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ÉPREUVE ÉCRITE D'ANGLAIS



TEST D'ANGLAIS 1



Grammar

1. She finished in less time _____ I did.
 - a) that
 - b) as
 - c) than
 - d) then

2. Which mountain is the _____ in Africa?
 - a) high
 - b) higher
 - c) more high
 - d) highest

3. You shouldn't leave your laptop on your desk. Someone _____ steal it.
 - a) must
 - b) should
 - c) might
 - d) No correct answer

4. The best way of avoiding malaria is to avoid being _____ by a mosquito.
 - a) bitten
 - b) bited
 - c) biting
 - d) No correct answer

5. I think I have _____ the terms of the contract.
 - a) understand
 - b) understanding
 - c) understands
 - d) understood

6. When we arrived at the hotel, we discovered that the manager _____ the wrong room for us.
 - a) has reserved
 - b) had reserved
 - c) was reserved
 - d) reserving

7. I don't know this word. What _____?
 a) it means
 b) means it
 c) does it mean
 d) it does mean
8. There was a robbery at the bank yesterday. Do you know how much money _____?
 a) was stealing
 b) is stealing
 c) was stolen
 d) has stolen
9. It's a very modern city. There aren't _____ old buildings.
 a) much
 b) many
 c) a lot
 d) No correct answer
10. I didn't see you. If I had seen you, I _____ hello.
 a) will say
 b) would say
 c) would have said
 d) will have said

Vocabulary

11. This exit should only be used in case of an _____.
 a) urgency
 b) emergency
 c) urgently
 d) No correct answer
12. Who's going to _____ the children while you're away?
 a) take care
 b) guard
 c) look forward to
 d) No correct answer
13. They finished their meal and asked the server for the _____.
 a) note
 b) addition
 c) ticket
 d) No correct answer

14. His _____ for a new high-speed railway was rejected.
 a) proposing
 b) proposal
 c) propose
 d) proposed
15. After a long delay, the flight _____ left six hours late.
 a) eventually
 b) currently
 c) lately
 d) lastly
16. The government must _____ the problem of high unemployment.
 a) break up
 b) deal with
 c) turn off
 d) No correct answer
17. We employ an expert to _____ on new technologies.
 a) advice
 b) advisor
 c) advise
 d) advisory
18. The _____ for submitting university applications is this Friday.
 a) deadline
 b) streamline
 c) outline
 d) skyline
19. Sorry I'm late, but I was _____ by the traffic.
 a) withdrawn
 b) crowded
 c) held up
 d) delay
20. Public education was one of the biggest _____ in the party's election campaign.
 a) situations
 b) issues
 c) hardships
 d) No correct answer



Reading Comprehension

21.

Sam McKnight is one of the most famous hairdressers in the world. His clients have included Princess Diana, Kate Moss and Madonna. So when he tells you to wash your hair in bottled water, you wash your hair in bottled water.

What best describes the tone of the text above?

- a) critical
- b) informal
- c) cheerful
- d) sterile

22.

Here is a quick look at what British wild mushrooms are like - and which are to be avoided. If you're planning to pick wild mushrooms, you must invest in a field guide and ideally get some personal tuition. These descriptions are intended for the casual spotter. Colours in particular may vary.

The author of this believes readers _____ picking and eating their own mushrooms.

- a) can immediately begin
- b) should be cautious before
- c) are already knowledgeable about
- d) will get lost while

23.

Humans give off a fragrant cocktail of body odour, heat and carbon dioxide, which varies from person to person and mosquitoes use to locate their next meal. While most animals have a specific set of neurons that detect each type of odour, mosquitoes can pick up on smells via several different pathways, suggests the study, which is published in the science journal Cell.

Which of the following is closest in meaning to “several different pathways” used in the text above?

- a) diverse tracks
- b) many similar trails
- c) various methods
- d) specific distinct runways

24.

A group of men dressed in 19th-_____ costume enter the village square. They have puffy white shirtsleeves, embroidered vests and leather britches, they have brightly coloured flowers bedecking their hats. They are here to chase away winter, but they are not alone.

Which of the following best completes the blank in the text above?

- a) Century
- b) Centry
- c) century
- d) centry

25.

Spot it: Cyberbullying can cause kids to avoid using their phone or computer, or appear stressed when receiving an e-mail or text. They may act reluctant to attend social or school events or avoid conversations about school or friends. In extreme cases, the child will have declining grades, stop eating or have difficulty sleeping.

