

## Épreuve 2024 **Anglais** (concours ENAC EPL/S)

### Préambule

Ce document propose l'énoncé de l'épreuve d'Anglais du concours EPL/S 2024.

### 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.

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Dans cette épreuve, chaque question ne comporte qu'une seule bonne réponse. En 2024, il n'y avait pas de pénalité en cas de mauvaise réponse.

# Anglais 2024

## Tax super-rich on private jet travel to fund public transport, says UK charity

The super-rich should be **1)** \_\_\_\_\_ to pay an extra tax each time they fly on "hugely damaging" private jets to help fund better and cleaner public transport, a charity has said. The Campaign for Better Transport (CfBT) called on the government to introduce a "super tax" on private jet travel, saying it is **"2)** \_\_\_\_\_ time that these individuals started paying for the damage their flights cause and the **3)** \_\_\_\_\_ used to help improve public transport for communities up and down the country".

The charity said private jets are between five and 14 times more polluting than commercial flights and 50 times more polluting than taking a train. They argue that a "super rate of air passenger duty (APD)" **4)** \_\_\_\_\_ be applied to account for the damage caused to the planet. The CFBT also called on the government to **5)** \_\_\_\_\_ private flights of their current VAT-free status.

**6)** \_\_\_\_\_, private jet passengers are charged the same rate of APD as business or first-class passengers, with a higher rate applied to aircraft of 20 tonnes or more with fewer than 19 passengers onboard. The campaigners said the new super rate of APD on private jet travel should be set at 10 times the current higher rate for domestic and European trips, which would apply to all private jet passengers, **7)** \_\_\_\_\_ of the size or capacity of the aircraft or distance travelled. They said the tax could raise £1.4bn-a-year - **8)** \_\_\_\_\_ equal to Network Rail's entire annual maintenance costs.

The number of private jets in operation rose by 7% last year and was up 47% on 2020, **9)** \_\_\_\_\_ to data from the private jet consultancy Wing-X. This **10)** \_\_\_\_\_ starkly with scheduled passenger airline activity, which remained 35% below pre-pandemic levels.

- 1) A) demanded    B) invited    C) forced    D) incited    E) mandated
- 2) A) about    B) around    C) at    D) after    E) in
- 3) A) profits    B) benefits    C) fees    D) proceeds    E) duties
- 4) A) ought    B) should    C) can    D) could    E) must
- 5) A) remove    B) withdraw    C) strip    D) tear    E) eliminate
- 6) A) Actually    B) Currently    C) Presently    D) Really    E) Simultaneously
- 7) A) in spite    B) accounting    C) despite    D) regardless    E) independent
- 8) A) about    B) around    C) precisely    D) exactly    E) roughly
- 9) A) relating    B) comparing    C) lining up    D) following    E) according
- 10) A) contrasts    B) compares    C) relates    D) differs    E) lines up

### Now you can legally buy recreational cannabis in New York

Kenneth Woodin, a stay-at-home dad, was first in line at the cannabis dispensary in Greenwich Village in Manhattan. He said he wanted to be a part of history after **11)** \_\_\_\_\_ arrested on a weed charge in Houston, where he previously lived. When he finally got inside, after a **12)** \_\_\_\_\_ four-hour wait, he bought two bags, each containing an eighth of an ounce of smokable flower called Gorilla Glue for about \$90. It was the kind of transaction that **13)** \_\_\_\_\_ take place out of sight. But Mr. Woodin's purchase on Thursday was made on the first day of licensed sales of recreational cannabis since the state legalized them last year.

"This is a part of history," Mr. Woodin, 33, said. "I don't want to feel like being a criminal anymore." The sales on Thursday at a dispensary operated by Housing Works, a nonprofit organization that supports people living with H.I.V. and AIDS, marked the state's pivot from decades of criminalizing marijuana to the start of a **14)** \_\_\_\_\_ industry projected to generate \$4 billion over the next five years. The state passed a first-of-its kind law in March 2021 that gave priority to people adversely affected by enforcement of marijuana laws for early business opportunities in the new industry. But the rollout **15)** \_\_\_\_\_ slow, and until Thursday, consumers had no way to purchase products legally despite an abundance of illicit shops and vendors.

The **16)** \_\_\_\_\_ inside the dispensary, Housing Works Cannabis Co., on Broadway and East 8th Street, was festive and triumphant. At a morning ceremony, activists cheered on regulators and lawmakers who gave speeches **17)** \_\_\_\_\_ the day. "New York is leading," said Chris Alexander, the executive director of the Office of Cannabis Management and the dispensary's first customer before the doors were opened to the public at 4:20 p.m. "I've said it often and I'll say it **18)** \_\_\_\_\_, equity is not a thing. It's the thing. It is what we are doing."

