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ÉPREUVE D'ANGLAIS

**Durée : 2 Heures
Coefficient : 1**

Cette épreuve comporte :

- 1 page de garde (recto),
- 1 page de consignes (recto),
- 8 pages de texte (recto-verso).

Numérotée de 1 à 10

**TOUT DISPOSITIF ÉLECTRONIQUE EST INTERDIT
(EN PARTICULIER L'USAGE DE LA CALCULATRICE)**

ÉPREUVE OBLIGATOIRE D'ANGLAIS

A LIRE TRÈS ATTENTIVEMENT

L'épreuve obligatoire d'Anglais de ce concours est un questionnaire à choix multiple qui sera corrigé informatiquement.

- 1) Pour remplir ce QCM, vous devez utiliser un stylo à bille ou feutre à encre foncée : bleue ou noire. Vous devez **cocher** lisiblement la case en vue de la lecture informatisée de votre QCM.
- 2) Votre QCM ne doit pas être souillé, froissé, plié, écorné ou porter des inscriptions superflues, sous peine d'être rejeté informatiquement et de ne pas être corrigé.
- 3) Si vous voulez **modifier** votre réponse, n'utilisez pas de correcteur mais indiquez la nouvelle réponse sur la 2^{ème} ligne.
- 4) Si vous voulez **annuler** votre réponse, vous devez cocher la case « Ann ». Dans ce cas-là, **aucune** réponse ne sera prise en compte.
- 5) Le sujet comporte 80 questions. Vous devez donc porter vos réponses sur les lignes numérotées de 1 à 80. Veillez à bien porter vos réponses sur la ligne correspondant au numéro de la question.
- 6) Dans cette épreuve, chaque question ne comporte qu'une seule bonne réponse ; ne cochez donc jamais 2 cases, il vous serait attribué automatiquement zéro pour cette question.

Les extraits ci-dessous abordent des thèmes divers tirés de l'actualité. Pour chaque phrase numérotée, vous devez choisir le mot ou l'expression correcte et noircir la case correspondante sur la feuille de réponses.

How the wreck of the Costa Concordia changed an Italian island

Few of the residents of the fishermen's village on the Tuscan island of Giglio will (1) _____ forget the freezing night of Jan. 13, 2012, when the Costa Concordia shipwrecked, killing 32 people and (2) _____ life on the island for years.

The hospitality of the tight-knit community of islanders kicked in, at first to give basic (3) _____ to the 4,229 passengers and crew members who had to be (4) _____ from a tilting vessel as high as a skyscraper. In no time, Giglio residents hosted thousands of journalists, law enforcement officers and rescue experts who descended on the port. Later, salvage teams (5) _____ camp in the picturesque harbor to work on safely removing the ship, an operation that took more than two years to complete.

The people of Giglio felt like a family for those who spent long days there, waiting to (6) _____ word of their loved ones whose bodies remained (7) _____ on the ship. On Thursday, 10 years to the day of the tragedy, the victims' families, some passengers and Italian authorities (8) _____ a remembrance Mass, and at 9:45 p.m., the time when the ship ran aground, a candlelit procession illuminated the port's quay.

What (9) _____ now for many is how the wreck forever changed the lives of some of those whose paths crossed as a result. Friendships were made, business relations took shape and new families were even formed.

"So many nationalities – the world was at our door abruptly, one islander said, (10) _____ that night. "And we naturally opened it."

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| 1 | a) ever | b) never | c) even | d) simply | e) completely |
| 2 | a) flipping | b) upending | c) overturning | d) upturning | e) inverting |
| 3 | a) cooperation | b) benefits | c) service | d) assistance | e) compensation |
| 4 | a) expelled | b) evacuated | c) vacated | d) discharged | e) displaced |
| 5 | a) erected | b) founded | c) opened | d) put up | e) set up |
| 6 | a) receive | b) pick up | c) take in | d) gain | e) acquire |
| 7 | a) trapped | b) captured | c) cornered | d) seized | e) secured |
| 8 | a) frequented | b) appeared | c) attended | d) visited | e) showed up |
| 9 | a) arrives | b) stands out | c) develops | d) dawns | e) turns up |
| 10 | a) thinking | b) going back | c) looking back | d) reminding | e) remembering |

England's north-south divide is deepening

England's north-south divide continues to deepen despite two years of "levelling-up" rhetoric from the government, according to a (11) _____ new report to be published tomorrow.

