

C O N C O U R S A T S
-SESSION 2013-

É P R E U V E D ' A N G L A I S

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Dictionnaire et appareils électroniques interdits

Réponse juste : +3

Réponse fausse : -1

Pas de réponse : 0

DURÉE DE L'ÉPREUVE : 2H

Anglais

Durée: 2h

I. Grammar and Vocabulary

Choose the correct answer. Only ONE answer is possible.

1) _____ this week ? No, she is on holiday.

- a) Is Susan working
- b) Does Susan work
- c) Would Susan work
- d) Had Susan worked

2/ He _____ five next week.

- a) will be
- b) had
- c) has
- d) will have

3) It costs _____ of money

- a) much
- b) little
- c) many
- d) a lot

4) My brother _____ yesterday .

- a) is born
- b) was born
- c) will be born
- d) has born

5) I have never _____ to England.

- a) go
- b) been
- c) be
- d) went

6) James is a genius. He is the _____ in the class.

- a) worst
- b) worse
- c) better
- d) best

7) Don't worry, these things _____ .

- a) arrive
- b) happened
- c) happens
- d) happen

8) "I suggest you order the goods now." "But payment should be made _____."

- a) for advance
- b) advancing
- c) in advance
- d) to advance

9) I cannot understand you. I wish you would _____.

- a) speak clearer
- b) clearer speak
- c) speak clear
- d) speak more clearly

10) "Why are you walking so fast?" "I'm _____."

- a) hurry
- b) in hurry
- c) in a hurry
- d) hurried

- 11) I really have to go now. I have _____ the doctor.
 a) appointments to b) an appointment to c) appointment with d) an appointment with
- 12) I don't have any results for you today. I _____ tomorrow.
 a) have any b) may have any c) have some d) may have some
- 13) I would rather _____ a quiet cup of coffee in the office than sit in a noisy cafe.
 a) have b) to have c) having d) prefer to have
- 14) "Where _____ last weekend?" "I went to see my parents."
 a) you went b) do you go c) did you go d) have you gone
- 15) I was very surprised _____ that she didn't pass the exam."
 a) hearing b) to hearing c) at hearing d) to hear
- 16) I hope that this winter won't be _____ last year."
 a) as cold as b) cold as c) as cold like d) so cold like
- 17) Sorry to be late. I was delayed by _____."
 a) heavy traffic b) little traffic
 c) some heavy traffic d) traffic being heavy
- 18) The sky is getting dark. It _____ rain is on its way.
 a) looks b) looks like c) seems to d) will be
- 19) Would you do me a small favour? I _____ very much.
 a) appreciate it b) would appreciate
 c) would be appreciative d) would appreciate it
- 20) I am familiar with that product. I don't know _____ times I've seen it advertised on TV.
 a) how many b) how often c) how much d) many often
- 21) "When _____ leaving for Toronto, Canada?" "We are planning to set out at 10 o'clock."
 a) are we b) will we c) will us d) are us
- 22) I asked Robert when he could fix my leaking tap. He said that he would come round and fix it _____.
 a) as much as possible b) as possible as he could
 c) as fast as he could possibly d) as soon as possible
- 23) "Do you know _____ that building is?" "I would say that it was built at least 100 years ago."
 a) old b) how aged c) how old d) which age

- 24) The man told us that the next train would arrive _____.
a) at three thirty b) at three thirty o'clock
c) in three thirty d) in three thirty o'clock
- 25) That is the city _____ worst crime record.
a) on the b) in the c) with the d) for the
- 26) "Where should I put this key?" "You can _____ it on the shelf."
a) hang b) deposit c) sit d) leave
- 27) Newton _____ some of the most fundamental laws in the history of science.
a) keeps discovering b) who discovered c) the discoverer of d) discovered
- 28) _____ he was seen to be an aggressive politician, he was a quiet and loving family man at home.
a) Although b) Despite c) In spite of d) Nevertheless
- 29) Can you please tell me _____ ?
a) what time the next bus arrives b) what time arrives the next bus
c) when arrive the next bus d) when arrives the next bus
- 30) _____ is a mystery.
a) How did it b) What she did it c) How she did it d) When did it
- 31) This method is often used _____ algorithm is very simple.
a) because its b) because his c) it is because d) because of its
- 32) It is very rude to point _____ someone in many cultures.
a) at b) to c) out d) off
- 33) He is learning the guitar _____ Mr Aranjuez.
a) from b) by c) through d) thanks
- 34) There were _____ people than expected.
a) less b) lesser c) few d) fewer
- 35) I could have done it for you if you _____.
a) asked me b) asked to me c) asked me to d) had asked me to
- 36) My younger sister _____ last summer.
a) married b) got married c) got to marry d) was married to

