very annoying.  
B. His friends are all so boring!  
C. I wish she wasn't such bore!  
D. The show was bad and I was very boring about it.
- 40) A. He keeps spitting to the ground, which gets on my nerves.  
B. Jean Beacon, with whom I was at school with, came to visit me.  
C. Tell me at once about your problems in case my sister arrives.  
D. Can you finish the article within Friday?

- 41) A. There is a DIY shop across our house.  
B. Richer he gets, more he has friends.  
C. Who offered you that bracelet?  
D. This is the first time I'm driving a sports car.
- 42) A. You can't use the toilets in our house because they're still building.  
B. After four days, they succeeded to get to the top of the mountain.  
C. Papers were brought to sign for us.  
D. A new job has been offered to me.
- 43) A. She is thought to be left home.  
B. They are said to be millionaires.  
C. It is expected that the company became profitable.  
D. She was called which by the villagers.
- 44) A. Can you explain us the project?  
B. He came to say you good-bye.  
C. 'Describe me your friend, how does he look like?' said the policeman.  
D. I suggested a new method to my colleagues.
- 45) A. He bought three dozens bottles of beer.  
B. I've done it hundreds of times!  
C. She gained several million pounds a year.  
D. He had to copy that sentence two hundreds times.
- 46) A. Your key's with the reception desk.  
B. Can you shout at Mary-Ann and tell her lunch is ready?  
C. She's very good with languages.  
D. She married him last year.
- 47) A. To my opinion, she is utterly wrong.  
B. It all depends about the weather.  
C. I'm interested by most sports.  
D. There is no increase in prices.
- 48) A. If only I have more friends!  
B. I wish my car would start!  
C. If only she did not tell the police, everything would have been all right.  
D. I'd rather to stay home tonight.
- 49) A. It's time little Anna go to bed.  
B. It's time to cut your hair.  
C. It's time he washed his trousers, they stink!  
D. We'd rather you come to see us tomorrow.
- 50) A. She asked me where was the bus station.  
B. Neither his mother or his sister were there.  
C. Let's not tell Mom what happened.  
D. Then she went on to talk about her other problems.

Fill in the gaps with the appropriate words. (There is only one correct answer.)

### An Instinct to Acquire an Art

Language is so tightly woven into human experience that it is 51)..... possible to imagine life without it. In our social relations, 52)..... race is not to the swift but to the verbal – the silver-tongued seducer, the persuasive child who wins the battle of 53)..... against a brawnier parent. 54)..... is truly arresting 55)..... our kind is better captured in the story of the Tower of Babel, in which humanity, speaking a single language, came so close to reaching 56)..... that God himself felt threatened. A common language 57)..... the members of a community into an information-sharing network with formidable collective powers. Anyone can benefit from the 58)..... of genius and lucky accidents, accumulated by 59)..... else, present or past. As a result, *Homo sapiens* is 60)..... species, like blue-green algae and earthworms, that has wrought far-reaching changes on the planet. Now we know that language 61)..... thought and that grammatical sophistication 62)..... be nurtured in schools, but sagging educational standards and the debasement of popular culture have led to a frightening decline in the ability of the average person to construct a grammatical sentence. English is a zany, 63)..... tongue, in which one drives 64)..... a parkway and parks 65)..... a driveway, plays at a recital and recites at a play.

From *The Language Instinct*, by Steven Pinker

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|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 51) A. mildly         | B. clearly       | C. hard            | D. scarcely       |
| 52) A. a              | B. the           | C. any             | D. all            |
| 53) A. will           | B. wishes        | C. wills           | D. wish           |
| 54) A. what           | B. which         | C. that            | D. it             |
| 55) A. for            | B. of            | C. about           | D. in             |
| 56) A. sky            | B. skys          | C. skies           | D. heaven         |
| 57) A. is connecting  | B. connects      | C. is conecting    | D. conected       |
| 58) A. strikes        | B. strike        | C. strokes         | D. striking       |
| 59) A. anyone         | B. no one        | C. one             | D. nobody         |
| 60) A. -              | B. some          | C. a               | D. any            |
| 61) A. persuades      | B. parades       | C. perpetrates     | D. pervades       |
| 62) A. use to         | B. used to       | C. uses to         | D. is used to     |
| 63) A. logics-defying | B. logic-defying | C. logical-defying | D. logic-defining |
| 64) A. on             | B. in            | C. of              | D. out            |
| 65) A. with           | B. on            | C. in              | D. of             |

## READING COMPREHENSION

### Sense of direction still lacking after EU accession

Romania already fulfils three of five Maastricht criteria and has set 2014 as an indicative target date to join the euro-zone. However, development is uneven. Economic growth is fuelled by household consumption, based on a combination of rising wages – which are outstripping productivity gains – and a credit boom. This has stimulated imports. The current account deficit has widened from 5 per cent of GDP in 2002 to 14.2 per cent in 2007. It would have been around 20 per cent had it not been for foreign remittances. The current account deficit is increasingly being financed by private debt, which has tripled over the past three years. About 40 per cent of the recent inflows of foreign investment are in fact intra-company loans – which are more likely to be debt creating. Most foreign investment in recent years has come in to retail, real estate and banking – sectors that stimulate consumption. Pockets of unemployment co-exist with areas of labour shortage, poverty is to be found alongside islands of wealth, and public money is wasted while public services are under-financed. The budget deficit, forecast by the European Commission to exceed 3 per cent of GDP in 2008, must be reduced. But there is still potential for sustainable growth, as long as fiscal and budgetary policies are reformed. High rates of growth in gross domestic product, an increasing share of fixed capital formation and large inflows of foreign direct investment point to an economy catching up European norms.