(12) _____ *State of the North 2021*, the report compares levels of public investment in London and the south-east with that in the north. Its authors estimate that, in the five years to 2019/20, London received the equivalent of £12,147 per person, while in the north the (13) _____ was only £8,125.

Treasury data indicated that if investment in the north had matched that in London over the five years from 2014/15, it (14) _____ meant an extra £61bn of spending in areas such as transport, infrastructure and skills. The south-east, the report states, is home to one-third of the UK population but now (15) _____ for 45% of its economy and 42% of its wealth.

The (16) _____ disparities will fuel concerns among Conservative MPs that the government's flagship policy is underfunded, and do not fulfil Boris Johnson's promise to (17) _____ the economy. The chancellor, Rishi Sunak, has effectively (18) _____ the main levelling-up fund at £4.8bn for this parliament. Critics say this is a drop in the ocean after decades of underinvestment and 10 years of austerity (19) _____.

As well as (20) _____ the scale of the funding gap between the north and south-east, the report also points to Germany, where successive governments have spent an average of €70bn a year reducing regional divides since reunification in 1990.

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| 11 | a) memorial | b) landmark | c) benchmark | d) milestone | e) monumental |
| 12 | a) Tagged | b) Baptized | c) Entitled | d) Designated | e) Subtitled |
| 13 | a) figure | b) cost | c) price | d) sum | e) rate |
| 14 | a) has | b) can have | c) may have | d) should have | e) would have |
| 15 | a) represents | b) speaks | c) accounts | d) shows | e) performs |
| 16 | a) blunt | b) stark | c) abrupt | d) downright | e) sheer |
| 17 | a) rebalance | b) equate | c) neutralize | d) match | e) cancel |
| 18 | a) crowned | b) covered | c) canned | d) wrapped up | e) capped |
| 19 | a) cuts | b) snips | c) carving | d) slashes | e) dissecting |
| 20 | a) starring | b) showing off | c) calling | d) highlighting | e) recommending |

Barcelona has the room for big boats

(21) _____ less than a year ago, the 460-foot-long, eight-deck Solaris is one of the newest of the superyachts that are the floating palaces of the sea. It has a helipad, of course, plus a swimming pool and all the other high-tech amenities (22) _____ by its Russian billionaire owner.

But on a recent morning in Barcelona, the \$600 million Solaris was out of the water, wedged into a dry dock, as workers (23) _____ underneath its light-gray hull. They were fixing its finlike stabilizers, which help steady the massive vessel in (24) _____ seas but retract when there are no swells.

As the rich have gotten richer during the pandemic, their boats have gotten larger and more expensive — and when these superyachts aren't taking their owners to private holiday spots in the Caribbean, they need a place to (25) _____ anchor and deal with repairs. And it is here that Barcelona, (26) _____ days as a commercial shipyard faded years ago, sees an economic opportunity.

Barcelona has turned itself into a (27) _____ for these luxury vessels, combining a private marina that is investing 20 million euros this year to turn itself into the largest port reserved for superyachts in the Mediterranean and maintenance facilities that can (28) _____ ships out of the water and then summon a small army (29) to _____ repairs.

Attracting billionaire yacht owners is only a small part of Barcelona's efforts (30) to _____ into the "blue economy" of the sea. Barcelona's port authority recently approved the construction of a new terminal for cruise ships, set to open in 2024.

