



## SESSION 2012

# ÉPREUVE D'ANGLAIS

Lisez attentivement les instructions suivantes avant de vous mettre au travail.

Cette épreuve est composée de deux parties :

- Partie 1 : grammaire et vocabulaire (50 questions)
- Partie 2 : 2 textes de compréhension (20 questions)

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. Une réponse est donc une suite de quatre marques V ou F.

Exemples :

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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 inférieur à P). Enfin, un bonus est attribué si vous répondez correctement aux quatre items d'une même question.

Vous vous servirez de la feuille jointe pour indiquer vos réponses en noircissant les cases situées à côté des lettres correspondantes.

Nombre de pages de l'épreuve :	10 pages
Durée de l'épreuve :	1 h 30
Coefficient de l'épreuve :	ESDES → 2 ESSCA → 3 IÉSEG → 3

## PART I : GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

- 1)
  - A. Australia will be a prime example of such a two-speedy economy.
  - B. Germany's wood will be sour in spite a robust economy.
  - C. Some rich countries will see remarkably radical reforms.
  - D. 2012 will delighten numerologists.
  
- 2)
  - A. China could find itself be overtaken by India.
  - B. Companies have the better chance of thriving if they are solid.
  - C. For the last ten years we had our share of hits and misses.
  - D. The world will start to bid farewell to start-ups.
  
- 3)
  - A. There have been a touch of optimism and joy amid globalisation lately.
  - B. Towards the end of the year there could be growing gloom over the economy.
  - C. The sense of progress will held true in 2012.
  - D. America will mark the ten anniversary of the terrorist attacks.
  
- 4)
  - A. The year ahead will produce stricken examples of the power of technology.
  - B. Look at politics and you will often see two clashing forces.
  - C. A sense of division and frustration is going to prevail in international affaires.
  - D. It offers a glimpse of what the world might be like in 25 years time.
  
- 5)
  - A. Nothing can stop an idea which time has come.
  - B. The savagery could too be the start of something more beneficial.
  - C. For the like of Greece, there is really no choice.
  - D. The gap is likely to be more than 100 billion
  
- 6)
  - A. The later will find little sympathy in the public sector.
  - B. Average pay in the public sector is highest.
  - C. Bureaucrats may start to replace bankers as a public target of opprobrium.
  - D. It comes with both a risk and a opportunity.
  
- 7)
  - A. Leviathan has sprawled into increasingly unknown areas of regulation.
  - B. The goal is surely to make the state works better.
  - C. No sector somewhere has changed less than the state.
  - D. California contains the world's more advanced industries.
  
- 8)
  - A. The politics decided to continue the reform.
  - B. Throughout the Western world people have tended to end up with the governments they deserve.
  - C. They kept on asking their state to do more during restricting the power of their representatives.
  - D. Please hold the line, I'll put you in to my boss!
  
- 9)
  - A. I am taking a cold shower every morning.
  - B. The sky is so cloudy, it will rain!
  - C. That bag looks heavy, will I help you with it?
  - D. I should have phoned Helen but it was too late.
  
- 10)
  - A. Everyone have their own presents.
  - B. All the informations he was getting were correct.
  - C. My luggages were so heavy that day!
  - D. Let me give you some free advice, buddy!