Which of the following is **NOT** cited as a sign of cyberbullying?

- a) poor grades
- b) mood swings
- c) reluctance to use a computer
- d) sleep trouble

26.

Whistling used to be commonplace, a useful thing to do while walking or washing the car. It was a pastime particularly favoured by dads. But nobody seems to do it these days. "The world tends to be a lot more hustle-bustle," says whistling virtuoso Robert Stemmons, who specialises in two-note harmony, warbling, trilling and an array of realistic bird calls. He also offers whistling lessons over the phone. "Whistling is one of the simple things being left by the wayside," he says.

Which of the following words best describes the tone of the text above?

- a) Wistful
- b) Whistleful
- c) Whistful
- d) Whistfoul



27.

Politics is the name of the game and, with a federal election looming and many state elections around the country to follow, it is here that we must strike. It is essential that First Nations people have a seat at the table and that we stand together to protect our country, our home. In some cases, we'll need to just build our own tables.

Which of the following most closely matches the meaning of “looming” as used in the text?

- a) producing fabric
- b) threatening
- c) in the distant future
- d) losing

28.

The phrase “they come in all shapes and sizes” could have been coined just for the Coleoptera — the beetles. At a fragile 0.325mm long, the Colombian featherwing (*Scydosella musawasensis*) has a good claim to being one of the smallest free-living insects in the world, and is tinier than many single-celled creatures. At the other end of the spectrum, the obviously named titan beetle, a huge Brazilian longhorn that can snap a pencil in its jaws, reaches 167mm – about 500 times the size.

Which of the following is the author’s purpose in the paragraph above.

- a) to impress readers with his knowledge
- b) to emphasize the variety of beetles in the world
- c) to spark readers’ imaginations
- d) to educate readers about an old saying

29.

One of the most bandied-about statistics regarding flavour perception is that it is 80% governed by smell. This often surprises people when they first hear it from a local know-it-all, as it really feels as if flavour is coming from our mouths, where the food or drink is. All becomes clear, however, when you try eating while holding your nose. Try it. I just ate a strawberry with my nostrils pinched and it was like water, with none of that blush sweetness. In fact, it's common when people first lose their ability to smell for them to think they have lost the use of their taste buds.

Which of the following best describes the tone of the article above?

- a) scholarly
- b) solemn
- c) relaxed
- d) joking

30.

Italy is to apply for Unesco status for espresso coffee, claiming it is “much more than a simple drink”. It follows the art of the Neapolitan pizza-maker being added to the UN agency’s list of the world’s intangible heritage in 2017 as Italy aims to secure the worldwide status for another of its successful symbols. “It is an authentic ritual ___ and an expression of our sociality that distinguishes us around the world,” said Gian Marco Centinaio, the agriculture undersecretary, confirming that the application had been submitted.

Select the appropriate punctuation from the list below that should be inserted in the text above.

- a) a comma (,)
- b) a period (.)
- c) a semi-colon (;)
- d) no punctuation should be used



TEST D'ANGLAIS 2



Grammar

1. I _____ last night because I hadn't finished my homework.
 - a) went not out
 - b) didn't went out
 - c) didn't go out
 - d) No correct answer

2. The tennis match had just _____ when it started to rain.
 - a) began
 - b) begun
 - c) begin
 - d) began

3. This shirt is too _____ for you. You need a larger size.
 - a) smallest
 - b) small enough
 - c) smaller
 - d) No correct answer

4. You always wear the same jacket. How long _____ it for?
 - a) do you have
 - b) did you have
 - c) have you had
 - d) are you having

5. If we _____ you what happened, you _____ us.
 - a) told ... wouldn't believe
 - b) tell ... wouldn't believe
 - c) told ... will not believe
 - d) No correct answer

6. I _____ tennis every Thursday evening.
 - a) play
 - b) playing
 - c) am playing
 - d) No correct answer

7. If you give me the camera, I _____ your picture.
 a) took
 b) would have taken
 c) will have taken
 d) will take
8. Please keep this secret. You _____ tell anyone!
 a) mustn't
 b) don't have to
 c) should
 d) No correct answer
9. I came in quietly last night as everyone _____.
 a) was sleeping
 b) is sleeping
 c) has been sleeping
 d) has slept
10. You've just had lunch. You _____ be hungry!
 a) must
 b) should
 c) can't
 d) might

