

C O N C O U R S A T S
-SESSION 2014-

É P R E U V E D ' A N G L A I S

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Pas de réponse : 0

DURÉE DE L'ÉPREUVE : 2H

I. Grammar and Vocabulary

Find the best answer for each question.

- 1) **Have you already _____ engineers?**
 a) met b) meeting c) meet d) meted

- 2) **Tomorrow I have to wake up at _____.**
 a) half to six c) six past half
 b) half d) half past six

- 3) **Women are said to be able to do several tasks _____.**
 a) in the same time c) among the same time
 b) by the same time d) at the same time

- 4) **He _____ reading a lot when he turned 8.**
 a) began b) became c) begins d) begun

- 5) **“Stay _____, your mother and I will come and get you.”**
 a) here b) over here c) there d) by here

- 6) **When I was ten years old I _____ still so childish!**
 a) were b) was c) feel d) did

- 7) **_____ loves being on holiday.**
 a) All the people b) Everybody c) All people d) All

- 8) **Do you enjoy _____?**
 a) ski b) skis c) skyng d) skiing

- 9) **I couldn’t hear very well. What _____?**
 a) did you say c) said you
 b) you said d) did you

- 10) **Last weekend we ate out and _____ we went to the cinema.**
 a) after b) then c) after which d) by

- 11) **I didn’t receive _____ money at my birthday.**
 a) many b) a few c) much d) a lot

- 12) **We have lots of fun when we _____.**
 a) go at a party b) do the feast c) celebrating d) party

- 13) "It all depends _____ you! I'm telling you."
 a) among b) on c) up d) of
- 14) I feel as _____ as can be for this exam.
 a) preparative b) prepared c) preparatively d) prepare
- 15) "He _____ live in the suburbs I guess."
 a) don't b) do not c) doesn't d) do
- 16) John: "Where is my pen?" Brian: "Go and _____ it yourself!"
 a) search b) search for c) look d) look up
- 17) I _____ karate for four years now.
 a) have been practicing b) have been practiced c) practiced d) had practiced
- 18) Most of the time you need flour _____ make a cake.
 a) for b) in order c) so as d) to
- 19) That's _____ of him.
 a) typical b) classical c) classics d) ordinary
- 20) "You _____ read this book. It's worth it!"
 a) must to b) may c) may to d) must
- 21) We should always work for _____.
 a) the best b) the better c) best d) better
- 22) I would like to go to _____.
 a) German b) Deutschland c) Germany d) Dutch
- 23) My friends and I go camping _____.
 a) each years b) every years c) every year d) all years
- 24) "I've already said it twice. Sorry but I _____!"
 a) 'm not repeating b) don't repeat c) may to repeat d) can repeat
- 25) How _____ did you stay in London?
 a) much times b) many time c) long d) much
- 26) "_____ I left Spain three years ago I've been living here."
 a) For b) Since c) There are d) There is
- 27) He will tell you something _____?
 a) as soon as you are finished c) as soon as you will be finished
 b) as soon as you have finish d) as soon as you were finished
- 28) My girlfriend doesn't _____ travel.
 a) want I b) wants me to c) want me to d) want I to
- 29) "I went abroad last summer." "_____"
 a) so did I b) I did c) I did so d) I so did

- 30) I am so tired that I will just sleep _____ Saturday night.
 a) at b) to c) on d) the
- 31) All misogynists hate _____.
 a) womans b) womens c) woman d) women
- 32) Are these lands _____?
 a) inhabited b) habited c) dishabited d) unhabited
- 33) "I'm trying to swim _____!"
 a) as well as possible b) such as can c) like I could d) like I can
- 34) This school is so _____.
 a) interessant b) interesting c) interestingly d) interested
- 35) He lives _____ the school.
 a) far away from b) far c) away d) far of
- 36) It was too _____ I hadn't called her.
 a) long time b) a long time c) long a time d) late
- 37) "Did you forget your sunglasses?" "I hope _____"
 a) no b) never c) I do not d) not
- 38) Abroad you always have to _____ different ways.
 a) adapt for b) adapt to c) adapt with d) adapt
- 39) What _____ do you work for?
 a) ferm b) company c) society d) companie
- 40) There are things which should be _____ quickly.
 a) doing b) did c) done d) do
- 41) I am used to _____ tea for breakfast.
 a) have b) drink c) having d) had
- 42) "Why _____ this topic for yesterday's report?" "I _____ it by chance."
 a) did you choose / chose c) did you chose/ choose
 b) have you chose /choose d) have you choosen/ have choosen
- 43) Can you do this _____?
 a) as fast as possible b) quickness c) so fast d) too fast
- 44) My strongest point _____ English.
 a) it's b) it is c) is d) means
- 45) I'd like to carry out my _____ abroad.
 a) stage b) training period c) intern d) trainee
- 46) The offer is not the same _____ expected.
 a) as b) that c) than d) of

