

## ANGLAIS

**P**ARTIE 1 • QUESTIONNAIRE DE GRAMMAIRE  
ET DE VOCABULAIRE

1. We wanted to help him \_\_\_\_\_ he was so impolite, we decided to leave him alone.  
A. yet  
B. since  
C. although  
D. as much
  
2. If his brother \_\_\_\_\_ such a long time looking for a parking space, we \_\_\_\_\_ on time.  
A. didn't waste / would have arrived  
B. hasn't wasted / would arrive  
C. had not wasted / would have arrived  
D. didn't waste / will arrive
  
3. My family .... to this trip to the British museum \_\_\_\_\_ the end of January.  
A. have been looking for / since  
B. have been waiting for / for  
C. are looking forward / at  
D. looking forward / for
  
4. Choisir la traduction correcte : « Combien de temps dure ce test ? »  
A. How long lasts this test?  
B. How many time is this test?  
C. How long does this test last?  
D. How much time is this test?
  
5. "That ladder doesn't look very safe, you \_\_\_\_\_ to have it \_\_\_\_\_."  
A. ought / repair  
B. ought / mended  
C. should / mended  
D. must / repaired
  
6. We would have been able to admire the view a lot better if we had gone to that lake \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. at foot  
B. by feet  
C. on foot  
D. on feet
  
7. It's high time they \_\_\_\_\_ a drink. It is really dangerous to run in this heat.  
A. stopped to have  
B. stopped having  
C. stop to have  
D. will stop to have

8. Due to the fact that we had studied the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ situation of the country, we knew what to expect when we arrived.
- A. economic / political
  - B. economic / politics
  - C. economical / political
  - D. economic / politic
9. David: "Do you think Jack's sister is going to come to Kate's party tomorrow night?"  
Tom: \_\_\_\_\_
- A. I wish no
  - B. I hope not
  - C. I hope no
  - D. I hope that not
10. My neighbour \_\_\_\_\_ Spanish for more than 6 years but he still doesn't feel he is able to converse in the language.
- A. has been studying
  - B. has been studied
  - C. studies
  - D. is studying
11. \_\_\_\_\_ he receives a few extra points from his other teachers, his final results will \_\_\_\_\_ this single exam.
- A. Furthermore / depend on
  - B. Unless / depend of
  - C. Unless / depend on
  - D. Although / depend on
12. "You know that your car pollutes a lot! It doesn't look nice and it's expensive to run! You \_\_\_\_\_ get rid of it."
- A. had better
  - B. would better
  - C. should better
  - D. could better
13. If the passers-by \_\_\_\_\_ the police, the robber \_\_\_\_\_ to escape with the money.
- A. call / won't
  - B. haven't called / would have
  - C. have called / wouldn't
  - D. hadn't called / would have been able
14. Sue: "Where are you going with that box of tools?"  
Sam: \_\_\_\_\_
- A. I'll repair my car
  - B. I'm going to repair my car
  - C. I repair my car
  - D. I'm repair my car

15. I want you to \_\_\_\_\_ to the meeting tomorrow. I don't trust him.  
A. prevent him to come  
B. prevent him coming  
C. prevent him from coming  
D. prevent him of coming
16. As soon as the guests \_\_\_\_\_ I want you to \_\_\_\_\_ me or your boss.  
A. will arrive / tell  
B. arrived / prevent  
C. arrive / prevent  
D. arrive / warn
17. If \_\_\_\_\_ people come to the opening night, I think we will be able to say it has been a success.  
A. a few  
B. few  
C. little  
D. much
18. \_\_\_\_\_ the children don't spend all their money at once, they should be able to afford to buy some toys in your shop.  
A. Provide  
B. Since  
C. As long as  
D. Condition that
19. When you come here \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday, I would like you to \_\_\_\_\_ your electric guitar.  
A. the / take  
B. on / take  
C. the / bring  
D. Ø / bring
20. We weren't able to make the new digital camera work \_\_\_\_\_ all the \_\_\_\_\_ he had given us.  
A. despite / advises  
B. in spite / advice  
C. despite / advice  
D. in spite of / advise
21. Choisir la traduction correcte : « Les conditions de vie dans ce pays sont très rudes. »  
A. The conditions of life in this country are very rude.  
B. The living conditions in this country are very harsh.  
C. The conditions of life in this country are very strong.  
D. The living conditions in this country are very rude.
22. If this businessman hadn't borrowed \_\_\_\_\_ he wouldn't have so many problems today.  
A. so much money to his friends  
B. such money to his friends  
C. so much money from his friends  
D. his friends so much money

