

Épreuve 2012  
**Anglais**  
(concours ENAC EPL/S)

## Préambule

Ce document propose l'énoncé de l'épreuve d'Anglais du concours EPL/S 2012.

## Consignes

La durée de l'épreuve est de 2h. Le jour de l'épreuve, les réponses sont reportées sur un formulaire où le candidat noircit les cases «A», «B», «C», «D» ou «E». Il est demandé d'utiliser un stylo bille ou une pointe feutre de couleur noire.

La consigne qui s'applique est la suivante :

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.
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Dans cette épreuve, chaque question ne comporte qu'une seule bonne réponse. En 2012, il n'y avait pas de pénalité en cas de mauvaise réponse.

### New Year's Riot at Open Prison

A West Sussex prison 1) \_\_\_\_\_ suffered extensive damage after inmates started fires and smashed windows and furniture during a New Year riot.

Police, fire-fighters and prison officers in riot gear were called into HMP Ford, an open prison near Arundel, after around 40 inmates 2) \_\_\_\_\_ rioting just before midnight on New Year's Eve, activating fire alarms before setting the building 3) \_\_\_\_\_, the Ministry of Justice said. A Prison Service spokesman said fires had been started in a small 4) \_\_\_\_\_ of buildings at the site.

A small compound of buildings made up of the gym block and two side buildings were severely damaged, with smoke 5) \_\_\_\_\_ coming off them today. Extensive harm was caused to the two buildings, with the roofs having buckled because of the fire.

Prison officers with guard dogs are patrolling the perimeter of the site. A Ministry of Justice spokesman said there had been no reports of 6) \_\_\_\_\_ to prisoners or staff. "Specialist teams of prison officers have been called in to deal with the incident," he said. The prison specialises in housing non-violent offenders with a 7) \_\_\_\_\_ risk of absconding who are nearing the end of their sentences.

Prison watchdogs have 8) \_\_\_\_\_ Ford for its lax security in recent years. A report by the prison's own independent monitoring board in March 2009 found that an outdated CCTV security 9) \_\_\_\_\_ and a staffing shortage were contributing to burglars breaking into the jail to steal equipment from workshops. It also found that drugs, alcohol and mobile phones were being 10) \_\_\_\_\_ into the prison for inmates.

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| 1) A) has          | B) have         | C) had       | D) was         | E) were         |
| 2) A) has started  | B) have started | C) started   | D) was started | E) were started |
| 3) A) burning      | B) fire         | C) igniting  | D) flammable   | E) alight       |
| 4) A) part         | B) amount       | C) quantity  | D) number      | E) portion      |
| 5) A) always       | B) still        | C) already   | D) yet         | E) rarely       |
| 6) A) wounds       | B) damage       | C) incidents | D) accidents   | E) injuries     |
| 7) A) major        | B) minor        | C) high      | D) low         | E) important    |
| 8) A) accused      | B) judged       | C) praised   | D) criticised  | E) instigated   |
| 9) A) protection   | B) system       | C) team      | D) precaution  | E) observation  |
| 10) A) infiltrated | B) hidden       | C) concealed | D) transported | E) smuggled     |

### Australian floods: Prime Minister Pledges Aid Payments

Military aircraft dropped **11)** \_\_\_\_\_ to towns cut off by floods in north-eastern Australia as the Prime Minister, Julia Gillard, promised new assistance to the 200,000 people affected by waters covering an area larger than France and Germany combined. Residents were **12)** \_\_\_\_\_ up on food or evacuating their homes as rising rivers inundated or isolated 22 towns in the state of Queensland.

Gillard toured an evacuation centre in Bundaberg and announced that families **13)** \_\_\_\_\_ homes had been flooded or damaged would be eligible for disaster relief payments of A\$1,000 (£650) per adult and A\$400 per child. A day earlier, she **14)** \_\_\_\_\_ pledged A\$1m in federal aid to match a relief fund already set up by the state government. Sandy Kiddle, a Bundaberg resident, told Gillard she had lost cherished items after floodwaters surged **15)** \_\_\_\_\_ her house. She said she **16)** \_\_\_\_\_ not be able to return home for a week.

