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EPREUVE D'ANGLAIS

DUREE : 30mn
Coefficient 3

CONSIGNES SPECIFIQUES

Lire attentivement les consignes afin de vous placer dans les meilleures conditions de réussite de cette épreuve.

Vous devez traiter la totalité des 45 questions afin d'obtenir la note maximale.

Aucun brouillon n'est distribué.

L'usage de la calculatrice ou de tout autre appareil électronique est interdit.

Aucun document autre que ce sujet et sa grille réponse n'est autorisé.

Attention, il ne s'agit pas d'un examen mais bien d'un concours qui aboutit à un classement.

Si vous trouvez ce sujet « difficile », ne vous arrêtez pas en cours de composition, n'abandonnez pas, restez concentré(e). Les autres candidats rencontrent probablement les mêmes difficultés que vous !

Barème :

Une seule réponse exacte par question. Afin d'éliminer les stratégies de réponses au hasard, chaque réponse exacte est gratifiée de 3 points, tandis que chaque réponse fautive est pénalisée par le retrait d'1 point.

Part I- GRAMMAR

Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentences and put the corresponding letter on the answer sheet.

1. If you come to a difficult question, _____ and move on to the following one.
A) leave it on B) leave it off C) leave off it D) leave it out
2. She _____ in the Paris area ever since she moved from Bristol.
A) has lived B) lived C) was living D) lives
3. While doing this test, try to avoid _____ too many mistakes.
A) been made B) to make C) to be making D) making
4. Did you remember _____ for your keys? Have you found them?
A) looking B) to look C) look D) looked
5. Our English teacher encouraged _____ notes in class.
A) to take B) us taking C) us to take D) taken
6. If our candidates _____ elected, we'll have a strong board
A) have been B) will be C) are D) were
7. A: Where's John? B: I don't know. He _____ in class with the first year students.
A) can have been B) would be C) can be D) might be
8. If computers hadn't been invented, people _____ more time together now.
A) have spent B) would have spent C) would spend D) will be spending
9. It's high time _____ a recycling system in this city.
A) they've introduced B) they introduced C) they introduce D) they will introduce
10. I wish the train _____ on time. It would have been so much easier to find a hotel room.
A) would've arrived B) had arrived C) arrived D) has arrived
11. _____ take a degree that isn't clearly related to a job.
A) Unless I were you, I'd B) If I weren't you, I'd C) I was you, I'd D) If I were you, I wouldn't
12. The spectators, among _____ were several TV personalities and celebrities, obviously thoroughly enjoyed the charity event.
A) whom B) which C) who D) whose
13. We arrived home after two weeks in Japan _____ we'd been burgled. It was quite a shock.
A) only discovering B) to only discover C) only discovered D) only to discover
14. The film 'The Good, the Bad and the Ugly' _____ well known for its musical score by Ennio Morricone.
A) is B) are C) were D) will be
15. There will be _____ new Algorithm lecturer starting next term. She will enhance the already broad experience of our staff.
A) ___ B) the C) a D) an

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16. Jealousy often arises _____ low self-esteem or insecurity.
A) out B) from C) of D) owing to
17. Have you seen the film _____ Colin Firth plays the King? I heard his acting was incredible.
A) what B) that C) which D) in which
18. Kris is our new teacher. She _____ two weeks ago.
A) was recruited B) recruited C) has been recruited D) has been recruiting
19. Ally: Oh no! I forgot to give Emily this CD she wanted for her party.
Bob: _____ it to her tomorrow, if you like. I'm seeing her at lunchtime
A) I give B) I'm going to give C) I'll give D) I'm giving
20. As an architect, I am used to _____ under pressure.
A) work B) working C) to be working D) to have worked

Part II-VOCABULARY

Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentences and put the corresponding letter on the answer sheet.

21. If you _____ a difficult question in this test. Just skip it and move on to the next one.
A) come into B) look to C) come across D) look at
22. My plane _____ to Bristol was quite reasonable compared to what I paid last summer.
A) bill B) fare C) fee D) price
23. I don't like the government's new _____ policy.
A) economical B) economic C) economics D) economy
24. I'm really sorry but I won't be able to attend tomorrow's meeting. Do you think we could _____ until next week?
A) put it off B) call it off C) move it up D) take it away
25. In such an environment, working long hours and the ability to _____ under pressure indicates commitment to the job.
A) endure B) fail C) succeed D) pass
26. The certificate shall have a validity of ten years from the date of its _____, and may be renewed for subsequent periods of ten years each.
A) issue B) deliverance C) fabrication D) law
27. The school board's _____ policy must be clearly stated to students before they begin the course.
A) assistance B) assisting C) attendance D) attending
28. If the issue is not addressed, it will continue to pose a _____ to the stability of Darfur.
A) weakness B) strength C) handle D) threat
29. _____ of the rent for the property at Q20 Price Edward's Way, in Kaduna, is due on the first day of each month.
A) Location B) Building C) Payment D) Renovation

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30. Starting with a funny story is an excellent means of _____ people's interest while giving a presentation.
A) arousing B) rising C) lowering D) stiffening
31. If that is what you believe, you need not make any _____ for supporting the cause.
A) apologise B) apologizes C) apologetic D) apologies
32. The safety committee will ensure that none of the recommendations made by the safety inspectors are _____
A) operated B) ignored C) attended D) conducted
33. If you want to get the best deal on your commercial mortgage, you have to shop around and _____ several lenders' offers.
A) browse B) examined C) scrutinize D) test
34. The mainstream media tend to give _____ middle-class problem a pretty good airing.
A) effluent B) afflict C) effective D) affluent
35. Who can I contact to _____ about the status of my application?
A) inquire B) conspire C) claim D) demand

Part III- READING

Zero-hours contracts cover more than 1m UK workers
Poll of more than 1,000 employers reveals controversial contract used far more widely in the UK
than government data suggests

More than 1 million British workers might be employed on zero-hours contracts, new figures released on Monday reveal, suggesting that British business is deploying the controversial employment terms far more widely than previously thought.