- 47) I didn't like it as soon as _____.
- a) the very beginning b) I can c) the end d) he start
- 48) You can call me _____.
- a) at all times b) always c) no time d) when
- 49) What are you _____?
- a) interesting by c) interesting in
b) interested by d) interested in
- 50) I don't know _____ about electronics.
- a) anything b) nothing c) something d) a few
- 51) I am so _____ to join this engineering school.
- a) motivating b) motivation c) motivated d) motivate
- 52) There are _____ candidates every year.
- a) very b) lots c) a lot d) many
- 53) We all want you _____ become good engineers.
- a) ø b) to c) for d) that
- 54) I am _____ very serious.
- a) a person b) a c) person d) ø
- 55) "_____ makes you think you're the best?"
- a) When b) How c) What d) Why
- 56) Each country is doing _____ own policies.
- a) its b) it c) his d) their
- 57) _____ love drinking beer.
- a) the Irish b) irish people c) Ireland d) Irish
- 58) Do you really think that countries make war for _____ reasons?
- a) economical b) economic c) economy d) finance
- 59) Desperate Housewives is the first TV _____ I've enjoyed watching.
- a) serie b) series c) sery d) broadcast
- 60) "_____ my flat-mate told me, one can never be too careful."
- a) because b) like c) as d) since
- 61) Something strange _____ two days ago.
- a) happened b) taken place c) has occurred d) arrived
- 62) "I am here to _____ you in your decisions."
- a) council b) preconise c) advice d) advise
- 63) "Are you going back home or to your _____?"
- a) mothers place b) mother's c) mather d) mother

64) "I _____ reading this article."

- a) haven't finished
- b) don't finish
- c) haven't finish
- d) 'm not finished

65) Yesterday I _____ home.

- a) went to work at
- b) worked on my home
- c) worked from
- d) works

66) With practice, everything gets _____.

- a) more easy
- b) eazy
- c) easiest
- d) easier

67) "Why don't you _____ me questions about this?"

- a) pose
- b) answer
- c) ask
- d) raise

68) "Do you prefer swimming _____ running?"

- a) from
- b) to
- c) than
- d) at

69) It's a pity we _____ fly!

- a) not
- b) can't
- c) might
- d) may

70) If I _____ believe in it, I wouldn't do it.

- a) didn't
- b) don't
- c) hadn't
- d) won't

71) Have you got _____ coffee left?

- a) a few
- b) few
- c) any
- d) many

72) I've got _____ brothers and sisters.

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

73) My favorite duty at home is to _____ the table.

- a) lay
- b) put
- c) set
- d) do

74) I don't like planning things. I prefer to live _____.

- a) day by day
- b) day in day out
- c) day after day
- d) one day at a time

75) I know you are _____ the summer holidays.

- a) attending for
- b) waiting for
- c) attending
- d) waiting

76) Does this jacket _____ you?

- a) belong
- b) happen to
- c) belong to
- d) happen

77) I must take some time to think _____.

- a) on it
- b) it about
- c) to it
- d) it over

78) _____ was very generous.

- a) Daddy Christmas
- b) Santa Claus
- c) Father Christmas
- d) Xmas dad

79) _____ is he? He's 1.90 meters tall.