"It was just a sea of water, and I thought the beach would never come to our house," Kiddle told Gillard, who gave her a hug. Officials said half of Queensland's 715,305 square miles was affected by the flooding, which began last week after days of rain caused rivers to **17)** \_\_\_\_\_. The rain has stopped but the rivers are still surging to new heights and overflowing into low-lying towns as the water makes its way to sea. There is a shortage of drinking water and fears of mosquito-borne disease.

"This is without a doubt a tragedy on an unprecedented **18)** \_\_\_\_\_," the Queensland premier, Anna Bligh, told Australian Broadcasting Corp. Cleanup efforts **19)** \_\_\_\_\_ expected to cost billions, she said. The department of community safety said supplies of food and bedding were delivered by road and by military aircraft to the towns of Rockhampton, Emerald, Springsure and Blackwater in central-east Queensland. North-eastern Australia often sees heavy rains and flooding during the southern hemisphere summer, but the scope of the **20)** \_\_\_\_\_ from the recent downpours is unusual.

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| 11) A) demands | B) letters   | C) crops       | D) plants     | E) supplies    |
| 12) A) picking | B) stocking  | C) collecting  | D) conserving | E) storing     |
| 13) A) who     | B) which     | C) what        | D) whose      | E) whom        |
| 14) A) have    | B) has       | C) had         | D) was        | E) were        |
| 15) A) through | B) behind    | C) in front of | D) next to    | E) beneath     |
| 16) A) can     | B) could     | C) must        | D) may        | E) ought       |
| 17) A) drown   | B) overflow  | C) sink        | D) tip over   | E) rise up     |
| 18) A) scale   | B) dimension | C) factor      | D) range      | E) measurement |
| 19) A) have    | B) has       | C) had         | D) was        | E) were        |
| 20) A) harm    | B) damage    | C) injury      | D) accident   | E) ruins       |

### Looking at Eclipse Directly Could Damage Eyes, Experts Warn

The partial eclipse in the New Year **21)** \_\_\_\_\_ cause permanent damage to the eyes if looked at directly, a top doctor said. The moon will pass between the sun and the earth **22)** \_\_\_\_\_ 8am and 9.30am on 4 January.

Dame Sally Davies, the government's interim chief medical officer, said: "Under no **23)** \_\_\_\_\_ should people look directly at the sun during a partial eclipse. The risks of doing so are very real and could lead to **24)** \_\_\_\_\_ damage to eyesight and even blindness." She said children were particularly vulnerable. "We would **25)** \_\_\_\_\_ parents to explain the danger to their children. We would not wish to see another case like the young boy who lost his central vision back in October 2005 through looking directly at a partial eclipse in his school **26)** \_\_\_\_\_."

Experts said the **27)** \_\_\_\_\_ way to watch the partial eclipse was via the television or live webcasts. Experts said only specially designed solar filters bearing the appropriate "CE mark" could be used to safely view the eclipse directly. Anita Lightstone, programme director of UK Vision Strategy at the RNIB, said: "It is **28)** \_\_\_\_\_ that people take the issue of eye safety seriously. People who look directly at the sun, even for as little as five seconds, risk permanent eye damage, even blindness."

The advice was backed by the Royal College of Ophthalmologists, the College of Optometrists, the RNIB and incorporates advice from the Royal Astronomical Society. Seen from the UK, the eclipse will **29)** \_\_\_\_\_ have begun when the sun rises in London at 8.06am, in Manchester at 8.24am and in Glasgow at 8.46am. The eclipse will end at or **30)** \_\_\_\_\_ after 9.30am for viewers in the UK.

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| 21) A) will       | B) would        | C) must      | D) should     | E) could         |
| 22) A) at         | B) between      | C) from      | D) until      | E) around        |
| 23) A) conditions | B) states       | C) events    | D) rules      | E) circumstances |
| 24) A) irregular  | B) irreversible | C) invisible | D) impossible | E) unchangeable  |
| 25) A) persuade   | B) convince     | C) urge      | D) dare       | E) order         |
| 26) A) backyard   | B) corridor     | C) assembly  | D) playground | E) subjects      |
| 27) A) safer      | B) safest       | C) more safe | D) most safe  | E) very safe     |
| 28) A) vital      | B) required     | C) relevant  | D) obligatory | E) wanted        |
| 29) A) always     | B) still        | C) yet       | D) already    | E) rarely        |
| 30) A) shortly    | B) nearly       | C) around    | D) before     | E) approximately |

### No Web Access at Home for 2m Poor Pupils, Warns Charity

More than one million children in Britain live in homes without computers and **31)** \_\_\_\_\_ two million have no internet connection at home, a charity said yesterday. The e-Learning Foundation said it feared the gap between rich and poor pupils' performance at school **32)** \_\_\_\_\_ widen unless more was done to ensure that every child can use a computer at home.

