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## Conseils méthodologiques

L'épreuve d'anglais a pour objectif d'évaluer le niveau de grammaire, de vocabulaire et d'orthographe du candidat ainsi que son aptitude à la compréhension de la langue écrite.

## L'épreuve comporte 2 parties.

### 1re partie : Grammaire et vocabulaire (50 questions)

Dans cette partie, le candidat démontrera la richesse de ses connaissances linguistiques de l'anglais. Les questions porteront sur le niveau général requis dans l'enseignement secondaire.

### 2e partie : Textes de compréhension écrite (20 questions)

Cette partie comporte 2 textes extraits d'articles de presse portant sur l'actualité internationale, des faits de société, des analyses d'événements. L'évaluation de la compréhension de la langue écrite porte aussi bien sur le sens explicite du texte que sur sa signification profonde ou implicite.

## Consignes

Chaque question comporte quatre items, notés **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 inférieure à P). Enfin, un bonus est attribué si vous répondez correctement aux quatre items d'une même question. Le jour du concours, vous vous servirez de la feuille jointe pour indiquer vos réponses en noircissant les cases situées à côté des lettres correspondantes.*

## PART ONE: GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

- 1) A. Hi, what time is it?  
B. I'm afraid we are already late for the exams.  
C. They missed their bus and had to take another.  
D. Hello, how are you doing?
- 2) A. We are please to welcome you to your new institution.  
B. The whether is quite warm and pleasant.  
C. The Director will explain to you all the rules and regulations.  
D. Then, there will have time for you to ask questions.
- 3) A. I always look forward to holidays.  
B. Joachim is searching everywhere for his socks.  
C. The aspiring footballer looked up to Eto'o as his role model.  
D. Some executives look down upon their subordinates.
- 4) A. Globalisation has made the learning of English language extremely important.  
B. Tell to me something about your family.  
C. Mr. Ewane is the responsible for organizing social activities in this institution.  
D. China is playing an increasingly important role in the world's economy.
- 5) A. The most important lesson in life is responsibility and self discipline.  
B. Say me something about yourself.  
C. My father is a very important person.  
D. He is frozen with panic.
- 6) A. Social benefits have proved too costly for many countries.  
B. I practise the football in a club.  
C. Studying hard at the university will be beneficent in the future.  
D. We should all make the most of what life brings to us.
- 7) A. The North West and Western regions of Cameroon are very fertile for agriculture.  
B. Some people should be more economical with their words.  
C. The social and economic welfare of Cameroonians has dropped remarkably.  
D. Listen carefully, thinking before you speak.
- 8) A. Every Wednesday we have choir practice.  
B. Facebook is a very profitable company?  
C. Times are hard with many people still looking for work.  
D. Is William still studying?

