

Épreuve 2025 **Anglais** (concours ENAC EPL/S)

Préambule

Ce document propose l'énoncé de l'épreuve d'Anglais du concours EPL/S 2025.

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.

Dans cette épreuve, chaque question ne comporte qu'une seule bonne réponse. En 2025, il n'y avait pas de pénalité en cas de mauvaise réponse.

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Boris Johnson accused of 'shocking disrespect' over party comments

Boris Johnson was accused of "shocking disrespect" by families bereaved by Covid after he **1)** _____ it was unfair to have expected him to stop parties **2)** _____ by "hard-working" aides in Downing Street during lockdown.

In a second lengthy and sometimes difficult day of testimony to the Covid **3)** _____, the former prime minister also prompted anger **4)** _____ calling media coverage and TV adaptations of the Number 10 parties "absurd" and "a travesty of the truth".

Johnson was also **5)** _____ about his attitude to older people and his suggestions that they were "going to die anyway", insisting that he was simply trying to generate debate and make officials feel they could speak freely.

Asked **6)** _____ the parties, which led to 126 fixed-penalty notices being issued in Whitehall and Downing Street for **7)** _____ of Covid rules, Johnson - who will be followed at the inquiry by Rishi Sunak on Monday - said that while he was sorry for this, his staff had been unfairly maligned.

"The version of events that has entered the popular consciousness about what is supposed to have happened in Downing Street is a million miles from the reality of what actually happened," he told Hugo Keith KC, the lead counsel to the inquiry. "I speak **8)** _____ of hundreds and hundreds of hard-working civil servants who thought that they were **9)** _____ the rules. Some of the media coverage, the dramatic representations, that we're now having of this are absolutely absurd."

He added: "I think that the characterization, the representation that has been of what civil servants and advisers were doing in Number 10 has been a travesty of the truth. They thought they **10)** _____ very, very hard".

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| 1) A) claimed | B) challenged | C) defended | D) advanced | E) professed |
| 2) A) run | B) accommodated | C) celebrated | D) convened | E) held |
| 3) A) analysis | B) examination | C) audit | D) interrogation | E) inquiry |
| 4) A) because | B) of | C) to | D) by | E) about |
| 5) A) impeached | B) denounced | C) challenged | D) summoned | E) defied |
| 6) A) regarding | B) around | C) about | D) concerning | E) of |
| 7) A) noncompliance | B) disregarding | C) breaches | D) contravention | E) breaking |
| 8) A) on behalf | B) the benefit | C) on the part | D) in the favor | E) for |
| 9) A) following | B) adhering | C) watching | D) conforming | E) abiding |
| 10) A) have worked | B) had worked | C) worked | D) were working | E) would work |

French couple lose court case over rare African mask worth millions

A French couple who **11)** _____ an "extremely rare" African mask for €150 only to discover it was worth millions have had a request to cancel the artefact's sale thrown out in court.

The couple, in their 80s, sold the wooden mask in September 2021 to a second-hand goods dealer as part of the sale of a number of antiquities including African artefacts that they had kept in their secondary home in southern France.

The couple, who live in Eure-et-Loir, south-west of Paris, sold the mask for €150 but in March 2022 it was sold to an **12)** _____ buyer at an auction in the southern city of Montpellier for €4.2m.

The auctioneers described it **13)** _____ "an extremely rare 19th-century mask, property of a secret society of the Fang people in Gabon", an ethnic Bantu group, with only about 10 such objects still in existence. One auction house official told French TV: "This type of mask is even rarer than a Leonardo da Vinci painting."

The couple promptly filed for an injunction to cancel the original sale, arguing there had been an "authentication error". They also claimed that the mask's buyer was **14)** _____ of its real value at the time of the purchase.

But the court rejected the request, saying the couple had failed to make any **15)** _____ to get the mask valued before selling.

Their claim was characterized by "inexcusable negligence and frivolity", the court said, ruling that they were not **16)** _____ any money.

It also ruled that the antiquities dealer, who himself was no expert on African art, did not **17)** _____ them.

The dealer actually **18)** _____ to pay them €300,000, the auction starting price, but the couple's children refused, preferring to take the matter to court.

The court also **19)** _____ a separate motion by the government of Gabon to have the sale cancelled and the mask returned.

Members of the Gabon community in southern France attended the auction in protest, saying the mask **20)** _____ never have been put up for sale in the first place and must be returned to the central African country.