The charity works with teachers and parents to **33)** \_\_\_\_\_ children without home computers to borrow them, or their families to buy them. It found that the poorest families in the country were two-and-a-half times **34)** \_\_\_\_\_ likely to have an internet connection at home than the richest ones. The charity analysed a **35)** \_\_\_\_\_ of family spending in Britain, published by the Office for National Statistics last year. The study found that 75% of households had a home computer and 71% had an internet connection, a rise of three and five percentage points respectively **36)** \_\_\_\_\_ 2008.

In the **37)** \_\_\_\_\_ 10% of homes, 98% had a home computer and 97% had internet access, but in the poorest 10% of homes **38)** \_\_\_\_\_ 38% had a home computer and 30% an internet connection. Connection to the internet was lowest in Northern Ireland, where 57% of homes could log on, and highest in the south-east and London, where 72% of homes could access the internet.

Valerie Thompson, chief executive of the foundation, said children without computers and with no internet access at home were at a "tangible disadvantage" when it came to completing homework, pursuing their interests and researching topics **39)** \_\_\_\_\_ school. "Without the use of a computer and the ability to go online at home, the attainment gap that characterises children from low-income families is simply going to get **40)** \_\_\_\_\_," she said.

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| 31) A) less than  | B) in addition | C) an extra | D) a further | E) subtracting   |
| 32) A) will       | B) would       | C) can      | D) should    | E) must          |
| 33) A) facilitate | B) support     | C) enable   | D) recommend | E) back up       |
| 34) A) more       | B) less        | C) most     | D) least     | E) very          |
| 35) A) poll       | B) calculation | C) research | D) survey    | E) questionnaire |
| 36) A) by         | B) over        | C) after    | D) at        | E) on            |
| 37) A) rich       | B) richer      | C) richest  | D) more rich | E) most rich     |
| 38) A) rarely     | B) only        | C) barely   | D) solely    | E) simply        |
| 39) A) in         | B) on          | C) at       | D) during    | E) for           |
| 40) A) better     | B) best        | C) worse    | D) worst     | E) over          |

### Russian Passenger Jet Explodes; 1 Dead, 10 Injured

A Russian passenger jet carrying 128 people caught fire and later exploded at a Siberian airport on Saturday, killing one person and injuring 10, officials said. The rest of the passengers and crew were safely **41)** \_\_\_\_\_ before the explosion in the Western Siberian oil town of Surgut.

**42)** \_\_\_\_\_ services spokesman Vadim Grebennikov said the fire, which began in one of the engines as the plane **43)** \_\_\_\_\_ for takeoff, caused a powerful blast that destroyed the Tu-154 aircraft and spread flames across an area of 100 square meters (1,100 square feet). The plane, **44)** \_\_\_\_\_ belonged to the regional Kogalymavia airline, was flying from Surgut to Moscow.

**45)** \_\_\_\_\_ the passengers were members of the Russian pop group Na-Na, who **46)** \_\_\_\_\_ the panic on board the plane. "When the engines were started up, something went wrong and the outer covering of the plane caught fire," group member Vladimir Politov said by telephone, the RIA Novosti news agency reported. "We had trouble **47)** \_\_\_\_\_ the emergency exits and people began to really panic, with some of them running right through the flames." Politov said he and the other members of the group, which was popular in Russia in the 1990s, got out through an emergency exit over a wing and none of them was **48)** \_\_\_\_\_.

All three engines on the Tu-154 are located in the back of the aircraft. The Tu-154 has been the workhorse of the Soviet and post-Soviet civilian aviation industry, first entering service in the 1970s. But after a series of crashes involving the **49)** \_\_\_\_\_ fleet raised safety concerns, flagship carrier Aeroflot withdrew all of its Tu-154s from service, with the last flight a year **50)** \_\_\_\_\_.