- 9) A. He's always coming late to 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? Is she still sleeping?  
D. I'm so happy. My sister is coming to visit us next week.
- 10) A. Mindy is always coming late to classes and disturbing everybody.  
B. Making right decisions depend of clear mind.  
C. My sister and brother quarrel all the time.  
D. I'm very interesting by your story.
- 11) A. Your story is very interesting  
B. She is a very interesting person to talk to.  
C. I'm finding studies quite challenging.  
D. The lecturer thought your arguments was satisfactory.
- 12) A. I wish my best friend were here.  
B. Fortunately we have less work this semester.  
C. Betty is tall as her brother.  
D. I hear this institution is one of the best business schools around.
- 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. Are you done with your homework?  
D. If you have, then join me for a drink.
- 14) A. I hate assisting boring long meetings.  
B. Anne assisted Tom in this difficult task.  
C. Are you being attended to, Madam?  
D. Governments should make it a priority that all children attend school.
- 15) A. Shakespeare was the greater English writer of all times.  
B. The worse thing that can happen to you is that you'll fail your examination.  
C. In the first time I'll give to you the plan of my presentation.  
D. Then, I'll explain you the scientific procedure I have adopted in my research.
- 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. Health and safety regulations aim to prevent people about accidents at work.  
B. Millions of people in the world are HIV-affected.  
C. Some forms of cancer are incurable.  
D. I need some information about business schools.
- 18) A. They are such sympathetic people that it's a pleasure to talk to them.  
B. I always delight in talking to smart people.  
C. I need to congratulate Susan in her exam results.  
D. Many people find it very difficult nowadays to cope with the stress of work and family.
- 19) A. If you see Janet, tell her to call me, please.  
B. I'm really surprised to see how easy it is for children to use a computer these days.  
C. I like travelling for discover how people are in other cultures.  
D. It's high time you do your homework now.
- 20) A. Tom used to go to the beach every day when he lived in Limbe.  
B. It is traditional in England to have a cup of tea after a meal.  
C. I asked him to give me a hand but he didn't.  
D. He reminds me of my grandfather.
- 21) A. People don't must smoke here.  
B. I have asked Peter to bring some bread and cheese.  
C. Peter has brang the bread and cheese so we can eat now.  
D. This year John is writing his third novel.
- 22) A. Mary went to a party last night.  
B. The cake baked in the over at the moment smells delicious.  
C. It's sometimes embarrassed to ask people for favours.  
D. You're deranging me! Stop talking!
- 23) A. Before eat breakfast Tom had a shower.  
B. My uncle, which was very sick, died yesterday.  
C. We had only few time to answer all the questions, that is why we could not finish.  
D. The film last night was absolutely annoying. I felt asleep half way through it.
- 24) A. It rain heavily last night.  
B. The quartier was plunged into darkness.  
C. Who's car just passed by?  
D. Don't worry be happy.

- 25) A. A company whose employees are happy is usually successful.  
B. The man with whom you've just been talking is my uncle.  
C. The children which are playing in the field seem quite content.  
D. The lady you've just spoken to taught me English last year.
- 26) A. I was shocked by these news.  
B. One of the philosopher came to the meeting last evening.  
C. The new BMW TV publicity is very clever.  
D. I like the new commercial lady in our supermarket.
- 27) A. I know that boy over there.  
B. Those two rings on my little finger used to belong to my grandmother.  
C. Staff evaluation procedures are completed at least twice a year.  
D. We prepared the supper by ourself.
- 28) A. The dog bit himself on the tail.  
B. Learning a new skill is very satisfying.  
C. Swim is good exercise.  
D. Both Jill and Lydia are leaving town.
- 29) 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. What do you do on Saturday evening?  
D. I stay at home.
- 30) A. The exist many types of boats.  
B. The dam near our house burst their banks.  
C. I put the milk in the fridge.  
D. What time does the film begin this evening?
- 31) A. What would you like to receive like a birthday present?  
B. You can't make an appointment to see a lawyer, can't you?  
C. Will you clear the table after you've eaten, please?  
D. Whose book is this, is it yours?
- 32) A. Are you going to watch the late film on TV tonight?  
B. No, I think I'm going to have an early night.  
C. I hear Sarah has win some money.  
D. That will be of great help to her family.

- 33) A. Before you begin the actual test, make the following example.  
B. When you have finish, check your answer carefully against the completed version.  
C. The more people work the more they should earn.  
D. His job is very difficult; no wonder he wins a lot of money at the end of the month.
- 34) A. Fill each gap I the following passage with one words.  
B. The frequency of innondations during this period are alarming.  
C. The dams overflow and destroy villages.  
D. The Government has declared a state of emergency.
- 35) A. The new students have a bad mentality.  
B. This is provoking a lot of thinking in my spirit.  
C. I'm thinking at all the problems we have to face now.  
D. We are building a new house.
- 36) A. Rebecca has giving a very important assignment.  
B. My brother had just washed his car before it rained.  
C. Our car has been washed yesterday.  
D. I have no intention to drive to school today.
- 37) A. I suggest having an early dinner and going to the movies.  
B. We appreciated his give us a car.  
C. You can count on his being there.  
D. She is used to work long hours.
- 38) A. Please write clearly.  
B. Jack ran very fastly.  
C. The soldier fought very bravely.  
D. She is a competent driver.
- 39) A. I suggest we postpone this meeting for tomorrow.  
B. The girl whose laptop was stolen is here.  
C. I have no idea who's on the phone.  
D. I wonder who's book this is.
- 40) A. Why don't you concentrate yourself on your work instead of talking?  
B. I can easily adapt myself to new situations and people.  
C. They can never relax their minds when in an examination hall.  
D. I'm afraid my life has been a total failure; I haven't succeeded in anything.