Vocabulary

11. I need 50 cents for a coffee. Do you have _____ for a ten-dollar bill?
 a) money
 b) change
 c) exchange
 d) cash
12. Today, many people would rather _____ a film at home than go to the cinema.
 a) vision
 b) watch
 c) look
 d) No correct answer
13. All of the employees went on _____ in protest against the management's decisions.
 a) rebellion
 b) walkout
 c) strike
 d) No correct answer

14. After some tough bargaining, we finally got a good _____ on our new house.
 a) fare
 b) bill
 c) cost
 d) deal
15. We can't _____ like this any longer. Things have got to change.
 a) go after
 b) go for
 c) go on
 d) No correct answer
16. The _____ of rainforests is contributing to global warming.
 a) cut down
 b) destroy
 c) destruction
 d) No correct answer
17. Vegetarian lasagna is one of my favourite _____.
 a) plates
 b) menus
 c) dishes
 d) cooks
18. Hotel reservations can be made online or through a _____.
 a) flight attendant
 b) real estate agent
 c) travelling agent
 d) No correct answer
19. You should call your internet service _____ about your connection problem.
 a) contributor
 b) source
 c) provider
 d) No correct answer
20. Andrew _____ in Scotland and still speaks with a Scottish accent.
 a) grew up
 b) grew out
 c) grew off
 d) No correct answer

Reading Comprehension

21.

When Denise Edwards saw a text on her 11-year-old son's phone that said, "Im gonna kill you 2mrw" from an unrecognized number, her heart stopped.

The text above says, "her heart stopped." Which of the sentences below has the closest meaning?

- a) She was frightened.
- b) She needed medical attention.
- c) She fell asleep.
- d) She began to cry.



22.

From the animals that become dog and cat food and the puppy farms churning out increasingly unhealthy purebred canines, to the goldfish sold by the bag and the crickets by the box, pet ownership is problematic because it denies animals the right of self-determination.

Which of the following is likely to be the tone of the article which contains the above sentence?

- a) critical
- b) insincere
- c) mocking
- d) cheerful

23.

Asian giant hornets are an invasive species also known as murder hornets because they prey on smaller insects. Their nests are difficult to locate, as they tend to be in forested areas. In the US, they pose a particular threat to native hornet species and to honeybees.

What is the best equivalent of "invasive" in the text above?

- a) harmful and spreading quickly
- b) good at avoiding detection
- c) deadly or poisonous
- d) done or acting according to a fixed plan or system

24.

When a dog growls at you, is it angry? When a squirrel flees up a tree at your approach, is it fearful? When an elephant stands for days on a spot where another has died, is it grieving? If you live with an animal (the non-human kind) you might think the answer is obvious, but the scientific question remains tantalisingly open.

The author's purpose in the text above is which of the following?

- a) to answer common questions the reader may have
- b) to entice the reader to continue reading
- c) to surprise the reader
- d) to educate the reader about a niche topic

25.

The cassette is once again desirable. New and established bands have taken to releasing music on tape. From a base of basically zero, sales are way up: 129,000 pre-recorded tapes were sold in the US last year. To millennials, it _____, the cassette represents something between music and artefact.

Select the best option to fill in the gap of the text above:

- a) seams
- b) ceems
- c) seems
- d) ceams

26.

"I will continue to work with communities to elevate their voices and table their ideas for acting on a climate crisis which is very much already here."

Which of the follow most closely matches the meaning of "table" as used in the text?

- a) a piece of furniture with a flat top
- b) put off for an undetermined period of time
- c) bring to the forefront
- d) modify

27.

In the time it takes you to read this sentence, the global building industry will have poured more than 19,000 bathtubs of concrete. By the time you are halfway through this article, the volume would fill the Albert Hall and spill out into Hyde Park. In a day it would be almost the size of China's Three Gorges Dam. In a single year, there is enough to patio over every hill, dale, nook and cranny in England.

Which of the following is the purpose of the text above?

- a) to hook the reader
- b) to provide statistical evidence
- c) to soften the impact of bad news
- d) to sadden the reader

28.

On the margins of a 13th-century manuscript written by Holy Roman Emperor Frederick II, are more than 900 illustrations of birds and falconers. Among the usual hawks, herons, and sparrows familiar to European readers are four sketches of a bird from further afield – an Australasian cockatoo. The images are believed to be the oldest European depiction of the bird, trumping a similar discovery in a 15th-century artwork, and have sparked a reassessment of trading routes that existed more than 700 years ago.