- 37) Paper is _____ wood.
- a) made in b) made of c) made from d) made with
- 38) Why not _____ him?
- a) show b) showing c) to show d) to showing
- 39) She has _____ told him.
- a) ever b) never c) currently d) nevertheless
- 40) I asked her _____ tell him.
- a) not b) to not c) not to d) don't
- 41) I have been here _____ one hour.
- a) during b) since c) while d) for
- 42) How long is it since you _____ to John?
- a) spoke b) would speak c) have spoken d) speak
- 43) I am interested _____ electronics.
- a) by b) on c) in d) about
- 44) Nine _____ ten students have heard about this.
- a) of b) out c) out of d) on
- 45) They are brothers. They look _____ .
- a) alike b) like themselves c) themselves d) like one
- 46) Prices have increased _____ 10%.
- a) by b) in c) per d) about
- 47) It depends _____ the weather.
- a) on b) in c) about d) of
- 48) She will tell you as soon as she _____ .
- a) knows b) will know c) have known d) know
- 49) If I _____ you I would speak to him now.
- a) were b) was c) am d) had been
- 50) It is _____ rain tonight.
- a) likely b) unlikely c) ready d) likely to

- 51) Do you think you will have _____time to go next week?
 a) enough of b) not c) not any d) enough
- 52) They live _____ .
 a) on their own b) on there own c) on themselves d) by their own
- 53) We must all be ready _____ 10.
 a) on b) by c) in d) 0
- 54) Peter and Susan _____married for 10 years.
 a) get b) have been c) are d) got
- 55) If only I _____, I would tell you/
 a) knew b) would have known c) have known d) had known
- 56) Please help me _____ the door.
 a) opening b) open c) opened d) can open
- 57) Welcome _____ this flight to London.
 a) in board b) boarding c) to board d) on board
- 58) Please _____ your seat belt.
 a) attach b) tie c) connect d) fasten
- 59) You needn't _____!
 a) to worry b) worrying c) worry d) worried
- 60) How long ago _____ this book?
 a) have you read b) will you read c) you read d) did you read
- 61) I suggest you _____ on time!
 a) would b) be c) to be d) are
- 62) Why do you keep _____ him?
 a) avoid b) to avoid c) avoiding d) in avoiding
- 63) I bought _____ of the two.
 a) the cheapest b) the cheap c) cheaper d) the cheaper
- 64) I have just been to the bank to _____ money.
 a) lend b) loan c) hire d) withdraw

- 65) Mary avoided _____ the question.
 a) answer b) to answer c) answering d) to have answered
- 66) Be careful _____ !
 a) to not fall b) not fall c) not to fall d) not falling
- 67) He can _____ speak English.
 a) almost b) completely c) harshly d) hardly
- 68) No sooner _____ arrived than it started to rain.
 a) had I b) I had c) I have d) have I
- 69) This ticket is _____ until August, the 15th.
 a) worth b) validated c) valuable d) valid
- 70) She _____ the doctor tonight.
 a) see b) sees c) would see d) is seeing
- 71) _____ served?
 a) Are you being b) Are you c) Could you d) Can you
- 72) I like _____ tea _____ coffee.
 a) neither/nor b) rather/or c) rather/nor d) nor/neither
- 73) My watch needs _____ .
 a) repair b) repaired c) repairing d) being repaired
- 74) He needs two _____ eggs for his recipe.
 a) dozen b) dozens c) dozens of d) dozen of
- 75) _____ I had understood the idea, it was easy.
 a) One time b) Before c) Once d) Although
- 76) He often walks with _____ hands in _____ pockets.
 a) his/his b) his/my c) the/the d) his/the
- 77) When we left, everything was _____ snow.
 a) covered b) covered from c) covered with d) covered of
- 78) Do earthquakes often _____ in North America?
 a) break b) break out c) happen to d) occur
- 79) We had better _____ before it begins to rain.
 a) leave b) leaving c) to leaving d) to leave

- 80) This theatre can hold _____.
 a) a large audience b) much audience c) many audiences d) spectators
- 81) I'll be on holiday _____.
 a) the next week b) next week c) last week d) following week
- 82) Please tell me when you _____ ready.
 a) were b) will c) are d) can
- 83) He succeeded _____ hard
 a) working b) by working c) in working d) to work
- 84) He succeeded _____ her car.
 a) repairing b) by repairing c) in repairing d) to repair
- 85) I am busy _____ my homework, don't disturb me!
 a) to do b) doing c) to do d) do
- 86) The police arrived _____ to save the baby.
 a) in time b) early c) in advance d) on time
- 87) I will not go _____ they call me.
 a) although b) least c) unless d) however
- 88) _____ you arrive _____.
 a) The earlier/the best b) The earliest/the best
 c) The earlier/the better d) The earliest/the better

II. Reading Comprehension

Read the following texts carefully and fill in the blanks with the word below that best fits the text.