By midafternoon, a line of customers had formed **19)** \_\_\_\_\_ from the storefront around the corner to Astor Place and Lafayette Street. Inside, a D.J. played upbeat music as guests grazed on hors d'oeuvres and fruity drinks. Store managers said they were expecting more than 2,000 visitors on Thursday and to sell **20)** \_\_\_\_\_ of products by Saturday.

- 11) A) got            B) have been    C) has been    D) had been    E) having been
- 12) A) more than    B) less than    C) greater    D) maximum    E) minimum
- 13) A) use to        B) used to       C) would       D) will        E) must
- 14) A) advised      B) validated     C) sanctioned   D) promoted    E) recommended
- 15) A) used to be    B) have been    C) has been     D) would be    E) having been
- 16) A) air            B) feeling       C) spirit        D) mood        E) current
- 17) A) praising      B) celebrating   C) memorizing   D) recalling    E) congratulating
- 18) A) about        B) again        C) strongly     D) loudly       E) loud
- 19) A) queueing     B) snaking      C) standing     D) stretching   E) waiting
- 20) A) in             B) over          C) up            D) down        E) out

### Man arrested and charged with murder over Idaho student murders

A criminology graduate student has been arrested and charged with first-degree murder in the killings of four University of Idaho students who were found stabbed to death in their beds more than a month **21)** \_\_\_\_\_, police said on Friday.

Bryan Christopher Kohberger, 28, was arrested early on Friday morning by the Pennsylvania state police at a home in Chestnuthill Township, **22)** \_\_\_\_\_ said. The Latah county prosecutor, Bill Thompson, said investigators believe Kohberger broke into the students' home "with the intent to commit murder". He is being held for extradition to Idaho, and an extradition hearing **23)** \_\_\_\_\_ scheduled for Tuesday. Thompson said the suspect is charged with four counts of first-degree murder and felony burglary.

The four students were stabbed to death in an off-campus residence situated near university sorority and fraternity houses. Autopsies showed all four were **24)** \_\_\_\_\_ asleep when they were attacked. Some had defensive wounds, and each was stabbed multiple times. The quadruple killing sent shockwaves and sowed mistrust. For weeks, residents remained on edge as no suspect was named. Authorities did not **25)** \_\_\_\_\_ the discovery of a murder weapon, nor proffer any possible motive. Many of the 11,000 University of Idaho students left Moscow right after the murders, while others who departed for the Thanksgiving holiday opted not to come back.

Locksmiths' vans **26)** \_\_\_\_\_ be spotted around town, amid reports that some locals requested pepper spray or guns for Christmas gifts. Local businesses **27)** \_\_\_\_\_ shuttered early and residents feared walking or staying alone. Before the killings, Moscow, a town of 25,000 near the border with Washington state, **28)** \_\_\_\_\_ seen a murder in seven years.

The break-through in the case came after police asked the public for help **29)** \_\_\_\_\_ a white sedan spotted near the students' home around the time of the murders, the AP reported. According to CNN, law enforcement **30)** \_\_\_\_\_ in on Kohberger after linking him to the white Hyundai Elantra.

- 21) A) before      B) after      C) previously      D) ago      E) past
- 22) A) authorities      B) spokesman      C) policemen      D) university      E) lawyers
- 23) A) is      B) was      C) will be      D) would be      E) should be
- 24) A) likely      B) unlikely      C) probably      D) fortunately      E) jointly
- 25) A) say      B) tell      C) commit      D) specify      E) disclose
- 26) A) can      B) could      C) would      D) may      E) might
- 27) A) reported      B) reporting      C) reportedly      D) appeared      E) apparently
- 28) A) has not      B) have not      C) had not      D) won't have      E) wouldn't have
- 29) A) to search      B) searching      C) to mark      D) marking      E) locating
- 30) A) zoned      B) homed      C) focused      D) searched      E) targeted

### What we are losing by moving to working from home

Did the Covid-19 pandemic change us forever? I confess to being skeptical about such claims, believing that in the long run the axis will right itself. But as we enter 2023, nearly three years after the beginning of the **31)** \_\_\_\_\_, the signs are that as far as working patterns are concerned the shift induced by lockdowns **32)** \_\_\_\_\_ become permanent.