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| 11) A) sold | B) has sold | C) have sold | D) should have sold | E) would have sold |
| 12) A) mysterious | B) unidentified | C) nameless | D) unfamiliar | E) unclassified |
| 13) A) like | B) as | C) being | D) thus | E) essentially |
| 14) A) acquainted | B) attentive | C) familiar | D) aware | E) knowing |
| 15) A) try | B) trial | C) attempt | D) venture | E) push |
| 16) A) lost | B) incurred | C) invoiced | D) obligated | E) owed |
| 17) A) beat | B) betray | C) take | D) cheat | E) beguile |
| 18) A) submitted | B) posed | C) afforded | D) allowed | E) offered |
| 19) A) threw out | B) kicked out | C) laid off | D) lied off | E) cut back |
| 20) A) would | B) should | C) could | D) shall | E) will |

France jails former doctor for 24 years over role in 1994 Rwanda genocide

Former Rwandan doctor Sosthene Munyemana has been jailed for 24 years by a French court for his 21) _____ in the 1994 genocide of Tutsis.

The 68-year-old former gynecologist was on Wednesday found guilty of genocide, crimes against humanity and participation in a(n) 22) _____ to prepare these crimes.

His lawyers said they planned to appeal the verdict.

The public prosecutor had 23) _____ a sentence of 30 years, arguing that the "sum total" of his choices showed "the traits of a genocidaire".

Munyemana was accused of helping 24) _____ a letter of support for the then interim government, which encouraged the massacre of the Tutsi minority.

He was also accused of helping set up roadblocks to 25) _____ people and keeping them in inhumane conditions in local government offices before they were killed in the southern Rwandan prefecture of Butare, where he lived at the time.

During the trial, Munyemana repeatedly disputed the accusations, claiming he had been a 26) _____ Hutu who had instead tried to "save" Tutsis by offering them "refuge" in local government offices.

In 2011, a French court charged the father-of-three on suspicion of 27) _____ the 1994 genocide. Munyemana was close to Jean Kambanda, the head of the interim government established after the plane carrying then-president Juvénal Habyarimana was shot down by a missile in 1994.

The trial at the Assize Court in Paris came nearly three decades after a 28) _____ was filed against Munyemana in the southwestern French city of Bordeaux in 1995.

It is the sixth trial in France of an alleged participant in the massacres, in which about 800,000 people, most of them ethnic Tutsis, were slaughtered over 100 days by Hutu soldiers and extremist militias, according to UN figures. France 29) _____ one of the top destinations for those implicated in the Rwandan slaughter fleeing justice at home.

Rwanda under President Paul Kagame has accused Paris of being 30) _____ to extradite genocide suspects or bring them to justice.

Since 2014, France has tried and convicted six figures including a former spy chief, two ex-mayors and a former hotel chauffeur.

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| 21) A) implication | B) engagement | C) involvement | D) intervention | E) reflection |
| 22) A) combination | B) confederation | C) conspiracy | D) collusion | E) intrigue |
| 23) A) sought | B) asked | C) searched | D) investigated | E) looked for |
| 24) A) draft | B) devise | C) concoct | D) fabricate | E) sketch |
| 25) A) herd | B) round up | C) assemble | D) rack up | E) pile up |
| 26) A) balanced | B) gentle | C) calm | D) average | E) moderate |
| 27) A) joining | B) participating | C) entering in | D) taking part in | E) siding with |
| 28) A) criticism | B) complaint | C) protest | D) impeachment | E) statement |
| 29) A) has been | B) had been | C) must see | D) must have been | E) could be |
| 30) A) compelled | B) forced | C) contrary | D) unwilling | E) unenthusiastic |

British-born man who has never left UK faces deportation

A 28-year-old British-born man who has never left the country has spoken of his devastation after being **31)** _____ he will be deported to Portugal, from where his parents arrived more than 30 years ago, under a post-Brexit **32)** _____ towards EU nationals convicted of crimes.

Dmitry Lima was born in Lambeth, in south London, does not speak Portuguese and has never travelled abroad, but he was given a deportation order by the Home Office after serving a prison sentence for drug offenses and for **33)** _____ a Taser.

Lima, who had no previous convictions, **34)** _____ against the deportation decision on the grounds that he is British and **35)** _____ previously applied for passport as he could not afford to pay the fees, "I'm British and I have never left the country - I just don't understand," he said.

Under changes brought in after Brexit, an EU national's deportation, as with that of any other nationality, is **36)** _____ "conducive to the public good and in the public interest" if they have received a prison sentence of more than 12 months.

Lima was convicted on two counts of possession with **37)** _____ to supply a class A drug and for possession of a **38)** _____ weapon in August 2020, for which he was sentenced to four years and six months in prison, of which he served just over two years.

In his appeal against deportation, Lima maintains that he is a British citizen as his mother and father were **39)** _____ in the UK.

"Losing the life I've built in the UK would be devastating, both mentally and emotionally," he wrote in a personal **40)** _____ included in his appeal bundle. "I consider the UK as my home as it's where I have spent my entire life."