Which of the following best describes the tone of the text above?

- a) exaggerated
- b) demoralizing
- c) informative
- d) humorous

29.

Women in medieval Japan were discouraged from studying kanji – characters modelled on written Chinese which represent individual words – and began using kana, which transcribe words phonetically. A standardisation programme at the beginning of the 20th century saw 90% of the 550 characters used in kana die out. But these forgotten characters are now being kept alive by the artist and master of Japanese calligraphy Kaoru Akagawa, who became fascinated with them after deciphering letters from her grandmother.

Select the best title for the paragraph above from the choices below.

- a) Women's Education in Medieval Japan
- b) The History of Japanese Script
- c) The Standardization of Japanese Writing
- d) Bringing back Women's Writing from the Brink

30.

Students getting a master's in medieval studies can take the usual kind of medieval graduate courses, for example medieval magic, medieval papacy or early medieval identities. They can also, _____, get much more intensive technical training in reading and using medieval manuscripts, and in the scholarly languages a professional medievalist needs.

Which of the following words best completes the blank in the text above?

- a) however
- b) despite
- c) beside
- d) whereas

TEST D'ANGLAIS 3



Grammar

1. I'm still considering several options. I _____ my mind yet.
 - a) haven't made up
 - b) don't make up
 - c) am not making up
 - d) not make up

2. They _____ be home by now. They left over an hour ago and it's not that far.
 - a) mustn't
 - b) can't
 - c) ought
 - d) should

3. Make sure you have it done _____ Monday. The deadline isn't flexible.
 - a) in
 - b) by
 - c) at
 - d) to

4. They _____ working very long hours in this job.
 - a) used to
 - b) are used to
 - c) use to
 - d) No correct answer

5. There are very _____ pens left. We should order some more.
 - a) few
 - b) little
 - c) fewer
 - d) No correct answer

6. We're going for a drink. _____ with us?
 - a) Do you want to come
 - b) Want you to come
 - c) Are you come
 - d) Coming you

7. How many pages _____ when he fell asleep?
 a) did he read
 b) had he read
 c) has he read
 d) is he reading
8. She's _____ in one of the major aeronautical companies.
 a) engineer
 b) a engineer
 c) an engineer
 d) engineers
9. Let's take the lift. The office is _____ the fourth floor.
 a) at
 b) in
 c) by
 d) on
10. This house is enormous. It's much _____ your old place.
 a) big than
 b) bigger than
 c) bigger that
 d) No correct answer

Vocabulary

11. The discovery is considered to be the biggest scientific _____ of the decade.
 a) breakthrough
 b) breakup
 c) breakaway
 d) breakdown
12. Passengers with nothing to declare move quickly through _____.
 a) custom
 b) customs
 c) customer
 d) No correct answer
13. I need to move some furniture. Will you _____ me your van for the weekend?
 a) lend
 b) borrow
 c) donate
 d) supply

14. He didn't like his new job and _____ after six months.
 a) quiet
 b) quit
 c) quitted
 d) quite
15. We wanted to keep travelling, but we _____ of money.
 a) ran out
 b) ran down
 c) ran up
 d) No correct answer
16. He was _____ from school for plagiarism and cheating.
 a) expelled
 b) expulse
 c) fired
 d) No correct answer
17. The plane will be _____ shortly. Please make sure all tablets and mobile phones are switched off.
 a) taking down
 b) taking up
 c) taking off
 d) taking in
18. Some of us feared he would never _____ from his injury.
 a) uncover
 b) discover
 c) recover
 d) get over
19. The increase in _____ gases in the Earth's atmosphere is contributing to global warming.
 a) green
 b) environmental
 c) greenhouse
 d) No correct answer
20. Do you think the boss will mind if I take the afternoon _____?
 a) away
 b) off
 c) out
 d) up

Reading Comprehension

21.

Tim Woda, a digital safety expert, explains: “Cyberbullies are often not the biggest kids on the playground or the meanest girls at school. To protect children against cyberbullying, parents need to be aware of what their kids are doing online and be willing to act quickly when they see a red flag.”

The expression “red flag” in the text has a meaning closest to which of the following?

- a) an opportunity for good parenting
- b) a rectangular piece of red fabric
- c) a sign of a problem
- d) an expert in psychology

22.