After the results – which come from a poll of more than 1,000 employers by the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD) – people began asking the government to launch a full inquiry into the use of the contracts. Recently, many organizations – from retail chains to Buckingham Palace – have been criticized for hiring staff but offering no guarantee of work and pay each week. Employees on zero-hours contracts often get no holiday or sick pay and have to ask permission

The CIPD found that 38% of zero-hours contract workers describe themselves as employed full-time, typically working 30 hours or more a week. One third of voluntary sector employers use the contracts, and one in four public sector organisations. The latest numbers also call into question the accuracy of official data on the topic. Last week, the Office for National Statistics increased its estimate of the number of UK zero-hours workers by 25%, to around 250,000.

Peter Cheese, from the CIPD, said: "Our research suggests they are being used more commonly than the ONS figures would imply. "There does need to be a closer look at what is meant by a zero-hours contract, the different forms that they take, and clearer guidance on what good and bad practice in their use looks like. And this needs to consider both the advantages and disadvantages in practice for businesses and employees."

Last week, retailer Sports Direct became the focus of controversy on zero-hours when it emerged that the company employs around 20,000 of its 23,000 staff on the contracts. The retailer's use of the contracts was followed by details of a string of other companies using the deals, including cinema chain Cineworld and Buckingham Palace, which uses them for its 350 summer workers. Pub group JD Wetherspoon has 24,000 of its staff – 80% of its workforce – on the terms.

The deputy chief executive of thinktank the Resolution Foundation, added: "If it's true that there are in the region of 1 million people on zero-hours contracts, then that would be a substantial portion of the workforce – this could no longer be dismissed as an issue affecting only a tiny minority.

"The new estimate underlines the urgent need for a deep and thorough review of zero-hours by the government, which takes into account not only the scale of the problem but the effect these contracts have on workers' employment rights, earning capacity and personal well-being."

Unions and poverty campaign groups have accused employers of pressuring staff into signing the contracts as a way to evade their responsibilities and cut staff benefits. Dave Prentis, general secretary of the trade union Unison, said: "The vast majority of workers are only on these contracts because they have no choice. They may give flexibility to a few, but the balance of power favours the employers and makes it hard for workers to complain."

Workers on zero-hours contracts are often only told how many hours they will work when weekly or monthly rotas are worked out, but are expected to be on call for extra work at short notice. They should be entitled to holiday pay in line with the number of hours they work, but do not qualify for sick pay.

The National Trust, which employs many of its seasonal workers on zero-hours contracts, said it offered the same pay and benefits to those workers, pro rata, as full-time staff, but needed some workers to be on a more flexible arrangement. "We believe zero-hours contracts are essential in our organisation, as we are very weather-dependent," a spokeswoman said. "Our properties have told us it's important to be able to reorganise staff rotas quickly to respond to the weather and zero-hours contracts allow us to do this."

Labour's Shadow Business Secretary, Chuka Umunna, said the contracts should be the exception to the rule. "While some employees welcome the flexibility of such contracts, for many zero-hours contracts leave them insecure, unsure of when work will come,," he said.

Several observers have argued that the flexibility of zero-hours contracts may have allowed the UK to avoid higher levels of unemployment during the economic downturn, while the CIPD research suggests that only 16% of those on zero-hours contracts report that their employer frequently fails to provide them with sufficient hours each week.

The institute's figures also suggest that 17% of employers in the private sector made use of zero-hours contracts, considerably lower than the 34% of organisations in the voluntary sector and 24% in the public sector. Industries where employers were most likely to report at least one person on a zero-hours contract were hotels, catering and leisure (48%), education (35%) and healthcare (27%).

Choose the best answer according to the text and put the corresponding letter on the answer sheet.

36. If you have a zero-hours contract you ...
- have no work.
 - have unlimited number of hours each month.
 - do not know in advance how many hours you will work each month.
 - can decide for yourself how many hours you want to work each month.
37. The benefit for employers is that ...
- they can sack employees without giving any notice.
 - they have people on call and ready to work when they need them.
 - they don't have to pay pension contributions for the employees.
 - they can decide on who works for them.
38. For employees, zero-hours contracts offer ...
- no hours of work at all and hence security.
 - the chance of a full-time job.
 - flexibility but also insecurity.
 - guaranteed work with insecurity.
39. Most employees on zero-hours contracts say that they have ...
- sufficient work each week.
 - not enough work.
 - little work to carry them through the week.
 - too much work.
40. Employees on zero-hours contracts ...
- can work anywhere else if they choose to.
 - usually take longer holidays than other employees.
 - generally take more sick days than other employees.
 - often get no sick pay or holiday pay.
41. The word 'they' in paragraph 4 refers to
- ONS figures
 - Zero-hour contracts
 - CIPD workers
 - the research
42. What does 'dismissed' mean in paragraph 6?
- accepted as important and true
 - decided not to continue
 - forced to leave their jobs
 - not accepted as true or important
43. The word 'thorough' in paragraph 7 is closest in meaning to
- superficial
 - comprehensive
 - quick
 - cursory
44. The hotel, catering and leisure sector has a lot of people on zero-hours contracts because ...
- their employees are mostly unqualified.
 - the industry is in financial difficulties.
 - they need many seasonal workers.
 - their employees are mostly sought after.
45. According to the article, the sector that uses the zero-hour contracts the least is:
- The voluntary sector
 - The private sector
 - The National Trust sector
 - The public sector