- 41) A. I like making laundry.  
B. I hate ironing of shirts and trousers.  
C. He likes to wear casual clothes, such as a T-shirt and blue jeans.  
D. The day was warm enough for a picnic.
- 42) A. When was this school established.  
B. Such things cannot be tolerated.  
C. Wait until the tea colds down before you drink.  
D. I hate sport so I don't do any, although I know I should.
- 43) A. Alex has 20 years old but looks much older.  
B. Mary is oldest than Betty.  
C. Tom is as young as Peter.  
D. I am called John and I have 20 years old.
- 44) A. "How was the movie?" "It was absolutely great! I had a wonderful time!"  
B. How do I get to the restaurant?  
C. "How has your week bin?" "It's been great"  
D. Being the class prefect is an important role.
- 45) A. "Have you done your homework yet?" "No, not yet."  
B. "What are you doing?" "I'm watching TV."  
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.
- 46) A. A loudspeaker is an instrument transformed electrical energy into sound energy.  
B. After the job has been completed, we can leave for the rest of the week.  
C. The dog spend three days in the kennel.  
D. Always wear your sit belt when you enter a car.
- 47) A. A digital camera is a device produces digital images.  
B. My boss was curious about what we have been doing.  
C. Mary likes very much coffee.  
D. This is a public place, you must not smoke here!
- 48) A. Assignments writing by hand will not be accepted.  
B. I had no idea which exercises I was supposed to do.  
C. I think there is no school tomorrow.  
D. A huge mistake has been made in her calculations.

- 49) A. I'm afraid there is no one in the house. They must have left already.  
B. My latest business project has fallen through.  
C. I couldn't complete the project.  
D. I wouldn't go if I were you.
- 50) A. Betty enjoys to make parties with her friends.  
B. We need to higher a big truck to move all our stuff.  
C. I am very happy to have come to the end of this test.  
D. To success you must have courage.

## **PART TWO: READING COMPREHENSION**

### **Margaret's school-days:**

In her way, she lived and breathed politics from the very start. Her father, Alfred Roberts, was a shopkeeper and a local politician. Mr. Roberts, said the report her school sent to Oxford University in 1943, who is a local tradesman and a governor of this school, has a family of two girls for whom he has done his utmost in preparing them for careers. I have every confidence in recommending her as I feel quite sure her family will make every effort to ensure her future success. So this is not a rags-to-riches story but one which seems to have begun as it meant to go on.

Dreda Chomacki, who still lives where she was born, was brought up fifty yards away from the Roberts' corner shop, and has known her since primary school days. Was Margaret Roberts a serious person even then?

Chomacki: "Quite a serious girl, yes. Not so serious that she didn't play with other children, because I remember games like hide and seek, but I think she was more serious than most children of that age. At the secondary school, I always remember her bulging satchel; it would never close, and mine never seemed to have anything in it. But I wouldn't think she had a deprived childhood. I remember parties that I went to at the shop."

Margaret Wickstead, another contemporary, also recalls a serious girl.

Wickstead: "I think I can first remember her at a lecture we had, when she must have been in her fourth year. The well-known author and lecturer Bernard Newman came to talk about spies, and gave a very amusing lecture. At the end he asked for questions in the usual way and instead of a sixth-former standing up, this young, bright-eyed, fair-haired girl from the fourth year stood up and asked him a question. But the thing that rather annoyed her contemporaries was that she asked him these questions in almost parliamentary language: "Does the speaker think so and so...?" etc.

Looking back with the benefit of hindsight, Dreda Chomacki found little early evidence of Margaret Roberts' potential.

Chomacki: "Strangely enough, looking in old school magazines, rarely can I find any reference to Margaret. She obviously must have been quite prominent, but it's hard to find any records of her work, really. I've often looked back and thought, surely I would find Margaret's name, but not very often".