23. My best student has decided to \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ exam on Monday although he hasn't revised a lot.
- A. take / economics
  - B. pass / economical
  - C. pass / economics
  - D. take / economy
24. Trevor: "I don't know which hat to buy. I like \_\_\_\_\_."  
Albert: "Come on, hurry up and .... !"
- A. the both / make up your mind
  - B. both / decide yourself
  - C. both of them / make up your mind
  - D. both of them / you decide
25. \_\_\_\_\_ the dog the bus driver tried to avoid it and crashed into a small tree.
- A. When seeing
  - B. On seen
  - C. When he has seen
  - D. Upon seeing
26. If you really want to buy a big house in the middle of Paris you will probably have to spend several \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. millions euro
  - B. millions of euros
  - C. million euros
  - D. millions of euro
27. I wish we \_\_\_\_\_ to write such a long essay for Monday. I haven't got a lot of time.
- A. don't have
  - B. mustn't
  - C. didn't have
  - D. didn't
28. Could you give me some \_\_\_\_\_ on how to \_\_\_\_\_ these children?
- A. tips / look after
  - B. pipes / look after
  - C. guides / look after
  - D. things / look for
29. Choisir la traduction correcte : « Comment se fait-il qu'il ne soit pas encore arrivé ? »
- A. What makes it he hasn't arrived yet?
  - B. What makes it he didn't arrive yet?
  - C. How come he still didn't arrive?
  - D. How come he still hasn't arrived?
30. The football player's wife was really happy when she heard the \_\_\_\_\_ about her husband's team. She knew his team deserved to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. news / win
  - B. news / earn
  - C. informations / win
  - D. informations / earn

## PARTIE 2 · QUESTIONNAIRE DE COMPRÉHENSION

### POSTAL SERVICE TO MAKE SUNDAY DELIVERIES FOR AMAZON

The cash-short United States Postal Service, which has failed to win congressional approval to stop delivering mail on Saturdays to save money, has reached a deal with the online retailer Amazon.com to deliver the company's packages on Sundays.

For the Postal Service, which lost nearly \$16 billion last year, first-class mail delivery, particularly on Saturdays, is often a money loser, whereas package delivery is profitable.

The deal, announced on Sunday and taking effect immediately, in time for the holiday shopping season, gives the Postal Service a chance to take some business from United Parcel Service and FedEx, which do not deliver on Sundays. Now, some orders that would have been dealt with by either of those carriers for Monday delivery will go through the Postal Service and arrive on Sunday. The Postal Service said it expected to make more such deals with other merchants, seeking a larger role in the \$186 billion e-commerce market. Amazon.com would not say if it would try to arrange Sunday deliveries with other parcel carriers.

For this holiday shopping season, Sunday delivery of Amazon products will be limited to the Los Angeles and New York metropolitan areas, which in New York's case includes parts of New Jersey and Connecticut. In 2014 it is expected to expand to other cities including Dallas, Houston, New Orleans and Phoenix. Among the primary beneficiaries of the new delivery schedule will be Amazon Prime members, who pay an annual fee for premium services including free two-day shipping for certain items, said Kelly Cheeseman, a spokeswoman for Amazon. "Now every day can be an Amazon delivery day," Ms. Cheeseman said.

Postal Service officials called the agreement an important step in diversifying its services and expanding those that make a profit. "Consumers have shown that there is a market for package deliveries seven days a week, and we are glad to be in a position to partner with Amazon on providing this service," said Patrick R. Donahoe, the postmaster general.