- a) How tall
- b) What size
- c) How big
- d) How high

- 80) That meat _____ more than half a pound!
 a) weights b) weighs c) heavy d) height
- 81) Did you go _____ the cinema last week-end?
 a) to b) at c) in d) out
- 82) I decided _____ any resolutions this year.
 a) to not take b) I not take c) not to take d) not take
- 83) I would like to stop _____.
 a) smoke b) smoking c) me smoke d) my smoke
- 84) While she _____ on the ground, she realized everybody was watching her.
 a) laid b) lied c) was laying d) was lying
- 85) The students _____ the classroom as soon as they could.
 a) leave b) were leaving c) leaved d) left
- 86) "This car is new, isn't it? Is it _____?"
 a) yours b) your c) you d) yourself
- 87) The most important problem today is the treatment of _____ found guilty of crime.
 a) who are b) these who are c) the ones d) those
- 88) _____ they did it by design or accident is of little importance.
 a) Or b) Whether c) That d) Either
- 89) The tank was almost empty so they were anxious _____ a petrol station.
 a) about to find b) of finding c) for finding d) to find
- 90) When a teenager you should have _____ room.
 a) an own b) your alone c) an alone d) your own
- 91) The walls are damp because the drain pipe is _____.
 a) leaking b) flowing c) fleeing d) dropping
- 92) I wondered _____ longer I would have to wait for a cab.
 a) how b) whether c) how much d) for how
- 93) Paul had no objection _____ to talk to the inn-keeper.
 a) his going in b) to go in c) going in d) to going in
- 94) _____ I was offered loads of presents.
 a) For my Christmas c) At Christmas
 b) In my Christmas d) For Christmas
- 95) My CD player is out of order, should I _____?
 a) make it repaired b) have it repaired c) let it repair d) get it repair
- 96) She denied _____ that remark.
 a) making b) to have made c) he has made d) to make

97) She _____ German for 5 years, and then, in 2010, she _____ Russian.

- a) studies/has started c) studied/ has started
b) has been studying/ started d) studied/ started

98) Society should be constituted in such a manner _____ the general welfare.

- a) as securing b) as to secure c) to securing d) in secure

99) Too many firms have not complied _____ the new regulations.

- a) to b) with c) at d) in

100) Unexpected people have turned up, we need _____ two rooms.

- a) yet b) more c) still d) another

II. Reading Comprehension

Read the following texts carefully and choose the answer that best corresponds to the text.

Text 1

In the 1920s astronomers realized that the universe was running away ___ 101 ___ them. The farther off a galaxy was, the ___ 102 ___ it retreated. Logically, this implied everything ___ 103 ___ once been in one place. That discovery, ___ 104 ___ led to the Big Bang theory, was the start of modern cosmology.

In 1998, however, a new generation of astronomers discovered that not only is the universe expanding, it ___ 105 ___ so at an ever faster clip. No one ___ 106 ___ what is causing this accelerating expansion, but whatever it is has been ___ 107 ___ a name. It is known ___ 108 ___ dark energy, and ___ 109 ___ its nature is mysterious, its effect is such that its quantity can be calculated. As far as can be determined, it makes up two-thirds of the mass (and ___ 110 ___, E being equal to mc^2 , two-thirds of the energy) in the universe. It is thus, literally, a big deal. If you do not understand dark energy, you cannot truly understand reality.

the Economist, Aug 24th 2013

101) a) from b) at c) for d) to

102) a) farthest b) farther c) further d) furthest

103) a) was b) has c) had d) would

104) a) who b) which c) that d) \emptyset

105) a) does b) doing c) is doing d) is done

- 106) a) know b) knows c) is knowing d) knew
- 107) a) give b) giving c) gave d) given
- 108) a) such b) like c) such as d) as
- 109) a) even though b) as c) despite d) in spite of
- 110) a) consequent b) that c) so on d) therefore

Text 2

“THIS season there is something at the seaside worse than sharks,” declared a newspaper in 1890. “It is the amateur photographer.” The invention of the handheld camera appalled 19th-century society, as did the “Kodak fiends” who patrolled beaches snapping sunbathers. More than a century later, amateur photography is once more a troubling issue. Citizens of rich countries have got used to being watched by closed-circuit cameras that guard roads and cities. But as cameras shrink and the cost of storing data plummets, it is individuals who are taking the pictures.