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| 31) A) said | B) told | C) announced | D) declared | E) explained |
| 32) A) behavior | B) code | C) politic | D) ploy | E) policy |
| 33) A) bringing | B) hoisting | C) lifting | D) taking | E) carrying |
| 34) A) is appealing | B) is contesting | C) suing | D) asking | E) submitting |
| 35) A) has not | B) had not | C) did not | D) could not | E) would not |
| 36) A) allowed | B) expected | C) deemed | D) appraised | E) reckoned |
| 37) A) aim | B) attention | C) attending | D) intent | E) resolution |
| 38) A) barred | B) blocked | C) off-limits | D) shady | E) prohibited |
| 39) A) fixed | B) settled | C) set | D) rooted | E) resided |
| 40) A) statement | B) allegation | C) account | D) affirmation | E) proclamation |

Eiffel Tower closed as staff strike on 100th anniversary of creator's death

The Eiffel Tower was closed to the public on Wednesday after staff went on strike on the 100th anniversary of the death of its 41) _____, Gustave Eiffel.

Disappointed tourists who had booked tickets to 42) _____ the 134-year-old monument were told it was shut and they would be contacted by email.

The CGT union said the industrial 43) _____ taking place ahead of contract negotiations with City Hall, which owns the tower, was in protest over "the 44) _____ way it is managed".

Union leaders claim the operating company, SETE, "45) _____ for disaster" because its business model is "too ambitious and unsustainable" and based on an over-optimistic estimate of future revenue from ticket sales and an underestimation of 46) _____ maintenance and repair costs.

The Eiffel Tower, one of the world's most visited attractions, 47) _____ nearly 7 million visitors a year -three-quarters of them foreign tourists - before the Covid pandemic. After enforced closures and travel restrictions were lifted the number rose to 5.9 million visitors in 2022.

The CGT says SETE's estimation of its future budget is based on it attracting 7.4 million visitors every year, a 48) _____ it has never previously reached and that the union views as unrealistic.

On Wednesday, the esplanade at the foot of the tower was still open to the public. A light and sound show, overseen by a DJ and featuring artistic music and dance performances, to be 49) _____ from the first floor of the tower as well as on social media and television to mark the centenary of Eiffel's death on Wednesday evening was pre-recorded and was not 50) _____ by the strike, SETE said.

41) A) author B) creator C) founder D) framer E) generator

42) A) come in B) admit C) open D) access E) pass

43) A) action B) demonstration C) protest D) march E) effort

44) A) actual B) present-day C) up-to-date D) customary E) current

45) A) heads B) was heading C) is heading D) will be heading E) will head

46) A) ascending B) advancing C) going up D) spiraling E) raising

47) A) brought B) drew C) carried D) raked E) dragged

48) A) amount B) character C) cost D) configuration E) figure

49) A) beamed B) broadcast C) announced D) sent E) telegraphed

50) A) involved B) overcome C) upset D) affected E) touched

Secular Scotland is fast losing its churches

At first sight, the lichen-covered sandstone slab seems to be a doorstep for Morham church in East Lothian. **51)** _____ four rusting iron rings set into the stone hint at the slab's true purpose.

Once the slab is lifted by those four iron rings stairs lead down into a crypt **52)** _____ holds the remains of some pivotal figures in Scottish history. Their presence is delaying the sale of the church overhead, in a controversy that **53)** _____ significant questions about the ramifications of one of the biggest property selloffs of modern times.

The Church of Scotland, once one of the most powerful forces in Scottish life, is **54)** _____ of hundreds of churches, manses, halls and cottages over the next five years as it faces up to a "perilous" transformation in its **55)** _____ and its place in Scottish society.

Congregations are in steep decline, its clergy are aging and its finances are in **56)** _____. Like hundreds of other churches earmarked for sale, Morham church should be on the market but that has been halted by an unprecedented row over the **57)** _____ of the nine people interred there more than 300 years ago.

The row at Morham illustrates a remarkable trend: the retreat of organised religion in Scotland. Churches of all denominations **58)** _____ across Scotland as congregations dwindle, donations plunge and cleric retire.

The data suggests Scotland's two largest Christian faiths, Presbyterianism and Catholicism, **59)** _____ in terminal decline.

In 1982 the Church of Scotland had nearly 920,000 members; last year, that **60)** _____ at 270,300, a decline of 70%. The average age of its congregants is now 62, and only 60,000 worship in person.

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| 51) A) Hitherto | B) Thus | C) Still | D) Just the same | E) Yet |
| 52) A) who | B) whom | C) whose | D) which | E) such |
| 53) A) boosts | B) rises | C) raises | D) causes | E) sets |
| 54) A) destroying | B) unloading | C) disposing | D) bestowing | E) parting |
| 55) A) fortunes | B) destinies | C) chance | D) luckiness | E) expectation |
| 56) A) mess | B) disarray | C) clutter | D) muddled | E) tangles |
| 57) A) fate | B) doom | C) luck | D) karma | E) circumstance |
| 58) A) selling | B) are selling | C) are sold | D) are being sold | E) are retreating |
| 59) A) should be | B) may be | C) would be | D) should have been | E) would have been |
| 60) A) held | B) continued | C) remained | D) took up | E) stood |

Us regulators propose new online privacy safeguards for children.