At this point, a glossary might be handy. “Fungi” is the overarching name for a kingdom of spore-producing organisms that feed on organic matter. “Mushrooms” are the fruiting bodies of fungi, the place where spores are produced. Mushrooms are sometimes compared to icebergs, because most of the activity is actually taking place under the surface, out of sight.

What best describes the tone of the text above?

- a) relaxed
- b) light-hearted
- c) scornful
- d) educational

23.

Doctors and nurses often “weight-shame” people who are overweight or obese, leaving them feeling anxious, depressed and wrongly blaming themselves for their condition, research has found. Such behaviour, although usually the result of “unconscious weight bias”, leads to people not attending medical appointments, feeling humiliated and being more likely to put on weight. The problem is so widespread around the world that health professionals need to be taught as students that excess weight is almost guaranteed in modern society and not the fault of individuals, so they treat people more sensitively.

The text above directly blames doctors and nurses for weight-shaming their patients.

- a) true
- b) false
- c) the information is not given

24.

Until about a month ago, I _____ I knew a fair bit about coffee. I patronised good coffee bars and knew my espresso from my macchiato; I drank decent coffee at home, too, albeit (I blush) from a Nespresso machine. But my appreciation of the stuff was all about the intensity and caffeine hit, and I now look back (with more blushes) at being offered filter coffee in a bar and thinking, “Why on Earth would I want to drink that?”

Select the word below that best fills the blank in the text above.

- a) though
- b) thought
- c) thout
- d) tough

25.

Plants make food to grow via photosynthesis (which means “putting together with light”) converting carbon dioxide and water into sugars using the energy in sunlight. This energy is captured by chlorophyll, the green pigment found in leaves and green parts of plants. The sugars produced by photosynthesis are transported around the tree and stored in the leaves.

Which of the following best describes the tone of the text above?

- a) casual
- b) optimistic
- c) informative
- d) sincere

26.

About 87,000 young children are diagnosed with lead poisoning in the US each year, more than three decades after the neurotoxin was banned as an ingredient in paint, gasoline and water pipes. Today, lead lingers in houses and apartments, yards and water lines, and wherever states and communities ramp up testing, it becomes clear that the nation’s lead problem is worse than we realized, experts say.

Which of the following is closest in meaning to “ramp up” as used in the above paragraph?

- a) lessen
- b) increase
- c) analyse
- d) highlight

27.

All climbers seeking a permit for Everest must have prior high altitude mountaineering experience and demonstrable training, a high-level commission for the Nepalese government has ruled. The recommendation was issued by the body charged with looking at the issue of high-altitude safety after one of the deadliest seasons in recent years on Everest, which was blamed on inexperience and crowding near the summit.

Which of the following is **NOT** a reason cited in the text for the recent mortality rate on Everest?

- a) large groups near the top of the mountain
- b) lack of previous experience
- c) missing permits for climbing the mountain
- d) none of the above

28.

An investigation has found that hundreds of thousands of tons of US plastic are being shipped every year to poorly regulated developing countries around the globe for the dirty, labour-intensive process of recycling. The consequences for public health and the environment are grim.

Which of the following most closely matches the definition of grim as used in the text above?

- a) extensive
- b) bright
- c) bleak
- d) expensive

29.

An enormous _____ for many US teenagers from disadvantaged backgrounds is when they _____ their high school diploma. High school graduates are less likely to commit crimes, have access to better paying jobs, and even have lower rates of heart disease!

Which two words best complete the blanks in the text above?

- a) achievement, recieve
- b) acheivement, receive
- c) achievement, receive
- d) acheivement, recieve

30.

Level seven of a multi-storey car park in southeast London isn't where you'd expect to hear Sibelius's Fifth Symphony. _____, that's where the Multi-Story orchestra are performing.

Which of the following **CANNOT** be used to fill in the blank space above.

- a) Nonetheless
- b) Despite
- c) Nevertheless
- d) However

ANSWER KEY

TEST 1

1. C
2. D
3. C
4. A
5. D
6. B
7. C
8. C
9. B
10. C
11. B
12. D
13. D
14. B
15. A
16. B
17. C
18. A
19. C
20. B
21. B
22. B
23. C
24. C
25. B
26. A
27. B
28. B
29. C
30. D

TEST 2

1. C
2. B
3. D
4. C
5. A
6. A
7. D
8. A
9. A
10. C
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12. B
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23. A
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25. C
26. C
27. A
28. C
29. D
30. A

TEST 3

1. A
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12. B
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25. C
26. B
27. C
28. C
29. C
30. B

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