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| 21 | a) Thrown | b) Sent | c) Afloat | d) Aloft | e) Launched |
| 22 | a) appropriate | b) compulsory | c) required | d) enforced | e) requisite |
| 23 | a) toiled | b) tugged | c) plodded | d) pushed | e) were working |
| 24 | a) agitated | b) gross | c) bumpy | d) rugged | e) rough |
| 25 | a) plunge | b) drop | c) dive | d) dump | e) sink |
| 26 | a) whose | b) their | c) which | d) when | e) those |
| 27 | a) hub | b) center | c) core | d) heart | e) focus |
| 28 | a) uphold | b) upraise | c) erect | d) hoist | e) take up |
| 29 | a) fix | b) work | c) pass | d) do | e) achieve |
| 30 | a) profit | b) tap | c) draw | d) push | e) exploit |

Is gruyère still gruyère even if it doesn't come from Gruyères?

In Europe, the mild, smooth and nutty cheese called gruyère must have a slightly damp texture, with average spring and low crumble. It must be in the (31) _____ of a wheel, weighing between 55 and 88 pounds. Fruity notes must dominate.

Perhaps most importantly, according to Swiss guidelines, gruyère must be made in the region around Gruyères, Switzerland, which has produced the cheese (32) _____ the 12th century.

In the United States, however, gruyère (33) _____ be made anywhere, according to a federal court ruling that was made public last week. It was the latest development in a long-running legal (34) _____ between American cheese producers and producers in Switzerland and France over what makes gruyère gruyère.

In the ruling last month in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Judge T.S. Ellis III wrote, "Although the term gruyère may once (35) _____ understood to indicate an area of cheese production, the factual record makes it (36) _____ clear that the term gruyère has now, over time, become generic to cheese purchasers in the United States." Under U.S. law, trademarks (37) _____ be given to generic terms.

Gruyère (38) _____ in Switzerland and France, however, say that their cheese is (39) _____ but generic and that they will appeal the decision.

"We have a big problem," said Philippe Bardet, the director of *Interprofession du Gruyère*, (40) _____ represents gruyère producers in Switzerland. "With this decision, you can make a little cheese, a big cheese, a hard cheese, a processed cheese — and you can give the name 'gruyère' for all types of cheese."

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| 31 | a) aspect | b) form | c) configuration | d) shape | e) outline |
| 32 | a) in | b) from | c) during | d) for | e) since |
| 33 | a) could | b) should | c) must | d) can | e) will |
| 34 | a) tangle | b) rummage | c) web | d) mesh | e) jungle |
| 35 | a) has been | b) have been | c) should have been | d) had been | e) could have been |
| 36 | a) abundantly | b) generously | c) profusely | d) luxuriantly | e) handsomely |
| 37 | a) must | b) should not | c) can | d) cannot | e) should |
| 38 | a) contractors | b) constructors | c) fabricators | d) inventors | e) producers |
| 39 | a) everything | b) anything | c) whatever | d) something | e) all in all |
| 40 | a) whose | b) whereas | c) which | d) with | e) as well as |

A prison town considers its future without a prison

In Susanville, at the (41) _____ of a valley hemmed in by the Sierra Nevada in (42) _____ northeast California, there are nearly as many people living inside the walls of the town's two state prisons, roughly 7,000 people, as outside. About half of the adults work at the prisons — the soon-to-be shuttered minimal security California Correctional Center and a maximum security facility, High Desert, (43) _____ will remain open.

When the California Correctional Center (44) _____ built in the 1960s, many people in Susanville, which cherishes its small-town way of life — “we’re not rural, we’re frontier,” said one resident — relied on jobs at the nearby sawmills and on cattle ranches. Those jobs (45) _____ disappeared, and now almost every aspect of the town’s economy and civic life, from real estate to local schools, depends on the prison. Over the years, the inmate population (46) _____ toward political representation and factored into the amount of money the town received from federal pandemic relief funds and state money (47) _____ roads.