Text1

Our world is changing ___89___ than ___90___ and, in recent years, a number of transformative ___91___ have moved from science fiction and the research and development R&D laboratory into the realm of practical ___92___. These new technologies, combined ___93___ demographic shifts and globalisation, will have a ___94___ impact on the future of SMEs. (Small and Medium Enterprises)

Who would have ___95___ that advanced machinery and electronics such ___96___ GPS navigation ___97___, which only a decade ago would have ___98___ completely science fictional, would now be a part of our ___99___ lives? Even the tablet computer, prophetically shown in Kubrick's 1968 film 2001 A Space Odyssey, was a part of the ___100___ world.

But now we are more than ___101___ with the object, seeing it ___102___ for both business and entertainment purposes. It is ___103___ hard to predict the impact of ___104___ developments, but we are already ___105___ how the way we work could be transformed in the near future.

Many of the tasks we typically perform in the ___106___ today can also be done at home; we share and discuss documents seamlessly and have ___107___ to videoconferencing. But ___108___ this is the exciting possibility of telepresence robotics. These relatively ___109___ systems - using cameras, microphones, speakers and screens - are already in ___110___. Surgeons use telepresence robots to place ___111___ "in" trauma wards thousands of miles away.

Some who have used telerobotics have even reported a strong sense of ___112___ "embodied" in the remote location, as if they were really ___113___. There will always be occasions when we would ___114___ be somewhere in person, but telepresence robots could have truly world-changing consequences; a combination of 3D vision, tactile and proprioceptive feedback, and full-body telerobotic control could eliminate the need for physical travel ___115___.

These advances are only part of a broader trend in which autonomous robot technologies will play an ___116___ role in our lives; ___117___ robots are already patrolling Tokyo skyscrapers at night. ___118___ there will always be tasks that people are better at, there is ___119___ doubt that robots will become an increasingly common feature of our lives over the next few decades (even if they are not quite as ominous as the pilotable Japanese super robot Kuratas).

Whether true Artificial Intelligence - machines with actual ___120___ and a sense of ___121___, rather ___122___ machines that give the illusion of intelligence - is on the horizon or not, no one can say. In the end, we ___123___ find that the distinction is not so important, at least not to us. The machines, of course, may have different opinions on the matter.

Predicting the impact of future technologies is never easy, but if we start thinking about the future now and begin to understand the various risks and challenges that lie ___124___, we may avoid ___125___ caught out when it arrives.

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- 89) a) quickly b) quick c) fast d) faster
- 90) a) ever b) never c) always d) even
- 91) a) sciences b) science c) technologies d) technology
- 92) a) implication b) application c) appliance d) appliances
- 93) a) to b) about c) with d) around
- 94) a) small b) shallow c) profound d) fast
- 95) a) thanked b) thought c) think d) thinking
- 96) a) like b) than c) that d) as
- 97) a) utensils b) mechanisms c) tools d) machines
- 98) a) seemed b) believed c) imagined d) seems
- 99) a) day b) yearly c) everyday d) weekly
- 100) a) functional b) fictional c) fiction d) function
- 101) a) family b) famous c) familiar d) unfamiliar
- 102) a) used b) using c) useful d) useless
- 103) a) ever b) never c) always d) already
- 104) a) technological b) technology c) science d) scientist
- 105) a) viewing b) looking c) testifying d) witnessing
- 106) a) home b) outside c) bank d) office
- 107) a) accessibility b) access c) entry d) entrance
- 108) a) before b) between c) beyond d) above
- 109) a) simple b) soft c) hard d) embedded
- 110) a) order b) use c) store d) stock
- 111) a) himself b) themselves c) them d) each other
- 112) a) having b) feeling c) feel d) have
- 113) a) here b) nowhere c) there d) gone
- 114) a) prefer b) rather c) either d) neither
- 115) a) far b) together c) altogether d) alone
- 116) a) good b) increasingly c) repeatedly d) increasing
- 117) a) cleansing b) cleaning c) clean d) cleaner