Some 10,000 people are already testing a prototype of Google Glass, a miniature computer worn like spectacles. It aims to replicate all the functions of a smartphone in a device perched on a person’s nose. Its flexible frame holds both a camera and a tiny screen, and makes it easy for users to take photos, send messages and search for things online. Glass may fail, but a wider revolution is under way. In Russia, where insurance fraud is rife, at least 1m cars already have cameras on their dashboards that film the road ahead. Police forces in America are starting to issue officers with video cameras, pinned to their uniforms, which record their interactions with the public. Collar-cams help anxious cat-lovers keep tabs on their wandering pets. Paparazzi have started to use drones to photograph celebrities in their gardens or on yachts. Hobbyists are even devising clever ways to get cameras into space.

Ubiquitous recording can already do a lot of good. (...) Not everybody will be thrilled by these prospects. A perfect digital memory would probably be a pain, preserving unhappy events as well as cherished ones. Suspicious spouses and employers might feel entitled to review it. (...)

Nov. 16th 2013

111) What is the sentence that best summarizes the text?

- a) beaches were dangerous in 1890 c) Google Glass is a good invention
- b) cameras are everywhere d) cameras can also have drawbacks

112) What is the danger revealed by the text?

- a) smartphones b) Google Glass c) amateur photography d) Sharks

113) What effect did the invention of the handheld camera have?

- a) companies welcomed it happily c) Kodak made a lot of money
b) society feared it d) sunbathers were attacked by sharks

114) Why are individuals taking the pictures?

- a) amateur photography is a solution c) the number of cameras have fallen
b) the number of cameras has risen d) storing data costs more

115) What is not mentioned about the prototype of Google Glass?

- a) it is going to be a success c) you wear it on your nose
b) it is a computer d) the frame cannot be easily broken

116) What happens in Russia?

- a) a lot of people cheat their insurance c) cars are 1 meter large
b) few people cheat their insurance d) cameras are outside cars

117) What happens in America to police officers?

- a) they have problems with cameras c) they use cameras to attack the public
b) they use cameras to protect themselves d) they use cameras to witness their work

118) Who are not mentioned as positive users of cameras?

- a) Paparazzis b) employers c) hobbyists d) cat-lovers

119) What is the conclusion of the text about cameras?

- a) it is a good thing for society c) it can be a nuisance for some
b) it might be a good thing for society d) it can be harmful for some

Text 3

One of the UK's biggest power distributors is to almost triple its compensation for those affected by long-term power cuts as a result of the Christmas storms.

UK Power Networks, which owns electricity lines and cables in London, the south-east and east of England, said that when high winds struck on Thursday night, power was initially interrupted to more than 300,000 of its 8 million customers. The company said on Saturday that 663 customers in Kent, 97 in Surrey and 326 in Sussex were still without power.

Electricity North West said 1,600 customers were still without power in Cumbria on Saturday after engineers restored power to more than 20,000 properties across the region.

The director of customer services for UK Power Networks, Matt Rudling, said: "This is such a difficult time of year for people to be without power and so many families have also been flooded out of their homes. (...) A spokesman added: "As a gesture of goodwill UK Power Networks has decided to boost the industry standard payment from £27 to £75 for customers who are without power for 48-60 hours including Christmas Day, and additional payments will be made to any customers off supply for longer up to a maximum of £432." The offer came as scores of flood warnings remained in place across the UK, with more showers this weekend likely to further delay clean-up operations.

Forecasters said the mild wet and blustery weather would be a respite from the two major storms endured over Christmas, which left thousands of homes flooded and many without power for days. (...) The authorities' efforts to deal with the chaos caused by the first storm on Monday were hampered by the arrival of a second storm on Boxing Day night, bringing with it gales of more than 100mph. (...)