The story of Susanville is not unlike that of countless rural communities in America that in the back half of the last century welcomed correctional facilities to replace dying industries at a time when the country was (48) _____ a prison-building boom. But now, California and other states are moving to reduce inmate populations and close prisons (49) _____ a national movement to address racial disparities in the criminal justice system.

“It (50) _____ affect the whole town,” said Mendy Schuster, Susanville’s mayor, whose husband works as a corrections officer. “I don’t want to imagine what it would be like.”

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| 41 | a) boundary | b) brink | c) fringe | d) outskirts | e) edge |
| 42 | a) far-flung | b) lonely | c) lonesome | d) remote | e) inaccessible |
| 43 | a) who | b) whom | c) which | d) whichever | e) whatever |
| 44 | a) has been | b) had been | c) was | d) could have been | e) were |
| 45 | a) eventually | b) one day | c) someday | d) sometime | e) at last |
| 46 | a) numbered | b) weighed | c) counted | d) has counted | e) took into account |
| 47 | a) to fix | b) to correct | c) to regulate | d) to restore | e) to revise |
| 48 | a) enduring | b) suffering | c) knowing | d) undergoing | e) meeting with |
| 49 | a) amid | b) among | c) amongst | d) between | e) throughout |
| 50 | a) ought to | b) has to | c) should | d) must | e) will |

Genevieve Is pitching because she can get the guys out

One of the few times Genevieve Beacom can remember boys or men (51) _____ to her playing baseball among them came when she was 11. She was a (52) _____ pitcher, even at that age, and a boy on another team was so (53) _____ about not facing her that he began to cry.

Was he fearful that he would be humiliated by a girl, or was he opposed to her very presence in the game?

“I think it was a bit of both,” Beacom said with a chuckle in a telephone interview from her home in Australia on Monday.

Either way, she thought it was (54) _____, she said, and struck the boy out. Six years on, she says she never (55) _____ incidents like that anymore. Why would she? She has played baseball (56) _____ boys her whole life, and most of the best ones in Australia know her from the circuit. Some are her friends, and the rest are (57) _____ to respect her talent. That last point was (58) _____ on Saturday in Melbourne when Beacom, 17, became the first woman to pitch for a team in the competitive Australian Baseball League, making her pro debut for the Melbourne Aces in a game against the Adelaide Giants.

“It’s not like Jackie Robinson, who had to face down all that hatred when he (59) _____ the color barrier,” said Justin Huber, the general manager of the Aces. “You could see it on the faces of the batters the other night, and in their (60) _____. It seemed natural, like, ‘We’re all here playing baseball and Genevieve is pitching because she can get the guys out.’”

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| 51 | a) opposing | b) protesting | c) criticizing | d) objecting | e) complaining |
| 52 | a) hero | b) principal | c) outstanding | d) capital | e) star |
| 53 | a) adamant | b) stiff | c) determined | d) rigid | e) unbendable |
| 54 | a) playful | b) funny | c) whimsical | d) jolly | e) clever |
| 55 | a) endures | b) faces | c) fights | d) meets | e) opposes |
| 56 | a) apace with | b) equal with | c) by the side of | d) alongside | e) in company with |
| 57 | a) restrained | b) liable | c) accountable | d) constrained | e) compelled |
| 58 | a) open | b) glaring | c) marked | d) apparent | e) barefaced |
| 59 | a) burst | b) split | c) broke | d) damaged | e) tore |
| 60 | a) technique | b) approach | c) program | d) way | e) means |

Europol ordered to delete cache of personal data

The EU's police agency, Europol, will be forced to delete much of a vast store of personal data that it has been found to have amassed unlawfully by the bloc's data protection

(61) _____. The unprecedented finding from the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) (62) _____ what privacy experts are calling a "big data ark" containing billions of points of information. Sensitive data in the ark has been drawn from crime reports, hacked from encrypted phone services and sampled from asylum seekers never involved in any crime.