### **The life of Margaret Thatcher, University reader with adapted texts**

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- A. Margaret lived and breathed politics because she liked it.
- B. Margaret lived and breathed politics because her father was a local politician.
- C. Margaret had no choice politics surrounded her daily life because of her father's activities.
- D. Margaret had politics forced down her throat.

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- A. Alfred Roberts worked as hard as he could to help his daughter.
- B. Alfred Roberts was too busy in his shop and in local politics to be able to do much to help his daughter
- C. Alfred Roberts recommended her for university.
- D. Alfred Roberts brought her up to work as a shopkeeper.

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- A. Dreda Chomacki was brought up away from Margaret but knew her at school.
- B. Dreda Chomacki grew up in the same place as Margaret.
- C. Dreda Chomacki lives in the exact place where Margaret was born.
- D. Dreda Chomacki moved to a house only fifty yards away from Margaret's.

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- A. Margaret was a serious girl at school because she didn't play with other children.
- B. Margaret was a serious girl at school because she was determined to become rich.
- C. Margaret was a serious girl at school because she always took so many things to school with her.
- D. Margaret was a serious girl at school because she had an exceptional memory for facts.

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- A. Wickstead remembers her when she was four years old.
- B. Wickstead remembers her lecture in the fourth year
- C. Wickstead remembers her when she was in her fourth year class.
- D. Wickstead does not remember her at all.

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- A. Bernard Newman was invited to Margaret's school because he had been a spy and had written a book about them.
- B. Bernard Newman was invited to Margaret's school because he helped the pupils with their reading in a very amusing way.
- C. Bernard Newman was invited to Margaret's school because he tested the pupils on their reading and writing.
- D. Bernard Newman was invited to Margaret's school because he had written books and was a celebrity guest speaker.

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- A. Margaret's childhood life was deprived because Chomacki went to parties at the shop without her.
- B. Margaret's childhood was not deprived because parties were sometimes organized in her father's shop.
- C. Margaret's life was not all about books, she went to parties too.

D. Margaret loved partying with Chomacki in their shop.

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- A. The other girls at school were annoyed because Margaret spoke herself instead of letting an older girl speak.
- B. The other girls at school were annoyed because Margaret did not speak how the other girls would have spoken.
- C. The other girls at school were annoyed because Margaret didn't seem to appreciate how amusing the lecture was.
- D. The other girls at school were annoyed because Margaret was discourteous towards the lecturer.

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- A. Chomacki strangely enough, refers Margaret to old school magazines
- B. Chomacki is surprised that little mention is made of Margaret
- C. Chomacki thinks it is strange that Margaret in all her prominence is rarely mentioned.
- D. Chomacki says that Margaret is prominent and popular in old school magazines.

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- A. Dreda Chomacki and Margaret Wickstead are contemporaries of Margaret Roberts.
- B. Only Dreda Chomacki is a contemporary of Margaret Roberts.
- C. Margaret Roberts has no contemporaries.
- D. Margaret Wickstead is not another contemporary of Margaret Roberts

**The following is an extract from *Private Peaceful* (2003) by Michael Morpurgo.**

I am writing to Mother – I haven't written for a while and am feeling guilty about it. My pencil keeps breaking and I am sharpening it again. Everyone else is lying asleep in the sun or is sitting about smoking and chatting. Nipper Martin is cleaning his rifle again. He's always very particular about that.

“Gas! Gas!”

The cry goes up and is echoed all along the trench. For a moment we are frozen with panic. We have trained for this time and again, but nonetheless we fumble clumsily, feverishly with our gas masks.

“Fix bayonets!” Hanley's yelling while we're still trying frantically to pull on our gas masks. We grab our rifles and fix bayonets. We're on the firestep looking out into no-man's-land, and we see it rolling towards us, this dreaded killer cloud we have heard so much about but have never seen it for ourselves until now. Its deadly tendrils are searching ahead, feeling their way forward in long yellow wisps, scenting me, searching for me. Then finding me out, the gas turns and drifts straight for me. I'm shouting inside my gas mask. “Christ! Christ!” Still the gas comes on, wafting over our wire, through our wire, swallowing everything in its path. I hear again in my head the instructor's voice, see him shouting at me through his mask when we went out on our last exercise. “You're panicking in there, Peaceful. A gas mask is like God, son. It'll work