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| 41) A) ejected | B) boarded  | C) evacuated | D) got off     | E) eliminated  |
| 42) A) Flight  | B) Security | C) Carrier   | D) Company     | E) Emergency   |
| 43) A) flew    | B) landed   | C) taxied    | D) climbed     | E) descended   |
| 44) A) which   | B) who      | C) whose     | D) whom        | E) what        |
| 45) A) Between | B) Around   | C) Inside    | D) Among       | E) Surrounding |
| 46) A) told    | B) reported | C) explained | D) described   | E) related     |
| 47) A) open    | B) to open  | C) opening   | D) for open    | E) for opening |
| 48) A) hurt    | B) wounded  | C) casualty  | D) fatality    | E) damaged     |
| 49) A) new     | B) aging    | C) antique   | D) experienced | E) exhausted   |
| 50) A) before  | B) ago      | C) previous  | D) away        | E) after       |

### Massachusetts Sets Targets to Slash Carbon Emissions

Massachusetts officials on Wednesday announced a plan to curb heat-trapping gases **51)** \_\_\_\_\_ by homes, cars and businesses in the state by 25 percent below 1990 levels over the next decade. The targets **52)** \_\_\_\_\_ by the plan are the highest allowed under climate legislation passed by the state in 2008 and among the most stringent in the nation, placing Massachusetts in the company of California, New Mexico and other states that have taken strong action to **53)** \_\_\_\_\_ global warming.

Unlike California's plan, **54)** \_\_\_\_\_, which sets industry-by-industry regulations to achieve its mandated cutbacks, the Massachusetts plan relies largely on existing programs, **55)** \_\_\_\_\_ renewable-energy mandates, energy-efficiency standards for building construction and curbs in the electricity sector that are already in place under a multistate agreement known as the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

In **56)** \_\_\_\_\_ the new measure, Ian A. Bowles, the state's secretary of energy and environmental affairs, said most of the planned emissions cuts would result in net gains in jobs state-wide. The plan, he added, shows that a state can change its energy profile with minimal economic impact and "puts the lie to the Chicken Little-oriented debate on the national scene" that equates **57)** \_\_\_\_\_ of emissions with job loss and economic disruption.

"People who have studied this find you can get your first 20-30 percent of greenhouse-gas cuts without making **58)** \_\_\_\_\_ economic trade-offs," he said.

Debra Boronski, president of the Massachusetts Chamber of Business and Industry, said she was not **59)** \_\_\_\_\_ sure of Mr. Bowles's contention, particularly when it came to switching from **60)** \_\_\_\_\_ fuels - like the natural gas that powers much of the state's electricity grid - to renewable sources of energy like wind and solar power.

- 51) A) ejected      B) emitted      C) outsourced      D) exited      E) polluted  
 52) A) set      B) aimed      C) decided      D) fired      E) enabled  
 53) A) raise      B) facilitate      C) address      D) action      E) persuade  
 54) A) although      B) but      C) additionally      D) moreover      E) however  
 55) A) as      B) for      C) since      D) like      E) also  
 56) A) announce      B) announcing      C) announced      D) to announce      E) announcement  
 57) A) reduction      B) elimination      C) increase      D) creation      E) mitigation  
 58) A) relevant      B) large      C) significant      D) marked      E) high  
 59) A) all      B) much      C) as      D) so      E) ever  
 60) A) normal      B) usual      C) ordinary      D) realistic      E) conventional

### Shanghai Schools' Approach Pushes Students to Top of Tests

In Li Zhen's ninth-grade mathematics class here last week, the morning drill was geometry. Students at the middle school affiliated with Jing'An Teachers' College were asked to **61)** \_\_\_\_\_ the relative size of geometric shapes by using Euclid's theorem of parallelograms. "Who in this class can tell me how to **62)** \_\_\_\_\_ two lines are parallel without using a proportional segment?" Ms. Li called out to about 40 students seated in a cramped classroom.

One by one, a series of students at this medium-size public school **63)** \_\_\_\_\_ their hands. When Ms. Li called on them, they each stood politely by their desks and usually answered correctly. They returned to their seats **64)** \_\_\_\_\_ she told them to sit down.

