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EPREUVE D'ANGLAIS

DUREE : 30 minutes
Coefficient 2

CONSIGNES SPECIFIQUES

Lisez 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.

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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 de 1 point**.

Part I- Grammar

1. **During this test, if you come across a tough question just _____ it and move on to the next one.**
a. skipping b. omit c. be avoiding d. heed
2. **Viruses are _____ than cells and can be detected only with powerful electron microscopes.**
a. as much b. smaller and much c. as much as smaller d. much smaller
3. **Over the centuries, _____ that try to explain the origins of the universe.**
a. many theories c. have many theories been
b. although many theories d. there have been many theories
4. **Some ecologists believe _____ more than 50 % of existing species will be lost in the next 100 years.**
a. which b. what c. in how d. that
5. **Many crimes have been committed against innocent black citizens, _____ of which have ever been solved.**
a. any b. none c. some d. neither
6. **During the lockdown, many people were prevented _____ their elderly relatives in care homes.**
a. to visit b. from visiting c. of visiting d. visited
7. **If you don't mind, I _____ finish preparing this test before coming to bed.**
a. would b. would prefer c. would like d. would rather
8. **It's high time we _____ something about the climate. Let's start buying fewer things.**
a. do b. did c. are doing d. have done
9. **Why don't we stop _____ for a little while? I really need a break from the books.**
a. study b. to study c. to studying d. studying
10. **Alex Haley claimed to have traced his family history back through seven generations to Kunta Kinte, a Mandinka Warrior from the Gambia who _____ in 1767.**
a. enslaved b. was enslaved c. had enslaved d. was enslaving
11. **Six men were arrested and accused _____ plotting to kidnap the Governor of Michigan.**
a. with b. of c. on d. by
12. **You _____ have to study very hard if you want to make the grade and become an engineer.**
a. must b. ought c. can d. will
13. **Steve Jobs assembled the team of designers, programmers, and engineers responsible for an enormous _____ of groundbreaking devices, including iPhones, iPads, and many other innovations.**
a. amount b. number c. some d. more

14. During the meeting on October 13th, the committee members will _____ discuss the company's marketing and production goals.
a. always b. prior c. quite d. mainly
15. The president of Pop Sports Apparel recently announced the company's plans for _____ into new markets in Africa.
a. expansive b. expands c. expandable d. expansion
16. Owing to COVID, the Flamingo Hotel is offering a 20% discount to any company that books their conference facilities _____ reservations are made before November.
a. if b. likewise c. besides d. while
17. In response to inquiries from the citizens about the president's state of health, the White House doctors have issued a formal _____ that the president is no longer contagious.
a. compliment b. achievement c. apology d. statement
18. _____ the growing protest movement, the government is not backing down.
a. Even though b. Not even c. Despite d. In spite
19. ABC Building Group, a leading producer of construction materials, _____ to keep up with the high demand for bricks at the moment.
a. are struggled b. is struggling c. have been struggled d. struggles
20. Rollus Building agrees _____ all the materials needed for the Gyeonggi Civic Center's expansion project.
a. to widen b. for ignoring c. to supply d. for providing
21. Choir members _____ have questions about the concert schedule should speak to Connie Glessner.
a. when b. who c. whose d. which
22. To obtain a price _____ on tickets, present your student identification card at the box office window.
a. reduce b. reduced c. reducing d. reduction
23. Workers _____ due to the coronavirus crisis can now apply for universal credit.
a. put off b. set out c. come out d. laid off
24. A : I'm having some friends over for lunch tomorrow. Can you join us ?
B : Can I take a _____ ?
a. paid lunch b. pass up c. rain check d. run late
25. I hate sandwiches _____ are dripping with mayonnaise.
a. who b. whose c. that d. those
26. The new president-elect has begun his transition without waiting for _____ .
a. conceding b. concession c. announcing d. announcer

27. Mrs Mohammed distributed the sweets _____ the children.
a. amongst b. across c. along d. beneath
28. Apple unveiled its latest Mac computers on Tuesday that _____ revolutionary new processors.
a. has used b. are using c. uses d. use
29. The Philadelphia public school district has again _____ plans to bring students back to classrooms for in-person instruction.
a. put out b. put up c. put off d. gotten along

Part II. Vocabulary

30. The former vice president accused the current president of _____ for separating migrant families and inflaming racial tensions.
a. ruthless b. heartfelt c. lawfulness d. heartlessness
31. The darkening sky indicated to all of us that a thunderstorm was _____.
a. ambivalent b. imminent c. conciliatory d. inherent
32. The divisive issue has _____ the community; half the residents seem to be strongly for it, and half strongly against.
a. assuaged b. castigated c. disseminated d. polarized
33. How have _____ at trade fairs had to change their business practices as a result of the coronavirus?
a. exhibits b. exhibitors c. exhibitions d. exhibitings
34. In future, there may have to be greater distances between stalls and _____.
a. attendance b. attendees c. attentives d. attendings
35. New York public schools have _____ plans to resume in-person classes.
a. shelved b. drawn c. chaired d. spooned

Part III. Reading Comprehension

From boardroom to spare room: the working from home revolution

UK companies are grappling with a cultural shift on the back of the coronavirus lockdown

Before the coronavirus pandemic struck, 1.7 million people mainly worked from home in the UK, or about 5% of the country's 33 million workforce. Over the past month, millions more have joined them in the spare room or at the kitchen table. Amid warnings that some lockdown restrictions could stay in place into 2021, companies are grappling with a sudden cultural shift in how we work.

Mark Read, the chief executive of WPP, the world's biggest employer in the marketing and advertising sector, welcomes a working from home revolution but says it is not right for everyone.

