



SESSION 2008

## 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 :

<b>3</b>	A	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	V	<input type="radio"/>	F
	B	<input type="radio"/>	V	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	F
	C	<input type="radio"/>	V	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	F
	D	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	V	<input type="radio"/>	F

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	B	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	V	<input type="radio"/>	F
	C	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	V	<input type="radio"/>	F
	D	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	V	<input type="radio"/>	F

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	B	<input type="radio"/>	V	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	F
	C	<input type="radio"/>	V	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	F
	D	<input type="radio"/>	V	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	F

<b>6</b>	A	<input type="radio"/>	V	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	F
	B	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	V	<input type="radio"/>	F
	C	<input type="radio"/>	V	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	F
	D	<input type="radio"/>	V	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	F

*L'absence de marque (V, F) ou la mauvaise marque 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. How is the time today ?
  - B. It's really making hot and humid today.
  - C. This heat is making me very tired.
  - D. Hurricane Katrina provoked many damages in New Orleans.
  
- 2)
  - A. Let me to present you Dr Tom Smith, a visiting professor from Harvard Business School.
  - B. Dr Smith is going to talk you about his researches.
  - C. He will also explain to you how to apply to his institution.
  - D. Then, there will have time for you to ask questions.
  
- 3)
  - A. Hello, my name is Betty Johnson. What's your name ?
  - B. Hello, how are you ?
  - C. Hi, how are you going ?
  - D. Hi, how are you keeping ?
  
- 4)
  - A. I am from London, and you ?
  - B. Where do you come from ?
  - C. Tell to me something about your family.
  - D. Say me something about your school.
  
- 5)
  - A. My mother not work. She takes care of her family.
  - B. Mr. Brown is responsible of organizing events in our company.
  - C. One of the most difficult things to teach is how to be responsible for what we do.
  - D. How can I cope about everything that is happening in my life these days.
  
- 6)
  - A. My father is a bank manager.
  - B. I have two siblings.
  - C. I'm the eldest of the family of three brothers and two sisters.
  - D. Oxford is the older university in the UK.
  
- 7)
  - A. Do you do any sport ?
  - B. I practise the football in a club.
  - C. Every Wednesday we have rugby practice.
  - D. This week we are practising for a big inter-school championship.
  
- 8)
  - A. Tom has been doing footing for three years now.
  - B. Vincent loves playing basket.
  - C. He cannot play this weekend because he has twisted his uncle.
  - D. He has joined his club when he was in the middle school.
  
- 9)
  - A. When he had 10 years old he decided he would play for NBA one day.
  - B. As Mary is hurt she doesn't have to run for her team ; she may make her knee even worse.
  - C. I can't go out tonight ; I absolutely have to do my assignment for tomorrow.
  - D. Smoking is now banned in public places in France so you mustn't light up here.
  
- 10)
  - A. He's always coming late for our meetings ! We can't work with him.
  - B. This semester we are studying the impact of the greenhouse effect on the environment.
  - C. - Where's Betty ? – She's still sleeping.
  - D. I'm so happy. Your sister is coming to visit us next week.

- 11) A. The earth is rotating around the sun.  
 B. Photosynthesis is a natural process of transforming CO<sub>2</sub> into oxygen.  
 C. People live longer and healthier lives now than they did in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.  
 D. Mr Brown always has a cup of strong coffee after lunch.
- 12) A. Making right decisions depend of clear mind.  
 B. Susan always looks forward to her son coming home for holidays.  
 C. Betty used to play soccer with her brother when she was little.  
 D. Since he came to France he has got used to spending long hours at dinner table.
- 13) A. The Google company has been set up in a garage in 1998.  
 B. Since then it has become a very successful company.  
 C. - Have you done your assignment yet ? – Yes, I’ve already finished it.  
 D. After I had done it I watched a new episode of “Desperate Housewives”.
- 14) A. “Lost” is the better series I’ve ever seen.  
 B. Peter works so hardly that he always gets good marks.  
 C. You must learn to read more fastly if you want to be a good student.  
 D. He is so much tired that he can barely keep his eyes open.
- 15) A. If I were the new UN Secretary General I would do my best to eradicate poverty in the world.  
 B. France Telecom is one of the biggest societies in Europe.  
 C. Chris has been a member of the school theatre society for the last three years.  
 D. Mark can’t join us yet. He is always doing his homework.
- 16) A. The US economic situation is quite worrying.  
 B. I’m really looking for a more economical car than the one I have.  
 C. I like people who are economical with words.  
 D. I find economics and politics absolutely fascinating.
- 17) A. The more you work the best you’ll get.  
 B. Tchaikovsky might have been the more famous Russian composer of all times.  
 C. Matiz Chevrolet is definitely more cheaper than Peugeot 207.  
 D. Who do you think the most popular politician is now ?
- 18) A. How did you find the movie “Perfume” ?  
 B. I like travelling for discover how people are in other cultures.  
 C. 2006 was a very benefic year for Google.  
 D. It’s a great pity that only some children in poor countries can benefit from public education.
- 19) A. For the sake of their future children must receive good education at home.  
 B. India’s population is more important than that of China.  
 C. In the last ten years Vietnam’s economic growth has been more impressive than that of the EU.  
 D. An ageing population is an important concern in developed countries.
- 20) A. When Mary lived in Guadeloupe she used to walk to the beach every day.  
 B. I’m definitely not working tomorrow.  
 C. Look ! They’re swimming in this freezing weather.  
 D. Modern women are superwomen – they have much responsibilities.