Proof was there to see in the City of London before the holiday. Where once the bars of areas like Leadenhall Market would be heaving, on the day I was there, they were eerily half-full. This, in the **33)** \_\_\_\_\_ to the seasonal break, when those in the Square Mile would normally be catching up over a drink or several with old pals and clients before heading off. Here, it was clear, they'd already gone and what socializing there was to be done would be taking place nearer home, probably at mutually convenient pubs in the suburbs.

**34)** \_\_\_\_\_ a thought for those street-level businesses in the City, reliant upon the folks in the offices above. Their trade has been **35)** \_\_\_\_\_. That's after a grim lockdown, which they did well to survive, then working from home. As if that was not bad enough, there were train and tube strikes thrown in to make trade especially difficult. It does not apply only to the City of course, but anywhere that supplies those making the daily **36)** \_\_\_\_\_, five days a week: sandwich makers, hairdressers, dry cleaners, shoe repairers, cafes, shirts and suits retailers, florists, taxis, gift shops, grocers... the list is a long one.

It's easy to forget the **37)** \_\_\_\_\_ and pain caused by the switch to journeying into the office only two or three days a week. What about the other days, what happens then, what effect do the no-shows cause for **38)** \_\_\_\_\_ who depend on customers five days a week for their living?

What is clear from a survey conducted by the Financial Times is that organizations are **39)** \_\_\_\_\_ as to what they're asking of their workers. Most companies have adopted hybrid working, but **40)** \_\_\_\_\_ some are demanding staff return to the office several days a week, others are giving them much greater freedom to choose when they work from home.

- 31) A) illness      B) outbreak      C) spreading      D) contagion      E) contagious
- 32) A) has          B) have          C) had            D) would          E) should
- 33) A) leading      B) preview      C) prelude      D) run-up          E) anticipation
- 34) A) Spare        B) Consider     C) Conserve     D) Reserve        E) Recall
- 35) A) destructed   B) culled        C) eliminated   D) decimated     E) knocked down
- 36) A) travel        B) travelling    C) commute     D) commuting    E) voyage
- 37) A) injury        B) damage       C) wounds       D) bruising       E) illness
- 38) A) personnel   B) they          C) them          D) these          E) those
- 39) A) split          B) dividing      C) different     D) conflicting    E) separate
- 40) A) in spite of    B) despite       C) while         D) during         E) because

### The best World cup final ever?

The best World Cup ever, Gianni Infantino had said. It turned out FIFA's propagandist of a president was merely missing a word. The best World Cup final ever? The case grew **41)** \_\_\_\_\_ as the game grew more illogical, more credibility-defying, more dramatic. Twice Argentina thought they **42)** \_\_\_\_\_ the World Cup 2022. France's responses - two goals in two minutes of mayhem, a further one on the 118th minute - amounted to the greatest comeback in World Cup history.

On fact is that Kylian Mbappe has had started 11 previous World Cup games and won them all. France lost this, albeit on penalties. He will not become the youngest two-time winner since Pele. In one **43)** \_\_\_\_\_, he has gone ahead of everyone else. He has scored a goal destined to be remembered as one of the finest in World Cup finals. If greatness is proved on such occasions, Mbappe has done enough, at 23, to be **44)** \_\_\_\_\_ a great. But on a day when he veered from the anonymous to the astounding, the prodigy who is careering into the history books collected a silver medal.

He also got the Golden Boot. The man **45)** \_\_\_\_\_ missed penalty knocked France out of Euro 2020 found the net from the spot three times, including the shootout, with high-pressure penalties. He beat Emiliano Martinez four times and, ultimately, France still lost their crown to the ebullient Argentinians. The Paris Saint-Germain player who **46)** \_\_\_\_\_ triumphant was Lionel Messi, not the young pretender. If there is a question of the succession, the case for anointing Mbappe the best player on the planet now would be irresistible **47)** \_\_\_\_\_ for one man: Messi.

This was billed as Messi versus Mbappe: simplistic, dumbing down, the inevitable result of the Messi-Ronaldo era when players' teams were overshadowed by players when millions supported individuals. And yet the great men did **48)** \_\_\_\_\_ great men do, Messi scored two goals in the final, Mbappe three.

All of which felt some way off when Mbappe began with an exercise in ineffectiveness. Perhaps it **49)** \_\_\_\_\_ Argentina into a false sense of security. Certainly, they seemed stunned by his two-minute double. If he was leaving it late to **50)** \_\_\_\_\_ to life, he has never been a player to dominate for 90 minutes. His explosive brilliance can stem from his pace, but also from a sudden capacity to acquire momentum.