- 11) A. This table is far too big: it must not get through the kitchen door.  
 B. I am looking forward to speak to you.  
 C. I might have been right on that one, but I prefer not to take chances.  
 D. Every steps you take, I'll be watching you.
- 12) A. You can't to tell me what to do!  
 B. The door bell is ringing, that must be mum!  
 C. Whenever you will feel sorry for him, remember what he did to you!  
 D. He earned lot of money and bought himself a fancy car.
- 13) A. How dare you say me such horrible things?  
 B. May you never find a husband!  
 C. I want to may go to that party, daddy!  
 D. If it rained, we would have stayed at home.
- 14) A. You ought to pay a visit to your grand-parents.  
 B. I've forgotten everything about it.  
 C. It is more easier to cheat than to study, he reckoned.  
 D. She is a very sympathetic person.
- 15) A. That was the worse nightmare I've ever had.  
 B. Since human beings have ten fingers, they have developed a system of counting based in ten.  
 C. An other trend may assert itself in the world of fashion.  
 D. Every now and then, he would go to the cinema.
- 16) A. Intel is helping university students worldwide turning their thinking into the business of the future.  
 B. Encouraging new ideas fuels innovation.  
 C. We have bringed jobs and benefits to every part of the world.  
 D. Actually, there is a lot of snow in France and all the highways are blocked.
- 17) A. Mr. Smith is not disponible right now, may I take a message?  
 B. The outcome may not be to everyone's like.  
 C. The thief was caught by the American policy.  
 D. The Fed will continue to pump money into the financial system.
- 18) A. Can I borrow you your pencil, please ?  
 B. Does the bank still lends money to its clients ?  
 C. When the plant closed, he was made redundant.  
 D. They will be in a quiet miserable state by then !
- 19) A. Nowadays it is sunnier in developing countries.  
 B. Much of the growth in 2010 came from the pockets-books of national governments.  
 C. Since more than 100 years, we have delivered strategic advice.  
 D. The house had being built by their grand-father.
- 20) A. On October 12th, 2012, Adam Nevic will be 12 years.  
 B. At the turn of 2012-2013, another partner will be choosen.  
 C. The world will require an extra planet in twenty years' time.  
 D. The growing population will become a danger if it will continue to gobble up resources as it does now.

- 21) A. The total size of the population has gone on rising.  
 B. The total fertility rate has been falling for a long time.  
 C. I'll see you next week  
 D. In the same time, she was talking about divorcing him.
- 22) A. Laws purporting to bash bankers will be populars.  
 B. Globalization herself will come under threat.  
 C. In 2010 Ohio has banned the outsourcing of government services to foreign countries such as India.  
 D. The rich will devise even more elaborate tax-avoidance schemes.
- 23) A. To soothe popular resentment, the rich have to discover the joys of philanthropy.  
 B. In 2012 rich people will fund campaigns against government secretion.  
 C. In 2012 the book will cease to be a book and it will become an « app ».  
 D. The iPad took out even faster than the iPhone.
- 24) A. The man which I met yesterday was my cousin's boyfriend.  
 B. I prevented my parents about my accident.  
 C. The book is shifting shape and becoming a downloadable application.  
 D. What all this will mean for readers?
- 25) A. Human knowledges are too precious to consign to the ether alone.  
 B. But is it true that we can really afford to wait?  
 C. End-use efficiency is there where our focus needs being.  
 D. There is an urgent need to reduct CO2 emissions.
- 26) A. Last summer I worked like a waitress in a small restaurant.  
 B. Wikipedia, an online, users-generated encyclopedia, celebrates its fifth birthday.  
 C. She is very different than her sister.  
 D. Uganda's voters cast their ballots in a presidential election.
- 27) A. The concurrency is tough in this field.  
 B. The Templeton prize worths one million pounds.  
 C. The winner must have made an exceptional contribution to the community.  
 D. Oxford and Cambridge oarsmens compete in the 157th universty race.
- 28) A. These books are not mines but theirs!  
 B. Stars and paparazzi flocked to the Côte d'Azur for the 63<sup>rd</sup> Cannes film festival.  
 C. I will have it doing by next Thursday.  
 D. If I could, I will most certainly help you.
- 29) A. So Mr. Webster's characteristic bluntness may yet count against him.  
 B. ABB helps deliver major power savings without compromise performance.  
 C. Do you mind to fetch me a glass of water?  
 D. High unemployment and grinding austerity will be the europeans' lot too.
- 30) A. A Greek-style bail-out by the EU and the IMF cannot be ruled off in 2012.  
 B. The tumble in house prices hit bottom in 2010.  
 C. Despite of all this, the economy should grow a little in 2012.  
 D. There is little wonder that the Irish folk is less than cheery.