- 21) A. Having got dressed and made up Mary went to a party last night.  
 B. The cake baked in the oven at the moment smells delicious.  
 C. It's sometimes embarrassed to ask people for favours.  
 D. You're deranging me! Stop talking !
- 22) A. Before eat breakfast Tom had a shower.  
 B. Pope John Paul II, which was very sick, died at the age of 83.  
 C. I'm sorry I've got only few time to do all the work that is needed.  
 D. The film last night was absolutely annoying – I felt asleep half way through it.
- 23) A. Mrs Smith is perfectly capable to cook.  
 B. They have finally made peace.  
 C. Who's car has just passed by ?  
 D. Don't worry about this problem any more ; we've found the satisfactory issue.
- 24) A. Unless students don't work hard they will never succeed in their exams.  
 B. It exists many points of view concerning the global warming.  
 C. The harder you work the more chance of success you have.  
 D. Social security systems usually cost too many money.
- 25) A. Car baby seats are certainly an effective road safety measure.  
 B. Al Gore's documentary, An Inconvenient Truth, is insightful and disturbing.  
 C. When I lived in St. Lucia I used to go to the beach all days.  
 D. If you had made your shopping last night we would have time to go to the cinema today.
- 26) A. Mary is jumping up and down as if she were on a trampoline.  
 B. I wonder that consequences his acting will bring about.  
 C. What would you like to receive like a birthday present ?  
 D. You can't make an appointment to see a lawyer, can't you ?
- 27) A. Will you clear the table after you've eaten, please ?  
 B. Whose book is this, is it yours ?  
 C. The girl with whom he has been living for 3 years has just moved out.  
 D. People should overcome their prejudices and intolerance to be able to live in peace.
- 28) A. A digital camera is a device produces digital images to be stored in a computer.  
 B. My boss was curious about what we have been doing recently.  
 C. Mary likes very much coffee.  
 D. It's a public place – you don't have to smoke here !
- 29) A. Assignments writing by hand will not be accepted.  
 B. I had no idea which exercises I was supposed to do.  
 C. You must check your agenda because I think there is no meeting tomorrow.  
 D. She needn't have gone to so much effort, but I must admit it was very kind of her.
- 30) A. The woman is walking past my house looks very elegant.  
 B. I wonder to whom I should speak about it.  
 C. Please, wait here, I go to get a cup of tea.  
 D. I'm very sorry for my late.

