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- L'épreuve est individuelle. Les livres et dictionnaires sont interdits.
- Les 45 questions sont regroupées par compétence. Il n'y a qu'une seule bonne réponse par question.
- Avec un **stylo noir** ou un **feutre noir**, coche dans la GRILLE DE REPONSES, pour chaque question, la case correspondant à la bonne réponse.
- Les questions *(couleur claire)* rapportent 5 points, les questions *(couleur intermédiaire)* rapportent 6 points et les questions *(couleur foncée)* 7 points.
- Une mauvaise réponse fait perdre un quart de sa valeur en points.
Si aucune réponse n'est donnée à une question, elle rapporte 0 point.
Si plusieurs réponses sont données à une question, elle rapporte 0 point.

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le login à 7 chiffres situé en haut à droite de ta grille réponses. Ce login te sera indispensable pour accéder à tes résultats sur internet.

A Three friends

1 The young women are ..... together.
A. watching
B. chatting
C. spending
D. reading

2 The young man ..... .
A. looks bored
B. is enjoying himself
C. won't stop talking
D. is laughing

3 The young man is thinking, "....."
A. This conversation isn't interesting.
B. I'm so glad they're having fun.
C. Why are they so quiet?
D. I hope this never ends.

B Vocabulary

4 The opposite of "dangerous" is ".....".
A. kind B. safe C. light D. warm

5 Find the word that can mean either "intelligent" or "well-dressed".
A. bright B. smart C. fair D. quick

6 Patrick's mother put his birthday cake on the table and he blew out all the ..... .
A. gifts B. chocolates C. candles D. slices

7 The plane leaves at 8 am so we'll have to ..... off early tomorrow morning. It'll take an hour to drive to the airport.
A. keep B. set C. let D. put

8 Find a title for this "family" of words: frame, oil, brush.
A. Cooking B. Paintings C. Hairdressing D. Car engines

C Dave's blog

Friday 7 pm

At last! Lisa said yes! She's going to the cinema with me tomorrow. She's always said no before. I think she likes James more than me but I don't care. After a few hours alone with me, she'll realise I'm much nicer than James. We're going to see "High School Musical". It's not really my sort of film but I know Lisa loves musicals.

Saturday 10 pm

Disaster! I've had a big red spot on my forehead all day! I tried to cover it with some of my sister's make-up, but it wasn't the right colour. So, before I went to Lisa's house this evening, I borrowed a hat from Dad. It was too big for me, but at least it hid the spot. But then, when Lisa saw me at her front door, she said I looked ridiculous, refused to go out with me and slammed the door!

9 The text is part of ..... .
A. an online diary
B. an essay
C. a letter to a friend
D. an email

10 We know that Dave ..... .
A. enjoys musicals
B. accepted Lisa's invitation on Friday
C. has asked Lisa out before
D. doesn't think Lisa likes James

11 What can you say about the make-up and the hat?
A. They didn't cover the spot.
B. They were both the wrong colour.
C. The make-up was the wrong colour and the hat was too big.
D. The make-up covered the spot, but the hat didn't.

12 What do we know from the information in the blog?
A. Dave doesn't care about the way he looks.
B. Lisa went out with Dave although he looked ridiculous.
C. Dave met Lisa at the cinema on Saturday evening.
D. Lisa didn't see the spot on Dave's forehead.

D Grammar

13 Bill was upset because the plane was full and he ..... to get a seat.
A. can't
B. didn't have
C. wasn't able
D. mustn't

14 ..... the fire start in the factory last week?
A. Who was
B. How did
C. Why are
D. Where has

15 The hotel looked familiar. I remembered ..... there once with my parents.
A. I've stayed
B. to have been
C. staying
D. to stay

16 I'd come and see you more often if it ..... take so long to get there.
A. didn't B. won't C. wouldn't D. couldn't

17 Is that the bell for the end of the lesson? Already? Good heavens! I had no idea what ..... .
A. time it was
B. is the time
C. the time is
D. was the time

E Oh no!

18 The woman in the photo ..... her shopping bag.
A. can't find C. has dropped
B. carries D. is catching

19 A lot of supermarkets offer a special service. You can order online and pick up your shopping at the supermarket later. This service is called .... .
A. Drive-In C. DIY (= Do It Yourself)
B. Shop & Drop D. Click & Collect

20 In the picture, several oranges ..... .
A. are rolling towards the woman C. have broken on the floor
B. have fallen on the ground D. are getting out of the bag

21 The woman is ..... over and trying to ..... the oranges.
A. looking ..... pull C. standing ..... get
B. bending ..... reach D. handing ..... stop

F English-speaking countries

22 The Big Apple is another name for ..... .
A. a computer B. New York City C. the Moon D. Australia

23 Which of these American presidents was assassinated?
A. Kennedy B. Washington C. Truman D. Nixon

24 One of the most popular sandwiches in the USA is ..... and jelly.
A. salami B. mayonnaise C. Swiss cheese D. peanut butter

25 ..... is the oldest and largest occupied castle in the world.
A. Edinburgh Castle C. Windsor Castle
B. Dover Castle D. The Tower of London

G Situations

26 A chef tells a student, "Beat them and then pour them into the hot pan." What is the student cooking?
A. Chips. B. Sausages. C. An omelette. D. Fried fish.