- 31) A. Don't worry, I've got few ideas about how to fix this car !  
B. May I give you a lift to home ?  
C. Voters got the chances to have their say.  
D. After two terms the incumbent is constitutionally banned from running again.
- 32) A. Although the difficulty of the job, he managed to pull it through.  
B. Many rage against the government for placing the economy in such pickle.  
C. We are committed to helping two million children from street to school.  
D. Unemployment in Germany is expected falling to its lowest levels since 1992.
- 33) A. I haven't finished reading the newspaper still.  
B. Have you already booked our hotel room in Vienna?  
C. He deals with my clients this week while I am in New York.  
D. He enjoys to listen to jazz music.
- 34) A. Should you go to Oslo, do give Margaret a call!  
B. I need not to face my parents until tomorrow.  
C. This fact will deter much who would otherwise want to join in.  
D. Skirmishing began in September 2010 over if to hold a snap election.
- 35) A. It smells as sweet like the roses.  
B. No doubt 2012 will see other events that will mark this historic shifts.  
C. The building is 50m height.  
D. For instance, have emerging countries been able to make their growth more balanced?
- 36) A. How many time do I have to wait here?  
B. The discussion was about international economical governance and exchange rates.  
C. This concept shall be construed as non-prohibitive.  
D. All other logos used hereof are the property of Xerox corporation.
- 37) A. Mr. Sarkozy will try to rebrand his government in the run-up to 2012.  
B. The left doesn't face tough choices neither.  
C. Candidacies for the primary are due to June.  
D. Ex-President Jacques Chirac is due to appear at Court over 1990s fake-jobs accusations.
- 38) A. Turkey will be Europe's faster-growing sizeable economy for the second year running.  
B. A complete constitutional rewrite ought to allow the government and the opposition to work together.  
C. I left in August for the countryside.  
D. I might have enjoyed it if you let me !
- 39) A. They have all shown a willingness to break of the traditions of their political family.  
B. In Russia the past is almost as unpredictable than the future.  
C. This table's cloth is too dark!  
D. Either way Mr. Putin will hang on to power.
- 40) A. It would not be fair to see the ex-communist countries as marginal in diplomatic terms.  
B. The Obama administration will hold the biggest military exercise as far in the Baltic region.  
C. Mr. Smith had gone far behind not only diplomatic protocol but also basic human decency.  
D. Let's us begin with a prediction.

- 41) A. Britain appears increasingly divided among the workaholic and the work-shy.  
 B. Tourism jobs will be seen to have drawn immigrants to the countryside.  
 C. The people who will be made most crossed by the immigration aspect of the census will be the immigrants themselves.  
 D. Should those hopes be dashed by a No vote, the coalition will face a grave crises.
- 42) A. When I got home, Mary was crying for more than an hour.  
 B. He married Susan before his final detox program started.  
 C. The telephone rang while he had dinner.  
 D. It is right to remind ourselves of this positive backdrop.
- 43) A. How working together can help us do more to help patients?  
 B. If we can get to grips with the causes, we could find some solutions in each and every case.  
 C. With a testing year ahead, world leaders must keep their promises  
 D. We have to show that the former leads only to pain but he latters to great benefits.
- 44) A. I'm totally agree with you.  
 B. He is suing for breach of agreement.  
 C. She was garnished for label and defamation.  
 D. By his own admission, Ms Hayes is said to have helped the old man.
- 45) A. He saled the house and moved to Florida.  
 B. He looked in disdain to his friend.  
 C. The editor worked in the redaction of the magazine.  
 D. I first met him when I was travelling to Australia.
- 46) A. I am taking my day off because I will look at a new house.  
 B. I am learning French because I am going to be based in the Paris office.  
 C. Hi, I'm Fritz, I'm German and I'm coming from Munich.  
 D. The books he sold last summer were all detective novels
- 47) A. Political parties enjoy a period of great popularity in their early years.  
 B. After that, they are running out of ideas and the opposition is taking power.  
 C. Are you knowing what Mr. Todd is doing right now?  
 D. Their new instant coffee brand is tasting very good.
- 48) A. Have you ever ate sushi?  
 B. A couple of months ago we have been to Wengen.  
 C. I've been staying in a hotel for the last ten days.  
 D. How long are you with Microsoft?
- 49) A. Have you heard what has happened to the strikers?  
 B. Am I needing any vaccinations ?  
 C. I usually advertise it first of all in-house.  
 D. Fiat SPA was found in 1899.
- 50) A. He was grown up by his aunt.  
 B. Do you think opera is being enjoyed by more people because of your festival?  
 C. Most of the television news are really terrible.  
 D. How many jobless people does the speaker say were there in the eighties?