The Federal Trade Commission on Wednesday proposed **61)** _____ changes to bolster the key federal rule that has protected children's privacy online, in one of the most significant attempts by the U.S. government to strengthen consumer privacy in more than a decade.

The changes are intended to fortify the rules underlying the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998, a law that restricts the online **62)** _____ of youngsters by services like social media apps, video game platforms, toy retainers and digital advertising networks. Regulators said the moves would "shift the burden" of online **63)** _____ from parents to apps and other digital services while curbing how platforms may use and monetize children's data.

The proposed changes would require certain online services to turn off targeted **64)** _____ by default for children under 13. They would prohibit the online services from using personal details-like a child's cellphone number to **65)** _____ youngsters to stay on their platforms longer. That means online services **66)** _____ no longer be able to use personal data to bombard young children with push notifications.

The proposed updates would strengthen security requirements for online services that collect children's data, **67)** _____ limit the length of time online services could keep that information. And they would limit the collection of student data by learning apps and other educational-tech providers, by allowing schools to **68)** _____ the collection of children's personal details only for educational purposes, not commercial purposes.

"Kids **69)** _____ able to play and learn online without being endlessly tracked by companies looking to hoard and monetize their personal data," Lina M. Khan, the chair of the Federal Trade Commission, said in a statement on Wednesday. She added, "By requiring firms to better safeguard kids data, our **70)** _____ places affirmative obligations on service providers and prohibits them from outsourcing their responsibilities to parents."

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| 61) A) sweeping | B) exhaustive | C) complete | D) full | E) wide |
| 62) A) observing | B) supervising | C) tracking | D) overseeing | E) following |
| 63) A) freedom | B) safety | C) security | D) assurance | E) exposure |
| 64) A) advertising | B) commercials | C) promoting | D) publicity | E) posting |
| 65) A) cause | B) argue | C) instigate | D) induce | E) oblige |
| 66) A) must | B) may | C) should | D) will | E) would |
| 67) A) so as | B) in addition to | C) as well as | D) besides | E) on top of |
| 68) A) concede | B) abide | C) agree | D) consent to | E) acknowledge |
| 69) A) can be | B) must be | C) will be | D) could be | E) may be |
| 70) A) pitch | B) project | C) proposal | D) scenario | E) design |

Almost half of British teens feel addicted to social media, study says

Almost half of British teenagers say they feel addicted to social media, according to findings that come **71)** _____ mounting pressure for big tech companies to be **72)** _____ accountable for the impact of their platforms on users.

The finding, from the Millennium Cohort study, adds to evidence that many people feel they have lost control over their use of digital interactive media. It comes as dozens of US states **73)** _____ Instagram and its parent company, Meta, accusing them of contributing to a youth mental health crisis and as the EU has ushered in major reforms **74)** _____ to give consumers more control over smartphone apps.

The latest **75)** _____ by Dr Amy Orben's team at the University of Cambridge, used data from the Millennium Cohort study which is tracking the lives of about 19,000 people born in 2000-2002 **76)** _____ England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. When the cohort were aged 16-18, they were asked for the first time about social media use. Of the 7,000 people who **77)** _____, 48% said they agreed or strongly agreed with the statement "I think I am addicted to social media". A higher proportion of girls (57%) agreed compared to boys (37%), according to the data **78)** _____ with the Guardian.

Scientists said this did not mean that these people are actually suffering from a clinical addiction, but that **79)** _____ a perceived lack of control suggests a problematic relationship.

"We're not saying the people who say they feel addicted are addicted," said Georgia Turner, a graduate student leading the analysis. "Self-perceived social media addiction is not necessarily the same as drug addiction. But it's not a nice feeling to feel you don't have agency over your own behavior. It's quite **80)** _____ that so many people feel like that, and it can't be that good."

- 71) A) among B) amongst C) amid D) between E) during
72) A) held B) charged C) taken D) viewed E) engaged
73) A) sue B) are suing C) could sue D) will be suing E) sued
74) A) composed B) contrived C) achieved D) invented E) designed
75) A) research B) probe C) experiment D) exploration E) investigation
76) A) over B) beyond C) crosswise D) across E) traversely
77) A) answered B) returned C) reacted D) requested E) responded
78) A) taken up B) given C) shared D) obtained E) parted
79) A) expliciting B) expressing C) speaking D) talking E) telling
80) A) noticeable B) memorable C) conspicuous D) striking E) outstanding