- 31) A. Every children in the world likes playing video games.  
 B. We have come to Lyon in 2001 and have started to work in 2002.  
 C. She told me many tails of her travels all over the world.  
 D. We are lost. Stop asking somebody what way we should take.
- 32) A. In a first time I shall speak about the economic growth in Vietnam since 2000.  
 B. Breast implants have been proved to be dangerous.  
 C. President Bush is generally considered to have made a huge political and strategic mistake.  
 D. Please, don't forget buying bread on your way back.
- 33) A. The UN Millennium Development Goals are said to bring hope to the African continent.  
 B. To replace trees in deforested areas, new ones should be planted.  
 C. Why won't you consider moving to Paris; there may be more opportunities there than in London.  
 D. Have Tom tidy his room, please !
- 34) A. It's very easy to loose sight of the real issues facing multicultural societies these days.  
 B. Computers have become indispensable in our everyday life.  
 C. I'm afraid you can't take the car; I'm having it respraying.  
 D. My father wants that I to play football for OL.
- 35) A. I believe that Kira Knightly is the prettiest woman in the world.  
 B. YouTube is a great website; one can see some incredible video footage there.  
 C. My salary is more important this year; I've been given a raise.  
 D. I cannot see anything threw the window because it's so dirty.
- 36) A. I'm afraid there is no one in. They must have left already.  
 B. My latest business project has fallen through.  
 C. Unless you concentrate yourself on your work you won't have desired results.  
 D. When you live abroad you must adapt yourself to a different culture.
- 37) A. Firstable we shall talk about modern technics of working.  
 B. Betty enjoys to make parties with her friends.  
 C. There is a lot of concurrence in mobile telephone sector.  
 D. I'm sorry, there isn't some coffee left in the house any more.
- 38) A. I wish they had never come here !  
 B. We need to higher a big truck to move all our stuff.  
 C. While they were discussing Plato's philosophy Tom was sound asleep.  
 D. I'm absolutely convinced that his was a sound decision.
- 39) A. You look as if you weren't slept last night.  
 B. By the time Susan got to the office everybody had already started.  
 C. Mary is a sharp-tongued woman.  
 D. You'd better be careful; these scissors are very sharp.
- 40) A. Many people are scared of heights but they don't climb the mountains.  
 B. By the end of this year they'll have been working there for three years already.  
 C. I'd rather you did not stay here tonight, thank you.  
 D. Please, hold on. I'll put you through straightaway.

- 41) A. They could either sing nor dance together.  
 B. You can always count on your parents in difficult situations.  
 C. I'm afraid airlines have become extremely unreliable in the last few years.  
 D. We are not pressed. There's plenty of time, so take it easy.
- 42) A. Under no circumstance will you ever raise your voice when you speak to me !  
 B. One of the book I bought last week is about the history of France.  
 C. Look at Tom ; he really looks harried.  
 D. John has admitted to steal Betty's pen.
- 43) A. I cannot support when people talk about these news.  
 B. Never before have they seen anything so beautiful.  
 C. I'm sorry I won't be able to join you tomorrow ; I have a prior engagement.  
 D. Their marriage ceremony was deeply touching.
- 44) A. I'm sorry, but I have no intention of work more than 35 hours a week.  
 B. Run is good for to lose weight.  
 C. Some teachers get fed up with tell the same thing again and again.  
 D. It's such cold. Let's stay at home and watch a movie.
- 45) A. I'm sure he'll appreciate your play the piano at his wedding.  
 B. It's nice when one can be served by a well-mannered commercial while doing shopping.  
 C. Have you got any small monies to spare for a metro ticket ?  
 D. I know you like tea. Would you like some now ?
- 46) A. I hate being made fun of, so please stop at once !  
 B. The planning we've been given is really bad ; we have a lot of breaks, which is a waste of time.  
 C. Look, they've brang some good CDs so we can start our party now.  
 D. We've been showed how to do a good PowerPoint presentation.
- 47) A. It'll make you the world of good to exercise regularly  
 B. We have enough money to buy a new car this year.  
 C. Mark is enough qualified to manage his own company.  
 D. Good education would permitted children to get a good job in the future.
- 48) A. You mustn't make business with them; they're dishonest.  
 B. This musics are too good, I love it them !  
 C. He died a happy man as he had managed to make peace with his estranged brother just two days earlier.  
 D. The ford is not so shallow as we thought.
- 49) A. Please, do your job fastly and properly !  
 B. Not only was he late for his lecture but he made a lot of noise while getting to his seat.  
 C. I need to get some nice jewellery to fit my new party gown.  
 D. Are these shoes the right size ? Do they fit you ? Are they comfortable ?
- 50) A. I can hardly remember what we were talking about last night  
 B. I really mean joining the gym in the new year and starting to exercise everyday.  
 C. - How long does it take you to commute to work ? – An hour.  
 D. - How often do you play golf ? – Two hours on Saturday.

Fill in the gaps with the appropriate words (one item only possible).

**An Enduring Note.** Interview with Bjorn Ulvaeus by Ginanne Brownell

It's one of the only 51) ..... words that will automatically 52) ..... a smile from kids and adults alike: ABBA. 53)..... the Swedish four-piece band has 54)..... released a new record in more than two decades nor performed live in 25 years, 55) ..... Global fan base has steadily grown. Its songs 56) ..... been turned into a hit musical, "Mamma Mia", which has been enjoyed 57) ..... more than 20 million people and raked in more than \$ 1.6 billion across the globe since it opened in London in 1999. This year there's more to 58) ..... : a film version produced by Tom Hanks. And for many serious-minded ABBA fans, a Stockholm museum dedicated to the band is in the works.