## PART II : READING COMPREHENSION

### TEXTE 1

I felt I had every reason to roll my eyes when I heard that Alfred Uhry's 1987 play "Driving Miss Daisy" was opening on Broadway. My cynicism was based less on my experience of the show than on Broadway's customary banal or condescending take on racial and cultural politics. A musical about the famous nineteen-thirties Alabama interracial rape case, and Vanessa Redgrave and James Earl Jones in Uhry's paper-thin character study about a widowed Jewish former school teacher and her black, functionally illiterate driver? I didn't want to imagine any of it.

But actors of the calibre of Redgrave and Jones can cook up a rich pot out of tepid water. Uhry's lightweight script could have been a hindrance to Esbjornson's vision but it becomes instead an opportunity to collaborate with his actors. As Hoke's relationship with Miss Daisy moves from antagonism and paranoia to hope and dependence, Redgrave and Jones rely less on the script for the dramatic power. They tailor the text to fit their own talents by using it as a jumping-off point for their shared theatrical imagination. In so doing, the show's stars say what Uhry does not: how complicated and different and alike this Jewish woman and this black man are, both trying to live in the world unvictimized by their outsider status.

Watching the pair, it was tempting to imagine them in material that deserved their mettle – an adaptation of Bernard Malamud's stories about blacks and Jews. But Uhry's episodic script supplies the actors with a certain freedom: they can't feel as responsible for the play's language as they might if "Driving Miss Daisy" were a great piece. Instead, Redgrave and Jones honor each other's power as they rewrite Uhry's script with their what-could-be-better-than performing bodies.

Adapted from *The New Yorker*, December 2010

- 51) A. The writer admires the play "Driving Miss Daisy".  
B. The writer is very much surprised by the play.  
C. The writer knows the show very well.  
D. The writer feels entitled to be sceptical about the play opening on Broadway.
- 52) A. Broadway plays are usually respectful of race and cultural politics.  
B. The plays opening on Broadway surprise through their originality and sparkle.  
C. The Broadway plays have a bad reputation in the theatre world.  
D. The writer is eager to watch the show.
- 53) A. The plot is about the conflict between the Jews and the blacks.  
B. "Driving Miss Daisy" is a tragedy.  
C. The plot takes place in the nineteenth century.  
D. "Driving Miss Daisy" is a comedy.
- 54) A. Uhry's script is extremely detailed.  
B. Miss Daisy's driver could not read or write.  
C. The case presented in the play is of no consequence.  
D. Miss Daisy was divorced.

- 55) A. Good actors are not enough to make a good play.  
B. Uhry's complex script helped the director a lot.  
C. Esbjornson's vision was endangered by the script.  
D. Good actors can transform a bad play into a terrific one.
- 56) A. The director imposed his vision on the actors.  
B. The actors refused to collaborate.  
C. The characters are sometimes paranoid.  
D. Miss Daisy becomes dependent on her driver.
- 57) A. The actors do not find their dramatic power in the text.  
B. The text prevents the actors from showing their full talent.  
C. Redgrave and Jones hope to manage to stick to the script.  
D. The actors follow the script exactly.
- 58) A. Redgrave and Jones are very different in terms of creativity.  
B. The script is nothing but a starting point.  
C. The actors express exactly what the playwright wanted to say in his play.  
D. The Jewish woman and her black driver have nothing in common.
- 59) A. Hoke and Miss Daisy are seen as marginal by the society of their time.  
B. Both the driver and Miss Daisy are victims of their world.  
C. The actors fail to adapt the text to their own theatrical sensitivity.  
D. Uhry adapts the text for his actors.
- 60) A. The two main actors dominate each other.  
B. "Driving Miss Daisy" is a masterpiece.  
C. The script has no real quality.  
D. The writer would like to see Redgrave and Jones perform in other plays.