27 Alan calls his internet provider because he has a problem. A woman answers. "Just a moment," she says, "I'll ..... to a technician."
A. put you through C. ring you up
B. hang on D. send you down

28 In the middle of a speech, a politician suddenly feels ill. "I'm sorry," he says, "I'll have to stop". What else can he say?
A. "It's not up to me." C. "I'm fed up."
B. "I can't carry on." D. "I've run out."

29 In a clothes shop, a woman sees a dress and says to her friend, "Look at this! It's a real bargain." What does she mean?
A. It looks different from anything I've ever seen.
B. I can't imagine why anyone would buy it.
C. It's very good value for money. D. It's extremely old-fashioned.

30 If you "get the wrong end of the stick", it probably means you are upset because, for example, ...
A. you think someone is insulting you but you have misunderstood
B. someone is blaming you for something you didn't do
C. you have had to pay a lot more than you expected for something
D. you find you can't do something that you wanted to do

31 "Things are really difficult at the moment," says Rhian to her friend. "I just can't make ends meet any more." What is Rhian's problem?
A. Her family members always argue with each other.
B. She's lonely because she doesn't meet her friends very often.
C. She feels tired all the time and can't do her job properly.
D. She doesn't have enough money.

H Sounds

32 One of the vowel sounds in "before" is also in ".....".
A. top B. eat C. fill D. coat

33 Find the pair of words that **does not** rhyme.
A. flute, boot B. bird, heard C. mayor, there D. choose, loose

34 "En**cou**ragement" = o O o o. "Enthusiasm" = ...
A. O o o o o B. o O o o o C. o o O o o D. o o o O o

I An extract from a book

Anne Boleyn is England's most famous ghost. Anne was young and beautiful when she became the second wife of Henry VIII in 1533. They had a daughter in the same year, but, after only three years of marriage, Henry ordered Anne's execution. Why? Well, she was accused of many things, but the real reason was that Henry thought she couldn't give him a son. What's more, he was already in love with another woman who would become his next wife... So Anne was beheaded, almost certainly for crimes she didn't commit. Ever since then, her ghost has been seen in several places, including the Tower of London where she was executed and Blickling Hall in Norfolk where it is thought she was born. There, every year, on 19th May — the anniversary of her death — they say her ghost appears in a coach and horses, driven by a headless coachman, with her own head in her hands! The coach drives up to the house then, as soon as it arrives in front of the main entrance, it vanishes.

35 This is an extract from a book about ..... .
A. 15th century England C. famous criminals
B. things to see in London D. ghosts

36 What does **the text tell us** about Henry VIII?
A. He only had 1 child. C. He definitely thought Anne was a criminal.
B. His first wife died before 1533. D. He had at least three wives.

37 From the text, what do we know about Anne?
A. After her first child, Anne couldn't have any more children.
B. Anne was probably not guilty of the crimes she was accused of.
C. Anne's ghost has been seen in only two places.
D. We know for certain where Anne was born and where she died.

38 Find the sentence that corresponds to information in the text.
A. Henry thought Anne's life was less important than having a son.
B. Anne's ghost rides into Blickling Hall on 19th May every year.
C. When Anne's ghost appears at Blickling Hall, she is carrying her coachman's head.
D. After Anne died, Henry soon fell in love with someone else.

J Sentences

39 When Diana started the course, her work was excellent, but now she's started making silly mistakes. She ..... be so careless.
A. never used to B. couldn't still C. wasn't used to D. has to try not

40 When Ralph went on holiday he ..... his two dogs ..... by his parents.
A. got ..... for looking after C. made ..... to be looked after
B. had ..... taken care of D. left ..... to care for

41 Jimmy's leg was hurting him, but he played in the match anyway. Now he can hardly walk! The trainer ..... play yesterday.
A. ought not to allow him to C. should have stopped him to
B. shouldn't have let him D. could tell him not to

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42 There was a crowd in front of the house. When Bob arrived and saw ..... on the roof, he asked someone, "How long has he been sat there?"
A. someone sit B. a man to sit C. he's sat D. a man sitting

43 "Where's Aaron?" Ellie asks you. "I'm going to give him a piece of my mind." You don't think it's a good idea. What could you say?
A. "No, Ellie! Don't lend him any more money."
B. "Don't do that! He doesn't deserve your sympathy."
C. "Calm down! Don't be too angry with him."
D. "But you mustn't apologise! It was his fault, not yours!"

44 His ambition to become a doctor suffered a severe ..... when he failed his exams.
A. comeback B. flashback C. setback D. cutback

45 Find the sentence that **isn't** true.
A. More people live in New York City than in New Zealand.
B. Canada is larger than the USA.
C. The tallest building in the western hemisphere is in the USA.
D. Wales is smaller than Northern Ireland.