NEWSWEEK's Ginanne Brownell spoke to Bjorn Ulvaeus, one of ABBA's 59) ..... fathers, about the band's enduring legacy and 60)..... music industry.

**BROWNELL: Why is it that ABBA endures?**

**ULVAEUS:** In truth, I don't know. I ask 61) ..... that question very often. The only thing I can come up with is that when 62) ..... hear those records on the radio, they still sound fresh. We 63) ..... immense work into the production and the songwriting. That 64) ..... to be one ingredient. I always think it is up to journalists to analyze and say it's because of this and that and this. I have never got any analysis from anyone that has been 65) ..... satisfying.

From **Newsweek** of January 15, 2007

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|---|---|--|
| 51) A. four-letter<br>B. know<br>C. shorts<br>D. bad  | 56) A. would have<br>B. were<br>C. had<br>D. have         | 61) A. me<br>B. myself<br>C. Ø<br>D. myselfe             |
| 52) A. break<br>B. paste<br>C. elicit<br>D. bring     | 57) A. about<br>B. with<br>C. for<br>D. by                | 62) A. you<br>B. one<br>C. he<br>D. they                 |
| 53) A. inspite<br>B. although<br>C. despite<br>D. but | 58) A. come<br>B. be coming<br>C. have come<br>D. be come | 63) A. putted<br>B. has put<br>C. had put<br>D. put      |
| 54) A. ever<br>B. neither<br>C. none<br>D. no         | 59) A. finding<br>B. founded<br>C. founding<br>D. found   | 64) A. has<br>B. must<br>C. ought<br>D. would            |
| 55) A. its<br>B. their<br>C. her<br>D. his            | 60) A. a<br>B. the<br>C. Ø<br>D. some                     | 65) A. globally<br>B. totally<br>C. general<br>D. entire |

## READING COMPREHENSION

### Hanging by a Thread.

#### **An Asia-wide communications blackout raises questions about how to bolster the Internet.**

**By Jim Erickson** Hong Kong

The global telecommunications industry passed a little-noticed milestone last month when the US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced it was dropping a longstanding requirement that holders of amateur radio licences be proficient in Morse code. These days, few save hobbyists use electronic dots and dashes for messaging. But in 1858, when the first undersea communications cable linking two continents was strung between the US and the UK, Morse code was the industry standard. A century and a half later, the FCC's move makes it an all-but-dead language.

Primitive though Morse may be, the world may want to keep it alive, if only as a backup when global telecommunications networks crash – as they did spectacularly on Dec. 26 when an earthquake off Taiwan's coast damaged seven undersea fibre-optic cables that handle some 90% of phone-calls and data traffic in the region. Millions of homes and businesses across Asia were left without Internet access, e-mail and international connections. Financial markets were interrupted. And those lucky enough to connect to overseas websites experienced exasperatingly sluggish data-transfer speeds.

From **TIME** of January 15, 2007.

- 66) A. All the communications in Asia were in black.  
B. While communicating in Asia people asked a lot of questions.  
C. The problem in Asia is how to communicate on the Internet.  
D. The world's telecommunication industry passed a law in December 2006.
- 67) A. The US FCC went for a mile-long walk in December 2006.  
B. The US FCC made an important announcement in December 2006.  
C. Holders of amateur radio licenses used to have to know Morse code.  
D. Now Morse code is not necessary any more.
- 68) A. In the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century Morse code was generally used by communications professionals.  
B. The first undersea communications cable across the Atlantic was laid in 1858.  
C. FCC's decision has made Morse code obsolete.  
D. Morse code is a very simple means of communication.
- 69) A. Morse code has outlived its usefulness.  
B. Today's sophisticated telecommunications systems are fully secure.  
C. They can withstand anything.  
D. The seven undersea fibre-optic cables in South-East Asia are very important.
- 70) A. The bad weather off Taiwan's coast caused the breakdown in communication on December 26, 2006.  
B. Almost all telecommunication in the region was interrupted.  
C. Stock exchange trading was seriously affected.  
D. There was a bad virus on the Internet.



Snakes in Florida.

### **Burmese Days**

#### **What will humans do next to the Everglades ?**

Protecting the Everglades, southern Florida's vast subtropical marshlands, is full-time work. Water managers already have their hands full trying to undo damage done to their river network by efforts years ago to create a system of canals to prevent flooding that broke up the area's natural flow. Now comes another unintended yet equally man-made threat: an invasion of Burmese pythons.