Neither Amazon nor the Postal Service would reveal financial arrangements or discuss the volume or revenue they expected to generate from Sunday deliveries. The Postal Service already delivers some packages on Sundays and holidays for an extra fee. Shipping and package services have been one of the few bright spots for the struggling Postal Service. First-class mail, its main source of revenue, declined to almost 69 billion pieces last year from nearly 92 billion in 2008. That contributed to a decline in revenue to \$65 billion in the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, 2012, from nearly \$75 billion in 2008. Shipping and package volume has increased to about 3.5 billion pieces since 2008, and accounts for about \$11.6 billion in revenue for the agency. Mr. Donahoe, the postmaster general, said the deal with Amazon was part of the Postal Service's attempt to alter its business model. That effort includes increasing package delivery to take advantage of the growth of e-commerce, reorganising the work force and eliminating mail delivery on Saturdays. Though the Postal Service would continue to deliver packages on Saturdays, the proposal to halt Saturday delivery has met resistance from the business sector and some members of Congress. A move to cut Saturday delivery would save about \$2 billion annually, postal officials said. . More recently the agency has asked for permission to raise its postage prices to help cover costs. Congress is considering

legislation that would reorganise the agency and ease the financial constraints, but few anticipate a law passing this year as politicians continue to fight with broader budget issues. "We've got to get this done," Mr. Donahoe said. "The faster we can get it done, the faster we can focus attention away from all the negative attention about our financial situation and onto the positive things we do, like this new agreement with Amazon."

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**D'après le texte, pour chaque question, une seule proposition est correcte.**

1. **A.** Amazon.com wants to save money by not delivering packages on Sundays.  
**B.** The United States Postal Service will be able to make money due to mail deliveries on Sundays.  
**C.** In order to save money, the U.S. Postal Service wanted to reduce the number of delivery days for mail.
2. **A.** For the Postal Service, first-class mail delivery lead to a loss of \$16 billion last year.  
**B.** Delivering first-class mail on Saturdays generally meant a loss of money for the postal service.  
**C.** The deal with Amazon.com will allow the Postal Service to take business from all the delivery companies.
3. **A.** A few orders that used to be delivered by UPS and Fedex will now arrive on Sundays.  
**B.** From now on, the Postal Service will deal with most of the Monday delivery packages.  
**C.** The Postal Service will deal with all orders that were planned for Monday delivery.
4. **A.** The Postal Service does not know if it will be able to develop its share of e-commerce deliveries.  
**B.** Amazon.com's e-commerce market has reached the figure of \$186 billion.  
**C.** The Postal service has announced that other similar contracts should be signed with other merchants.
5. **A.** The new delivery service is going to be developed in 2014 and will concern at least 6 cities.  
**B.** According to Kelly Cheeseman, all standard Amazon customers will be able to benefit from this new delivery day.  
**C.** The expansion of the delivery service will include only 4 more cities.

6.
  - A. The postmaster general says that the new market has been indicated by consumers.
  - B. According to officials, the delivery service will mean more profits for the consumers.
  - C. Thanks to the new agreement, Amazon will be able to expand services that make a profit.
  
7.
  - A. Currently Amazon makes its customers pay for a delivery on holidays.
  - B. The volume of week day deliveries was a topic that Amazon did not wish to make public.
  - C. The current system allows some customers of the Postal service to receive packages on Sundays.
  
8.
  - A. The revenue from first-class mail has declined by \$10 billion compared to 2008.
  - B. The total decline in revenue has been \$65 billion since 2008.
  - C. Shipping and package services have not really helped the struggling Postal Service.
  
9.
  - A. If the Postal service stopped delivering packages on Saturdays it would be able to save \$2 billion.
  - B. Most members of Congress are against the Postal Service ending its mail delivery service on Saturdays.
  - C. It would appear that the Postal Service cannot increase the cost of postage without receiving permission first.
  
10.
  - A. Mr. Donahoe would like to be able to focus more attention on the financial situation and the new agreement with Amazon.
  - B. A law to reorganize the postal agency does not appear to be a priority for politicians.
  - C. According to Mr. Donahoe, speed is an essential element for the new agreement to be signed.

## PARTIE 3 · ESSAI

Traitez en 200 à 250 mots l'un des deux sujets suivants.

Indiquez le numéro du sujet choisi et le nombre de mots à l'endroit prévu sur la copie.

Tout essai hors sujet sera sanctionné par la note zéro.

### SUJET N° 1

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E-commerce is booming especially during the Christmas season. Why do you think more and more people no longer want to step inside shops to buy items? Discuss.

### SUJET N° 2

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In several countries in the world, Sunday is synonymous with a slowdown of economic activity. In France and other countries, some people are trying to change the law. What do you feel about Sunday being turned into a "normal" shopping day? Discuss.