- 41) A) strong    B) stronger    C) strongest    D) strengthen    E) the most strong
- 42) A) won    B) has won    C) have won    D) had won    E) were winning
- 43) A) point    B) particular    C) estimation    D) category    E) respect
- 44) A) named    B) recalled    C) regarded    D) considered    E) nominated
- 45) A) who    B) whom    C) whose    D) which    E) that
- 46) A) ended up    B) resulted    C) terminated    D) completed    E) finalized
- 47) A) though    B) however    C) despite    D) excepted    E) but
- 48) A) as    B) so    C) because    D) when    E) while
- 49) A) trapped    B) lulled    C) enticed    D) drew    E) dragged
- 50) A) launch    B) leap    C) spring    D) ignite    E) resurrect

### US braces for more deaths as 'blizzard of the century' grips nation

Emergency crews in New York were scrambling to rescue marooned residents from **51)** \_\_\_\_\_ authorities called the "blizzard of the century," a relentless storm that has 27 dead in the state and taken at least 60 lives nationwide, according to an NBC News tally. In New York state, authorities **52)** \_\_\_\_\_ described ferocious conditions, particularly in Buffalo, with hours-long whiteouts, bodies being discovered in vehicles and under snowbanks, and emergency personnel going "car to car" searching for more motorists, alive or dead.

On Monday night, US president Joe Biden issued a federal emergency **53)** \_\_\_\_\_ for the state of New York, authorising government assistance to bolster state and local recovery efforts. "My heart is with those who lost loved ones this holiday weekend. You are in my and Jill's prayers," Biden said in a Twitter message earlier in the day.

New York governor, Kathy Hochul, emphasized that it remains important for people to stay home and remain off the roads. "Anyone who declares victory and says that it's over, it is way too early to say," Hochul said, **54)** \_\_\_\_\_, "The storm is coming back, we're expecting another six to 12 inches."

Hochul, a native of Buffalo, said she was **55)** \_\_\_\_\_ by what she saw during a reconnaissance tour of the city. "It is (like) going to a war zone, and the vehicles along the sides of the roads are shocking," Hochul said, describing eight-foot (2.4-meter) drifts against homes **56)** \_\_\_\_\_ snowplows and rescue vehicles "buried" in snow. "This is a war with mother nature," she said.

The perfect storm of fierce snow squalls, howling wind and sub-zero temperatures forced the cancellation of more than 15,000 US flights in recent days, including **57)** \_\_\_\_\_ 2,600 on Monday, according to tracking site Flightaware.com. The National Weather Service forecast up to 14 more inches Monday in addition to the several feet that have **58)** \_\_\_\_\_ left the city buried in snow, with officials struggling to get emergency services back online.

Erie County executive Mark Poloncarz told a press briefing that the county's death toll will **59)** \_\_\_\_\_ surpass that of Buffalo's blizzard of 1977, when nearly 30 people died. "We do expect that there will be more" deaths from the **60)** \_\_\_\_\_ storm," he said.

- 51) A) what            B) which            C) that            D) who            E) whose
- 52) A) has            B) have            C) had            D) having            E) have had
- 53) A) notice            B) speech            C) report            D) declaration            E) notification
- 54) A) telling            B) stating            C) adding            D) reporting            E) indicating
- 55) A) surprised            B) stunned            C) impressed            D) affected            E) awakened
- 56) A) in addition            B) also            C) added            D) moreover            E) as well as
- 57) A) less than            B) at least            C) lower than            D) fewer            E) possibly
- 58) A) still            B) yet            C) already            D) always            E) since
- 59) A) possibly            B) especially            C) predictably            D) forecast            E) probably
- 60) A) ingoing            B) outgoing            C) incoming            D) ongoing            E) outcoming

### Social media triggers children to dislike their own bodies, says study

Three **61)** \_\_\_\_\_ four children as young as 12 dislike their bodies and are embarrassed by the way they look, increasing to eight in 10 young people aged 18 to 21. The findings come from a major new study warning that social media represents a **62)** \_\_\_\_\_ risk to the current and future health of today's young generations.

Nearly half of all children and young people aged from 12 to 21 questioned said they have become **63)** \_\_\_\_\_, started exercising excessively, stopped socialising completely or self-harmed because they are regularly bullied or trolled online about their physical appearance. Four in 10 said they are in mental health distress, with almost one in five experiencing body image issues and 14% experiencing eating difficulties, such as extreme restrictive eating, binge eating and purging or vomiting. **64)** \_\_\_\_\_ in need of support, just one in ten young people were receiving treatment.