miracles for you, but you've got to believe in it.” But I don't believe in it! I don't believe in miracles. The gas is only feet away now. In a moment it will be on me, around me, in me. I crouch down hiding my face between my knees, hands over my helmet, praying it will float over my head, over the top of

the trench and seek out someone else. But it does not. It's all around me. I tell myself I will not breathe, I must not breathe. Through a yellow mist I see the trench filling up with it. It drifts into the dugouts, snaking into every nook and cranny, looking for me. It wants to seek us all out, to kill us all, every one of us. Still I do not breathe. I see men running, staggering, falling. I hear Pete shouting out for me. Then he's grabbing me and we run. I have to breathe now. I can't run without breathing. Half blinded by my mask I trip and fall, crashing my head against the trench wall, knocking myself half-senseless. My gas mask has come off. I pull it down, but I have breathed in and know already it's too late. My eyes are stinging. My lungs are burning. I am coughing, retching, choking. I don't care where I'm running so long as it is away from the gas.

At last I'm in the reserve trench and it is clear of gas. I'm out of it. I wrench off my mask, gasping for good air. Then I am on my hands and knees vomiting violently. When at last the worst is over I look up through blurred and weeping eyes. A Hun in a gas mask is standing over me, his rifle aimed at my head. I have no rifle. It is the end. I brace myself, but he does not fire. He lowers his rifle slowly. "Go boy," he says, waving me away with his rifle. "Go. Tommy, go."

**Unfamiliar words from the extract:**

**Firestep** – a narrow ledge that allowed the soldiers to see over the trench.

**Fritz/Hun** – British name for the German soldiers.

**Tommy** – German name for the British soldiers.

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- A. "Gas! Gas!" the cry echoed across the trench to put the soldiers on the alert.
- B. "Gas! Gas!" the soldier wrote in the letter to her mother.
- C. "Gas! Gas!", sang the officer in the trench.
- D. "Gas! Gas!" was all the soldier could say.

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- A. The soldiers fumble clumsily out of excitement
- B. The soldiers fumble clumsily in panic
- C. The soldiers fumble clumsily because the gas masks were too small.
- D. The soldiers fumble clumsily because nonetheless they have trained.

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- A. Hanley is yelling at fix bayonet.
- B. Hanley yells that they attach the bayonets to the rifles
- C. Hanley yells that the bayonet stays fix
- D. Hanley yells that the bayonets need to be repaired.

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- A. The dreaded killer cloud refers to a monster
- B. The dreaded killer cloud wrestled with the soldiers
- C. The dreaded killer cloud has large scenting nostrils and large swallowing mouth
- D. The dreaded killer cloud refers to the poisonous gas.

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- A. The soldier did not like his mask half-blinding him so he went on a trip
  - B. The soldiers mask half-blinded him and so he could not see very well and fell.
  - C. The soldier ran and left his half-blind mask behind.
  - D. The soldier's half-blinded mask tripped.
- 66
- A. The soldier's mask falls off, he breathes in some fresh air and is scared.
  - B. The soldier took off his mask to breathe and be calm.
  - C. The soldier's mask falls off, he breathes in some of the poisonous gas and is scared.
  - D. The air was fresh and clean.
- 67
- A. The reserve trench has clear gas
  - B. The reserve trench has good fresh air
  - C. The reserve trench has reserve gas
  - D. The reserve trench is free from the poisonous gas
- 68
- A. In the reserve trench the soldier is at last safe with his friend the Hun.
  - B. In the reserve trench the soldier is surprised by the enemy.
  - C. In the reserve trench the enemy points his rifle and shoots the soldier
  - D. The Hun was still wearing his gas mask.
- 69
- A. The Hun says "Tommy let's go".
  - B. The Hun asks him to run away.
  - C. The Hun spares his life.
  - D. The Hun is a compassionate soldier.
- 70
- A. Tommy is the name of the soldier
  - B. Tommy is the name German soldiers called British soldiers.
  - C. The soldier's name is Tommy Boy
  - D. The Hun is called Tommy.