- 118) a) while b) unlike c) however d) still
- 119) a) not b) any c) some d) no
- 120) a) conscience b) conscious c) conscientious d) consensus
- 121) a) identification b) individuality c) identity d) idealization
- 122) a) than b) then c) that d) when
- 123) a) would b) do c) may d) ought to
- 124) a) ashore b) ahead c) along d) across
- 125) a) be b) to be c) being d) having

Text 2

The Scale of The Universe

The "Scale Of The Universe 2" is an awesome Flash animation packed with info. An interactive Flash animation titled "Scale Of The Universe 2", covering ___126___ in the universe from the fabric of space-time to the estimated ___127___ of the universe, was posted earlier ___128___ year, and it is ___129___. Why would something that comes ___130___ out of an eighth grade physical science textbook become so popular? First, the ___131___ scale of the universe is mind blowing as it ___132___ 62 orders of magnitude (that's multiplying 62 10's together). Second, the animation is very well produced and packed ___133___ information to the extent that it's an ___134___ useful learning ___135___ for those who are just curious to students learning about ___136___. And finally, it was created by a 14-year-old, Cary Huang, and his twin brother, Michael, who worked on it ___137___ a year and a half as a ___138___ project...that's right, it was not a school assignment but an interest sparked from a seventh grade teacher ___139___ a video of the size of cells.

___140___ it is an incredible personal feat for the twins, the animation is also a testament to the creative and educational possibilities afforded by ___141___ technology, and all the implications that that means for parents, educators, and publishers.

Now, the size of things has been a ___142___ of interest throughout human ___143___, as even the Greek philosophers Democritus ___144___ such a thing as an atom in 460 B.C. Aristarchus, in proposing the first recorded heliocentric model of the ___145___ system sometime in the 3rd ___146___ B.C., ___147___ that the stars were very distant, implying that the universe was ___148___ bigger than the fixed spheres of the geocentric model (the original text in which he stated this has been lost). As scientific progress has advanced, a lot of time is invested in knowing ___149___ how big or small everything actually is, a theme that runs through each ___150___ of science.

But the issue is how do we ___151___ such ___152___ vast range in scale?

The problem is that our direct ___153___ occurs in such a ___154___ amount of space. It's probably safe to ___155___ that all direct (observation ___156___ on senses) human experience occurs ___157___ 2 orders of magnitude ___158___ and larger than our bodies. Beyond that range, technology is ___159___ to visualize things, ___160___ it is a microscope, satellite imagery, or telescopes.

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| 126) a) anything | b) nothing | c) everything | d) something |
| 127) a) range | b) size | c) side | d) rate |
| 128) a) this | b) that | c) the | d) every |
| 129) a) awful | b) terrible | c) awesome | d) fearsome |
| 130) a) direct | b) along | c) straight | d) across |
| 131) a) actual | b) small | c) simple | d) really |
| 132) a) takes | b) shows | c) spends | d) spans |
| 133) a) for | b) into | c) in | d) with |
| 134) a) incredulity | b) incredible | c) incredibly | d) incredulous |
| 135) a) tool | b) appliance | c) machine | d) machinery |
| 136) a) scientology | b) scientific | c) scientist | d) science |
| 137) a) during | b) for | c) since | d) in |
| 138) a) funny | b) fun | c) fan | d) yearly |
| 139) a) giving | b) taking | c) showing | d) selling |
| 140) a) while | b) however | c) despite | d) still |
| 141) a) contemporary | b) modernity | c) modern | d) old |
| 142) a) field | b) topic | c) tool | d) show |
| 143) a) story | b) stories | c) history | d) life |
| 144) a) believed | b) felt | c) concluded | d) imagined |
| 145) a) sun | b) sunny | c) solar | d) universal |
| 146) a) century | b) year | c) millennium | d) decade |
| 147) a) implied | b) concluded | c) saw | d) viewed |
| 148) a) very | b) little | c) much | d) few |
| 149) a) exactly | b) correctly | c) actually | d) approximate |
| 150) a) topic | b) twig | c) branch | d) meadow |
| 151) a) view | b) look | c) glance | d) visualize |
| 152) a) an | b) 0 | c) as | d) a |
| 153) a) test | b) experience | c) experiment | d) experiences |
| 154) a) limit | b) limited | c) unlimited | d) open |

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| 155) a) tell | b) speak | c) say | d) lie |
| 156) a) based | b) funded | c) shown | d) tested |
| 157) a) into | b) without | c) within | d) onto |
| 158) a) bigger | b) smaller | c) lower | d) higher |
| 159) a) required | b) requested | c) enquired | d) inquired |
| 160) a) weather | b) neither | c) whether | d) either |