The findings come from a new survey of 1,024 children and young people aged 12 to 21 years old by stem4, the youth mental health charity. **65)** \_\_\_\_\_ on the findings, the charity says that urgent action is needed. "We **66)** \_\_\_\_\_ improve understanding of the potentially compelling impact of social media content, and the reinforcement created through algorithms, on young people's engagement with apps and their consequent mental health," said Dr Nihara Krause, consultant clinical psychologist, CEO and founder of stem4.

The findings come at a time of acute public concern about the **67)** \_\_\_\_\_ of social media on young people's mental health, triggered most recently by the death of Molly Russell, TikTok's showing of "pro-anorexia" and other harmful material to those aged under 18 and a **68)** \_\_\_\_\_ of other research showing that the mental health of an entire generation of children and young people is in crisis.

The survey found that 97% of children as young as 12 are now on social media. **69)** \_\_\_\_\_ almost 70% saying that social media makes them feel stressed, anxious and depressed - with two-thirds saying they were worried by the amount of time they spend on social media - the **70)** \_\_\_\_\_ daily time spent on apps was 3.65 hours.

- 61) A) from            B) out            C) out of        D) or            E) or around
- 62) A) giant            B) magnified    C) majority     D) significant   E) symptomatic
- 63) A) withdrawn    B) incoming     C) outgoing     D) unwrapped   E) independent
- 64) A) From these    B) From those   C) Of these     D) Of those     E) Included
- 65) A) Derived        B) Based        C) Resulting    D) Drawing      E) Extrapolating
- 66) A) need to        B) plan to       C) would        D) ought        E) might
- 67) A) importance    B) severity      C) impact       D) indications   E) conclusions
- 68) A) survey        B) series        C) packet        D) plethora      E) multiplication
- 69) A) Although      B) Though       C) Because      D) In spite      E) Despite
- 70) A) usual          B) average      C) normal       D) expected     E) recommended



### Climate Activists And a way to get Germany's attention: Stop Traffic

The radical climate activists tried hunger strikes. They glued themselves to famous paintings. They tried to disrupt a classical concert. They confronted lawmakers **71)** \_\_\_\_\_ enter Parliament. They even desecrated an official Christmas tree of the city of Berlin.

It took them donning neon vests, walking into traffic at rush hour and gluing themselves to the streets in Berlin and Munich, causing miles-long backups and bringing drivers to murderous rage, to make their protest impossible to **72)** \_\_\_\_\_.

With their actions, carried out with increasing frequency as 2022 drew to a close, they have attracted enormous attention in a country where cars reign **73)** \_\_\_\_\_, home to BMW, Mercedes, Volkswagen and the autobahn. **74)** \_\_\_\_\_ they have also united almost everyone in politics in Berlin, and much of the public, against them.

They have become a target for conservatives and embarrassment for the governing Green Party, which has long been working within the political system **75)** \_\_\_\_\_ the same goals. And their tactics have stirred debate even within the broader environmentalist movement over how much is **76)** \_\_\_\_\_ much in pursuit of climate goals.

The answer from the protesters, who are the German chapter of an environmental group called Last Generation, is that the climate crisis warrants drastic action. Founded in 2021 when a small number of activists went on a weeklong hunger strike in front of the Parliament building in Berlin, the group is now well-funded and has **77)** \_\_\_\_\_ grown to include a few hundred active members, whose actions have earned, among other things, a reference in the president's Christmas speech last week ? a sign that their protests have struck a **78)** \_\_\_\_\_.

Their immediate **79)** \_\_\_\_\_ ? things like ending food waste, enforcing strict speed limits to reduce emissions and subsidizing rail travel ? may seem tame, but their ultimate message is urgent: The world is in a climate emergency and business as usual is not a(n) **80)** \_\_\_\_\_.

- 71) A) going to    B) blocking    C) attempting    D) trying to    E) coming from
- 72) A) prevent    B) ban    C) ignore    D) monitor    E) recognize
- 73) A) king    B) for ever    C) majestic    D) supreme    E) eternal
- 74) A) But    B) So    C) Therefore    D) Because    E) However
- 75) A) to    B) toward    C) among    D) in between    E) on behalf of
- 76) A) so    B) too    C) not    D) very    E) rather
- 77) A) already    B) yet    C) still    D) ever    E) since
- 78) A) point    B) mark    C) bell    D) bone    E) nerve
- 79) A) requests    B) goals    C) demands    D) policies    E) intentions
- 80) A) option    B) answer    C) response    D) strategy    E) continuation