According to the Guardian, Europol's cache (63) _____ at least 4 petabytes –a fifth of the entire contents of the US Library of Congress. Data protection (64) _____ say the volume of information held on Europol's systems amounts to mass surveillance and is a step on its road to becoming a European (65) _____ to the US National Security Agency (NSA), the organisation whose clandestine online spying was revealed by (66) _____ Edward Snowden.

Europol has (67) _____ data on at least a quarter of a million current or former terror and serious crime suspects and a multitude of other people with whom they came into contact. It has been accumulated from national police authorities over the last six years.

The confrontation (68) _____ the EU data protection watchdog against a powerful security agency being primed to become the (69) _____ of machine learning and AI in policing.

The ruling also exposes deep political divisions among Europe's decision-makers on the (70) _____ between security and privacy. The eventual outcome of their face-off has implications for the future of privacy in Europe and beyond.

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| 61 | a) curator | b) warden | c) bodyguard | d) superintendent | e) watchdog |
| 62 | a) marks | b) targets | c) spots | d) objects | e) points |
| 63 | a) holds back | b) composes | c) contains | d) encloses | e) encompasses |
| 64 | a) lawyers | b) advocates | c) apostles | d) interpreters | e) linguists |
| 65 | a) copy | b) duplicate | c) look alike | d) counterpart | e) correspondent |
| 66 | a) gossip | b) guardian | c) bodyguard | d) watchdog | e) whistleblower |
| 67 | a) sensible | b) sensitive | c) tense | d) conscious | e) unpredictable |
| 68 | a) matches | b) contends | c) pits | d) vies | e) poses |
| 69 | a) club | b) center | c) root | d) nucleus | e) axis |
| 70 | a) deals | b) off-sets | c) settlement | d) trade | e) trade-offs |

China's birthrate falls to 61-year low

China's birthrate has fallen to its lowest level in six decades, barely outnumbering deaths in 2021 (71) _____ major government efforts to increase population growth and (72) _____ a demographic crisis.

(73) _____ China, 10.62 million babies were born in 2021, a rate of 7.52 per thousand people, the national bureau of statistics said on Monday. In the same period 10.14 million deaths were (74) _____, a mortality rate of 7.18 per thousand, producing a population growth rate of just 0.34 per thousand head of population.

The rate of growth is the lowest since 1960, and adds to the (75) _____ of last May's once-a-decade census, which found an average annual rise of 0.53%, down from 0.57% reported from 2000 to 2010.

China, like much of east Asia, is in the (76) _____ of a population crisis, with lowering birthrates, and predictions of imminent negative population growth and an ageing population.

"The demographic challenge is well known but the speed of population ageing is clearly faster than expected," said Zhiwei Zhang, the chief economist at Pinpoint Asset Management.

Beijing has announced major reforms to address the decline, including raising the retirement age. A three-child policy has replaced the two-child policy that was introduced in 2016 and had (77) _____ a slight increase in births before falling again.

The high cost of living, delayed marriages and lack of social mobility are frequently (78) _____ as contributing factors to young Chinese people's (79) _____ to have children. In response, Beijing has banned expensive private tutoring, and (80) _____ better access to childcare and maternity leave.

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| 71 | a) against | b) although | c) even though | d) despite | e) undeterred by |
| 72 | a) kick | b) reject | c) brush off | d) refuse | e) stave off |
| 73 | a) Astride | b) Across | c) Beyond | d) Over | e) Crosswise |
| 74 | a) recorded | b) copied | c) booked | d) inscribed | e) transcribed |
| 75 | a) knowledge | b) advice | c) tidings | d) leak | e) findings |
| 76 | a) grip | b) control | c) domination | d) keeping | e) possession |
| 77 | a) advanced | b) expedited | c) sparked | d) excited | e) sparkled |
| 78 | a) alleged | b) cited | c) said | d) told | e) recounted |
| 79 | a) objection | b) doubt | c) reluctance | d) insecurity | e) mistrust |
| 80 | a) pledged | b) contracted | c) engaged | d) vouched | e) sworn |