The Energy Networks Association (ENA) said on Friday that 13,000 homes were still without power across the south of England and Wales. About 5,000 customers in Northern Ireland were without electricity, while around 35,000 homes across Ireland had no power on Friday night

theguardian.com, Saturday 28 December 2013

120) How many UK Power Networks customers were without any electricity on Saturday?

- a) more than 300,000 b) 1,086 c) 13,000 d) 1,600

Text 4

SMOKING tobacco sends perhaps half of its long-term addicts to an early grave, and inflicts chronic diseases on many of the rest. The filthy habit is on the wane in rich countries, though it is still worryingly popular with many of the young. Electronic cigarettes look like a promising substitute: power from a small battery vaporises a solution containing purified nicotine, delivering the hit that smokers crave without the toxins in tobacco smoke. So you might imagine that the increasing demand for e-cigarettes would be welcomed, and encouraged.

Not at the European Parliament. On October 8th it is due to vote on a new tobacco-control directive. Its intent is to cut smoking and keep children from taking it up. But one of its main provisions would have the opposite effect. It would treat e-cigarettes like medicines, which includes requiring their makers to seek approval from the agencies that regulate pharmaceuticals when they bring a new product to market. This would greatly reduce the range of products available and increase their price. Even the European Commission, which first proposed the approach, admits that this is likely to slow the uptake of e-cigarettes. A vote for more curbs in Europe will also surely send a signal to America's Food and Drug Administration, which is contemplating its own regulations.(...)

So far it seems that most regular "vapers" of e-cigarettes are smokers or ex-smokers. But over time the prospect of a relatively harm-free nicotine kick could draw in many new users. This risk, and the lack of long-term research on the residual risks of nicotine, argue for restricting the sales of e-cigarettes to children. But as far as adults are concerned, they should be subject to less regulation than alcohol (which is far more harmful) and perhaps to no more than caffeine, another addictive and mildly poisonous substance whose widespread use governments see no need to curb. The risk of getting more people addicted to something relatively harmless is well worth taking, given the opportunity for curbing dramatically the world's single-most-harmful voluntary activity. Politicians should stand back and let a thousand e-cig brands bloom.

Sept. 28th 2013 , the Economist

130) What does smoking tobacco do?

- | | |
|---|---|
| a) half of the long-term smokers will die | c) half of the long-term smokers will die earlier |
| b) it causes serious diseases to a few | d) it causes serious diseases to too many smokers |

131) What is not mentioned by the text?

- a) e-cigarettes are healthier than tobacco
- b) e-cigarettes should not be restricted to children
- c) Politicians are too cautious
- d) the regulation is too strict

132) Who is most likely to “smoke” e-cigarettes?

- a) poor people in rich countries
- b) youngsters in rich countries
- c) sick people in rich countries
- d) ex-smokers

133) What is closest in meaning to “though” in “,though it is still worryingly popular”?

- a) also
- b) although
- c) therefore
- d) unless

134) What is common sense about the higher demand for e-cigarettes according to the text?

- a) it should be encouraged
- b) it should be controlled
- c) it should be stopped
- d) it should be slowed down

135) What won’t be the consequence of the European Parliament’s vote?

- a) the cigarettes will cost more
- b) the success of e-cigarettes will be slower
- c) it will reduce smoking
- d) smokers will have less choice

136) What kind of signal will this vote send to America’s Food and Drug Administration?

- a) e-cigarettes are potentially dangerous
- b) e-cigarettes are like medicines
- c) e-cigarettes will cut smoking
- d) e-cigarettes are harmless

137) According to the text, which other substance is not considered as worth curbing as tobacco?

- a) alcohol
- b) caffeine
- c) nicotine
- d) medicines

138) What is closest in meaning to “mildly poisonous”?

- a) very harmful
- b) a little harmful
- c) widely harmful
- d) harmless

139) What is the disadvantage of e-cigarettes as opposed to tobacco?

- a) many more people will consume them
- b) they will give less money to the government
- c) they are relatively harmless
- d) they will be bought in a pharmacy

140) What is closest in meaning to “the lack of long-term research”?

- a) there is some long-term research
- b) there is no long-term research
- c) there is a little long-term research
- d) there is much long-term research