Educators say this **65)** \_\_\_\_\_ approach helps explain the announcement this month that 5,100 15-year-olds in Shanghai outperformed students from about 65 countries on an international standardized test that measured maths, science and reading competency. American students came in between 15th and 31st place in the three categories. France and Britain also fared poorly.

Experts said comparing scores from countries and cities of different sizes is complicated. They also said that the Shanghai scores were not representative of China, **66)** \_\_\_\_\_ this fast-growing city of 20 million is relatively affluent. **67)** \_\_\_\_\_, they were impressed by the high scores from students in Shanghai. The results **68)** \_\_\_\_\_ as another sign of China's growing competitiveness. The United States rankings are a "wake-up call," said Arne Duncan, the secretary of education. **69)** \_\_\_\_\_ it was the first time China had taken part in the test, which was administered by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, based in Paris, the results bolstered this country's **70)** \_\_\_\_\_ for producing students with strong maths and science skills.

- 61) A) present      B) relate      C) outline      D) explain      E) tell
- 62) A) illustrate      B) demonstrate      C) facilitate      D) protract      E) extrapolate
- 63) A) lifted      B) pointed      C) held      D) extended      E) raised
- 64) A) after that      B) only when      C) just before      D) while      E) during
- 65) A) varied      B) dedicated      C) disciplined      D) control      E) contrary
- 66) A) however      B) since      C) due to      D) though      E) but
- 67) A) Still      B) Therefore      C) Furthermore      D) Although      E) Despite
- 68) A) has seen      B) have seen      C) was seen      D) were seen      E) saw
- 69) A) However      B) Therefore      C) Although      D) Due to      E) Despite
- 70) A) famous      B) celebrity      C) well-known      D) knowledge      E) reputation



### South Africa Fears Millions More H.I.V. Infections

South Africa, already home to 5.7 million H.I.V.-positive people, more than any other nation, can expect an additional five million to become infected **71)** \_\_\_\_\_ the next two decades even if the nation more than doubles its already considerable financing for treatment and prevention and gives prevention a higher priority, **72)** \_\_\_\_\_ a report presented here Friday to the country's leading advisory body on AIDS policy.

South Africa has far and **73)** \_\_\_\_\_ the continent's leading economy, but the study concludes that it nevertheless faces a "major and mounting financial challenge" to **74)** \_\_\_\_\_ its AIDS problem, explaining that about \$102 billion will **75)** \_\_\_\_\_ be spent over the next 20 years merely to keep the number of new infections at the projected five million mark. "The government doesn't seem to have their heads around the numbers **76)** \_\_\_\_\_, and they are going to have to do some thinking out of the box," Teresa Guthrie, an economist and one of the report's authors, said in an interview. "It's not an encouraging picture."

Actually, South Africa is in the midst of a rapid expansion of its AIDS programs, attempting to **77)** \_\_\_\_\_ years of denial and delay when former President Thabo Mbeki questioned whether H.I.V. caused AIDS. He **78)** \_\_\_\_\_ that antiretroviral drugs were harmful and his health minister recommended remedies of beet root and garlic. Last year, the nation spent \$2.1 billion on AIDS, according to the report, **79)** \_\_\_\_\_ about a third of that came from international donors, including \$620 million from the United States.

"We would argue that the donors really need to stay with this, and the next five years are **80)** \_\_\_\_\_ critical," said Robert Hecht, another of the report's authors.

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| 71) A) while   | B) for        | C) between    | D) during     | E) before       |
| 72) A) citing  | B) following  | C) including  | D) containing | E) according to |
| 73) A) wide    | B) away       | C) long       | D) further    | E) more         |
| 74) A) confirm | B) contradict | C) confront   | D) context    | E) contact      |
| 75) A) must    | B) should     | C) ought to   | D) need to    | E) not have to  |
| 76) A) still   | B) already    | C) yet        | D) always     | E) never        |
| 77) A) manage  | B) win over   | C) gain over  | D) eliminate  | E) overcome     |
| 78) A) denied  | B) suggested  | C) negated    | D) proposed   | E) promoted     |
| 79) A) though  | B) because    | C) due to     | D) for        | E) since        |
| 80) A) fully   | B) totally    | C) completely | D) absolutely | E) hugely       |