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MOCK COMPETITIVE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

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ALL SERIES

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
TWO HOURS

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 4 parties:

1ère partie: Grammaire. Cette section escompte apprécier chez le candidat sa capacité à comprendre la langue écrite pouvant porter autant sur le sens explicite qu'implicite des constructions.

2ème partie: Vocabulaire. Cette section évalue la richesse du lexique et du vocabulaire du candidat; elle peut aussi vouloir tester la maîtrise des champs lexicaux selon des concepts exposés ou non.

3ème: Compréhension. Dans cette partie, le candidat démontrera son aisance à comprendre un texte en anglais et à pouvoir en extraire le sens général. Il s'agira aussi de remettre la substance d'un texte proposé.

4ème: Essay et résumé. Il s'agit dans cette section de trois sujets au choix dont le candidat est appelé à faire un développement. Il sera question par la suite de proposer un résumé de l'extrait soumis à son étude. En filigrane, cette partie voudrait évaluer la qualité de production d'écrit du candidat, son niveau d'argumentation, ainsi que la structuration de ses idées.



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SECTION A: GRAMMAR (05 marks)

I. Complete the gaps in these sentences with *this, that, these or those*. (2.5 marks)

1. I don't seem to get much time to myself days.
2. Why don't you wear dress you wore to Petra's party? It looked great.
3. You are not going to school inshoes – they're much too high.
4. I can't really see the Toshiba rep on the 20th – I've got two meetings alreadymorning.
5. Aren't your parents arriving Friday? We'd better go to the supermarket tonight.

II. Cross out the option which is not possible in each of the sentences below. (2.5 marks)

1. I have seen that film *three times / a long time / before*.
2. Congratulations! We've *just / never / already* heard the good news!
3. Have you been using a computer a lot *lately / in the last few weeks / last week*?
4. Ateba and Ngono have known each other *for ages / since they were little / recently*.
5. This isn't good enough Darren – that's the third mistake you've made *for a week / so far this week / since the beginning of the week!*

SECTION B: VOCABULARY (5 marks)

I. Which phrase with "way" best completes each sentence? (2.5 marks)

1. Do you find that, when they get lost, men are much more reluctant to *ask the way/ find their way/ know the way* than women?
2. Many parents say that you shouldn't let children *go out of their way/ have their own way/ get in the way*/ all the time, or they will grow up spoiled and selfish.
3. I just called the taxi firm, and they say that the cab is *in the way/ on its way/ under way*.
4. 'Can I get past, please?' 'Oh, I'm sorry. Are my bags *in the way/ from the way/ under the way*?
5. They started work on the bridge in April and they still haven't done much. *By the way/ No way* will it be finished by the end of the year?



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I. **Which of the following statements reflect the author's views? There are four correct answers (4 marks)**

- a) Beijing has the same attraction today it has always had for the people of China.
- b) These days, people in Beijing have the same aspirations as people anywhere else.
- c) It's hard to keep up with the pace of change in modern Beijing.
- d) Beijing has been completely ruined by modernization.
- e) Life in Beijing is more comfortable materially than it was in the 1980s.
- f) Beijing is an amazing place that all visitors will love.

II. **Identify and write down words and phrases in the text which show that the following sentences are true. (6 marks)**

- a) Lots of people come to Beijing from the countryside to pursue their dreams.
- b) The capital is extremely attractive to these people.
- c) The differences between old and young people's attitudes are very obvious in Beijing.
- d) Old people are very enthusiastic about the Communist past.
- e) Many young people have no respect for Communist ideals.
- f) The builders are in a great hurry.
- g) Many new buildings are luxurious.
- h) Traditional homes have been replaced by big blocks of apartments.
- i) In the 1980s no-one expected to have such things as a TV set or a washing machine.
- j) A lot of people now have these things.
- k) People usually wear western clothes now.
- l) Near Beijing there are some extremely impressive things to see.



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SECTION D: WRITING (20 marks)

I. SUMMARY WRITING (10 marks)

Write a summary of the article you have just read above in not more than 100 words.

II. ESSAY WRITING (10 marks)

Write an essay of about 300 words on **ONE** of the following topics.

1. What are your favourite free-time activities and why do you like them?
2. What are the changes that have recently taken place in your city? How have they changed the lifestyle of the people?
3. What is the greatest risk you have ever taken? What lessons did you learn from it?