The great snakes have been showing up in increasing numbers – and size – over the past couple of years. How they got there remains a bit of a mystery but it is presumed that they started out as exotic pets which were discarded once they outgrew their aquariums.

Researchers are surprised how well the pythons have adapted to Florida, which can get chilly in the winter (temperatures dropped into the low 40sF in November). Pythons breed rapidly, and the Burmese population is estimated in the thousands. Some have been spotted in the outer reaches of Miami, where they have been gobbling up local pets. What worries the scientists most is the impact the hungry pythons are having on the Everglades' indigenous population of rodents, bobcats and wading birds. The pythons have even been known to devour the odd alligator. Last year rangers found a 13-foot (4 metres) python with a half-eaten six-foot alligator in its jaws.

From **The Economist** of December 2, 2006.

- 71) A. The Everglades is a complex ecosystem in Florida.  
B. The Everglades is being interfered with by people.  
C. It is not easy to look after the Everglades' natural environment.  
D. A system of canals created years ago in the Everglades has been a good idea.
- 72) A. Burmese pythons have gradually appeared in the Everglades.  
B. There is a war between Burmese pythons and people in the Everglades.  
C. The snakes are getting bigger and bigger.  
D. The snakes have been introduced to the Everglades as a scientific experiment.
- 73) A. The snakes swam from Burma.  
B. Some people like to keep unusual animals as pets.  
C. Some pythons might have been released into the wild when they became too big to be kept at home.  
D. The Burmese pythons seem to like the natural conditions in the Everglades.
- 74) A. There are thousands of people in Burma.  
B. Pythons have found Florida's climate very suitable even in winter.  
C. Some pythons have been seen on the outskirts of Miami.  
D. They were playing with local pets.
- 75) A. The scientists are happy to do research on the pythons in the new environment.  
B. The scientists are doing research on the interaction between the Burmese pythons and local flora.  
C. Pythons are good friends with Florida's alligators.  
D. Pythons can be used to control the numbers of alligators in the Everglades.

### Chapter 13. "I am Colin."

Mary stood near the door with her candle in her hand holding her breath. Then she crept across the room, and, as she drew nearer, the light attracted the boy's attention and he turned his head on his pillow and stared at her, his gray eyes opening so wide that they seemed immense.

"Who are you?" he said at last in a half-frightened whisper. "Are you a ghost?"

"No, I am not," Mary answered, her own whisper sounding half-frightened. "Are you one?"

He stared and stared and stared. Mary could not help noticing what strange eyes he had. They were gray and they looked too big for his face because they had black lashes all round them.

"No," he replied after waiting a moment or so. "I am Colin."

"Who is Colin?" she faltered.

"I am Colin Craven. Who are you?"

"I am Mary Lennox. Mr. Craven is my uncle."

"He is my father," said the boy.

"Your father!" gasped Mary. "No one has ever told me he had a boy! Why didn't they?"

"Come here," he said, still keeping his strange eyes fixed on her with an anxious expression.

She came close to the bed and he put out his hand and touched her.

"You are real, aren't you?" he said. "I have such real dreams very often. You might be one of them."

Mary had slipped on a woollen wrapper before she left her room and she put a piece of it between his fingers.

"Rub this and see how thick and warm it is," she said. "I will pinch you a little if you like, to show you how real I am. For a minute I thought you might be a dream too."

"Where did you come from?" he said.

"From my room. The wind wuthered so I couldn't go to sleep and I heard some one crying and wanted to find out who it was. What were you crying for?"

"Because I couldn't go to sleep either and my head ached. Tell me your name again."

From **The Secret Garden** by Frances Hodgson Burnett

- 76) A. Mary stopped breathing.  
B. She walked into the room quickly and decidedly.  
C. The room was empty and lit up.  
D. The boy did not pay any attention to Mary.
- 77) A. The boy was lying in his bed.  
B. The strangest feature in the boy's face were his eyes.  
C. The boy seemed scared.  
D. He thought Mary was an apparition.
- 78) A. The children spoke loudly and clearly.  
B. The boy could not help looking at Mary.  
C. In the end the children introduced themselves to each other.  
D. Mary and Colin were related.
- 79) A. Mary was totally astonished at Colin's existence.  
B. Mary couldn't understand why she hadn't met Colin before.  
C. Colin found it difficult to believe his eyes.  
D. Colin often had strange dreams.
- 80) A. Mary was wearing warm clothes.  
B. She offered to smack Colin to convince him she was not a figment of his imagination.  
C. That night there was a strong wind.  
D. Colin could not sleep because of the wind.