From the *Financial Times*, March 7, 2008

- 66) A. Romania meets more than half of the conditions imposed by the EU to accede to the euro-zone.  
B. Romania targets its complete economic development by 2014.  
C. Productivity gains are superior to Romanian wages.  
D. Household consumption is a combination of rising wages and a credit boom.
- 67) A. Foreign payments helped the Romanian GDP.  
B. The current account deficit is around 20 per cent.  
C. Debt is definitely created by inflows of foreign investment.  
D. The current account deficit has increased by almost 10 per cent in five years.
- 68) A. 40 per cent of the recent inflows of foreign investment concern Romanian companies.  
B. Foreign investments create debt.  
C. Consumption is stimulated by the foreign investment.  
D. Foreign investors retail real estate properties and banks.
- 69) A. The pockets of unemployed people are empty.  
B. The Romanian Labour Party is faced with difficulties.  
C. In Romania there are some islands to which only rich people can have access.  
D. Public services need more money.
- 70) A. The European Commission will increase Romania's budget deficit by 3 per cent.  
B. If new budget policies are implemented, an economic recovery can be expected.  
C. The Romanian economy will never meet the standards set by the European Commission.  
D. The increase in GDP jeopardizes the development of Romanian economy.



## Cakes and Ale

Than Roy no one could show a more genuine cordiality to a fellow novelist whose name was on everybody's lips, but no one could more genially turn a cold shoulder on him when idleness, failure, or someone else's success had cast a shade on his notoriety. The writer has his ups and downs, and I was but too conscious that at the moment I was not in the public eye. It was obvious that I might have found excuses without affront to refuse Roy's invitation, though he was a determined fellow and if he was resolved for purposes of his own to see me, I well knew that nothing short of a downright 'go to hell' would check his persistence; but I was beset by curiosity. Roy's talent, like the wise man's daily dose of Bemax, might have gone into a heaped-up tablespoon. When he heard that, for Thomas Carlyle, genius was an infinite capacity for taking pains, he pondered the saying. He concluded with a sigh that no one who for years had observed his indefatigable industry could deny that at all events he deserved to be a genius. Roy sent his first novel to all the leading writers of the day. Deprecatingly, fully conscious of his audacity in asking so busy a man to waste his time on a neophyte's puny effort, he begged for criticism and guidance. Few of the replies were perfunctory. The authors he wrote to, flattered by his praise, answered at length. Later they realized their mistake. But when they say that he is swollen-headed, they err.

**By W. Somerset Maugham**

- 71) A. Roy was a great and constant friend.  
B. Roy was friends with successful writers.  
C. Roy had a cold shoulder.  
D. A novelist's notoriety was increased by someone else's success.
- 72) A. It wasn't very easy to find excuses to refuse Roy's invitations.  
B. Roy was used to solving his own problems.  
C. The author doesn't know how to refuse Roy's invitation.  
D. The author is trying to fight his own curiosity.
- 73) A. For Thomas Carlyle, genius produces pain.  
B. Roy was quite an ungifted writer.  
C. Roy did not totally agree with the saying.  
D. Roy repeated the saying.
- 74) A. For years he had been closely watching the development of the English literary industry.  
B. Roy believed that he deserved to be invited to all the events organized in London.  
C. Plenty of English writers read Roy's first novel.  
D. Only his close friends were allowed to read his novels.
- 75) A. Roy takes a lot of pride in his novel.  
B. The answers he received were sincere.  
C. The novelists he wrote to replied by very long letters.  
D. Roy's fellow writers finally said that he was overproud.

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Ms Sara Fisher  
Manager  
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Bournemouth HB3 4LN

4th October 2008

Our ref: US / DV 1082

Dear Ms Fisher,

We hereby propose to furnish all materials and perform all labour necessary for the completion of Davit Installation of the following specifications:

Three 2"x8" wood fenders anchored to the wall with 5' rubber bumper strip on each. This work is to be performed on Lot56 Blk78 Sub. Div.3 for MARCORP, Ltd., Owner, in accordance with the drawings and specifications submitted for the above work. The total cost including state tax is 8000\$.

Payments are to be made as follows: the sum of 5500\$ to be paid upon the approval of this contract and the balance of 2500\$ upon the completion of the work.

The contractors shall not be liable, as regards to the completion of the work, for any delay which may be caused by reason or on account of any strike of workmanship, any Act of God, unavoidable accidents, inability to secure materials or to use materials in the performance of the work by reason of laws or regulations of the United States of America, or any other circumstance beyond their control, other than the want of funds.

We look forward to receiving your reply.

Yours truly,

(handwritten signature)  
John W. Smith  
Assistant Executive Manager

- 76) A. Ms Fischer is a married woman.  
B. Ms Fischer is the owner of MARCORP Ltd.  
C. The letter was sent by Ms Fisher.  
D. The letter is a formal letter.
- 77) A. This is a letter of complaint.  
B. This letter gives information about boats.  
C. In this letter, John W. Smith makes several suggestions.  
D. John W. Smith reports directly to the Executive Manager.
- 78) A. The letter specifies some of the terms of a business agreement.  
B. The work will be done in accordance with a previous contract.  
C. The payment will be done at three different moments.  
D. Ms Fischer will have to hire the workers herself.
- 79) A. The contractors are responsible for everything that could prevent them from completing their tasks.  
B. The parties are responsible for any fight among the workers.  
C. The parties must credit the account of their team.  
D. The contractors are not responsible for delays caused by some specific reasons.
- 80) A. The Act of God is a law which is taken into account when establishing business agreements.  
B. Unavoidable accidents shall be put on the account of the contractors.  
C. The US laws and regulations may cause inability to secure materials.  
D. The contractors need funds.