## TEXTE 2

Oil rose to a fresh 26-month high on reports that crude stocks shrank and the economy accelerated in the US, the world's largest petroleum consumer.

Nymex February West Texas Intermediate crude rose 48 cents to \$90.30 a barrel, trading above \$90 for the third time this year. ICE February Brent rose 42 cents to \$93.62.

The gains came as the US government reported commercial crude inventories fell by 5.3 barrels last week, largely along the Gulf of Mexico and Pacific coasts. US refineries were processing 6.4 per cent more crude a year ago, while demand for petrol and distillate fuels showed annual growth.

US crude last traded consistently above \$90 a barrel in October 2008, when prices were plummeting from a record \$147 a barrel and volatility was at a peak amid the financial crisis.

Global oil demand has rebounded after two years of decline, with the International Energy Agency recently estimating the world increased consumption by 3.3m barrels a day in the third quarter – or 3.8 per cent – to 88.6m b/d.

Stocks still remain comfortable. The US's 340.7m barrels of crude inventories are well above average for this time of year.

Elsewhere in commodities markets, corn prices hit a two-year high amid worries about a low crop in the US, the world's largest exporter. CBOT March corn rose 0.7 per cent to \$6.08¾ a bushel.

Coffee prices hit a fresh 13½-year high amid heavy buying due to concerns about supplies of high quality Arabica beans from Colombia, the top producer. In New York, ICE May Arabica coffee jumped to a peak of \$2.4350 a pound, the highest since mid-2007. Analysts say that output in Colombia, the world's top producer of high quality arabica coffee, would be much lower than expected. The country's output fell last season to a 35-year low of 8.1m bags, each of 60kg. The market had previously expected that production would recover to 10m bags or even higher but most recent forecasts, after heavy rains hit the coffee areas, put Colombia's output as low as 9m bags.

Adapted from *The Financial Times*, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010

- 61) A. The American economy relies largely on oil.  
B. The price of oil has been increasing for three years now in the US.  
C. The US reserves of natural oil are not altered.  
D. The price of Nymex crude rose for the third time this year.
- 62) A. ICE crude traded more expensively than Texas oil.  
B. The Brent barrel is evaluated at 42 cents.  
C. Both Brent and Texas have experienced growth this year.  
D. Both Nymex and ICE have traded higher this year.
- 63) A. The increase was due to the US government.  
B. US commerce decreased in the region of the Gulf of Mexico.  
C. There has been more demand for petrol this year.  
D. US refineries worked better last year.
- 64) A. The US officials inventoried 5.3 barrels last week.  
B. The last increase in crude price dates back to October 2008.  
C. In October 2008 the prices were going up.  
D. The financial crisis did not influence the oil prices.
- 65) A. In 2008 the crude price increased by more than \$50.  
B. In October 2008 the prices remained stable.  
C. The global demand in oil has been falling for the last three years.  
D. The world is presently increasing its consumption of petroleum.

- 66) A. The global consumption of oil will be of 3.3 barrels a day.  
B. Oil consumption will only increase during the last part of this year.  
C. The stock market is really shaken.  
D. The US crude inventories show optimistic figures for this time of year.
- 67) A. The US are the world's largest producer of corn and coffee.  
B. The corn prices have been going up for a few months.  
C. The US corn crops could have been in a worse situation.  
D. The markets felt really comfortable.
- 68) A. The corn bushel costs more than \$6.08<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.  
B. In February, the corn price was lower.  
C. Colombia is sure to supply all the coffee beans needed on the market.  
D. The coffee prices are consistently falling.
- 69) A. No one is buying coffee beans any longer.  
B. In New York the usual price of arabica coffee is \$2.4350 a pound.  
C. The highest price for coffee was obtained in 2007.  
D. There are low expectations concerning the coffee beans production in Colombia.
- 70) A. Colombia's crops were endangered due to uncontrolled events.  
B. Colombia will only produce 60kg of coffee beans this year.  
C. The analysts did not expect the production to improve.  
D. The final coffee beans output was bigger than expected.