"If you said to me five weeks ago that I would have 100,000 people working from home and we would function

fine, I'd say you were mad," he says. "One of the most common town hall questions I get globally is about working from home. There is interest in it but there is also a demand to come back to an office. Junior employees and those in shared accommodation find homeworking much more difficult than senior executives with houses and gardens."

For one London-based animation and special effects business, Jellyfish Pictures, working from home has been a surprise success. In the future its staff will find that, on certain days of the week, their new morning commute routine is limited to walking to the kitchen for a coffee.

Jellyfish, which employs about 250 staff and has credits including Star Wars: The Last Jedi and Black Mirror, has continued to work on projects including a film for the Shrek-maker DreamWorks despite shutting its five UK studios six weeks ago.

"What we have learned from this is that there hasn't been any drop in productivity," the Jellyfish founder, Phil Dobree, says. "Some practices have improved, such as communication, which is actually more regular and efficient remotely. In the office, meetings often unnecessarily run on, or conversely people don't communicate enough – now they are."

The speed with which Silicon Valley companies such as Google, Facebook and Twitter ordered their employees globally to make the shift to homeworking in late February and early March makes a challenging transition for many companies look easy.

"Most Facebook employees are fortunate to be able to work from home," the company's chief executive, Mark Zuckerberg, acknowledged in a post on Thursday. "We know that most people can't work from home as easily as many of our employees can." Indeed, the companies that are most able to adapt to homeworking are limited to sectors such as media, tech and financial services. For others representing vast areas of employment – airlines, bricks-and-mortar retail, car manufacturing – it is impossible.

But adaptation is occurring where it can. A US survey by the research firm Gartner has found that three-quarters of chief financial officers believe that at least 5% of their workforce – who previously worked in company offices – will become permanent work-from-home employees after the pandemic ends. Of those CFOs, 17% believe a fifth of staff will move to working from home and 4% believe that half of employees will become remote workers. The lessons learned from lockdown could spark a more rapid and widespread "virtualisation" of business practices, according to one investor.

"It is clear to us that we are likely to see an increasing virtualisation of business life," says Jamie Ross, a fund manager of Henderson EuroTrust. "Remote working has gone much more smoothly than many companies feared. We will see more people working from home, smaller office spaces, more meetings being conducted online and less corporate travel."

From that perspective, the likely long-term losers are airlines, hotels and a commercial property sector already reeling from the destruction being wrought upon retailers.

It will also change some industries that have been under pressure but can adapt at least. The publishing industry has had the technology to allow many staff to work from home for years, but many companies have been resistant to implementing widespread flexible working practices.

The impact of the coronavirus has accelerated the long-term pressures publishers have been battling, including the decline in print sales and drift of readership and advertising online to the behemoths of Google and Facebook. As balance sheets are further stretched, the cost savings from being able to reduce office space is likely to prove attractive.

"Coronavirus has concertinaed a lot of change we have been seeing over the last number of years in just three months, flexible working being one of them," says James Wildman, the chief executive of the Cosmopolitan. "Office space is costly, and tends to be high density, and a lot of people will be uncomfortable with that even after the virus. Forward-thinking managers were already pushing flexible working but in more traditional industries, like newspaper publishing, there has unfortunately been a cultural lag."

City banks were some of the first to split their operations, with Goldman Sachs, Citigroup, HSBC and Barclays sending thousands of staff to work from home, or in disaster recovery sites in areas of London including Croydon, Lewisham and Northolt, last month.

John Cronin, a financial analyst at the stockbroker Goodbody, says it will start **dawning on** bosses that most banking roles – including research, trading and sales – are desk jobs that can ultimately be done from home. “This will be a revolution in terms of how we work,” he says. “There’s a lot of wastage. A lot of people travel abroad for one meeting and I think those days are over.”

Adapted from the guardian.com.

By Mark Sweney - 2020

36. What is the author’s main point?

- a. How working from home is proving to be a revolution in our way of life
- b. The consequences of Coronavirus
- c. The move from boardrooms to spare rooms
- d. How most Facebook employees are fortunate to be able to work from home

37. The word ‘their**’ in paragraph 6 refers to**

- a. the research firm Gartner
- b. some chief financial officers
- c. people surveyed
- d. company office staff

38. According to the article

- a. communication isn’t effective when employees work from home.
- b. when employees are together in the office, they communicate more.
- c. productivity is better when staff are in the office.
- d. none of the above is correct.

39. According to the chief executive of WPP, how do people react to working from home?

- a. Everyone likes it because they don’t have to commute.
- b. Most people dislike it because it’s boring.
- c. Some people find it more difficult than others.
- d. Only senior executives with houses and gardens like it.

40. According to the founder of Jellyfish, what aspect of the business has particularly improved?

- a. productivity
- b. communication
- c. film projects
- d. staff meetings

41. According to the article, which of these sectors can adapt most easily to working from home?

- a. airlines
- b. media
- c. retail
- d. automotive industry

42. How might publishers save money in the future?

- a. by transferring their readership and advertising to Google and Facebook.
- b. by making office space more high density so that more people can work in smaller spaces.
- c. by conducting more meetings online and travelling less.
- d. by reducing office space and encouraging flexible working

43. The word 'concertinaed' in paragraph 9 means

- a. squeezed
- b. planned
- c. accorded
- d. prolonged

44. The phrase 'dawning on' in paragraph 10 means

- a. overlooking
- b. turning down
- c. becoming obvious to
- d. denying

45. Which of the following is NOT mentioned in this article?

- a. The chief executive of WPP is happy for their staff to work from home.
- b. Before the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, just about 5% of the workforce telecommuted.
- c. Days of people travelling abroad for work are over.
- d. Most forward-thinking managers have embraced flexible-working but traditional managers are reticent.

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