

**C O N C O U R S A T S**  
**-SESSION 2013-**

**É P R E U V E D ' A N G L A I S**

**CODE ÉPREUVE : 960**

**Dictionnaire et appareils électroniques interdits**

**Réponse juste : +3**

**Réponse fausse : -1**

**Pas de réponse : 0**

**DURÉE DE L'ÉPREUVE : 2H**

Anglais

Durée: 2h

I. Grammar and Vocabulary

Choose the correct answer. Only ONE answer is possible.

1) \_\_\_\_\_ this week ? No, she is on holiday.

- a) Is Susan working
- b) Does Susan work
- c) Would Susan work
- d) Had Susan worked

2/ He \_\_\_\_\_ five next week.

- a) will be
- b) had
- c) has
- d) will have

3) It costs \_\_\_\_\_ of money

- a) much
- b) little
- c) many
- d) a lot

4) My brother \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday .

- a) is born
- b) was born
- c) will be born
- d) has born

5) I have never \_\_\_\_\_ to England.

- a) go
- b) been
- c) be
- d) went

6) James is a genius. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ in the class.

- a) worst
- b) worse
- c) better
- d) best

7) Don't worry, these things \_\_\_\_\_ .

- a) arrive
- b) happened
- c) happens
- d) happen

8) "I suggest you order the goods now." "But payment should be made \_\_\_\_\_."

- a) for advance
- b) advancing
- c) in advance
- d) to advance

9) I cannot understand you. I wish you would \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) speak clearer
- b) clearer speak
- c) speak clear
- d) speak more clearly

10) "Why are you walking so fast?" "I'm \_\_\_\_\_."

- a) hurry
- b) in hurry
- c) in a hurry
- d) hurried

- 11) I really have to go now. I have \_\_\_\_\_ the doctor.  
 a) appointments to      b) an appointment to      c) appointment with      d) an appointment with
- 12) I don't have any results for you today. I \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow.  
 a) have any      b) may have any      c) have some      d) may have some
- 13) I would rather \_\_\_\_\_ a quiet cup of coffee in the office than sit in a noisy cafe.  
 a) have      b) to have      c) having      d) prefer to have
- 14) "Where \_\_\_\_\_ last weekend?" "I went to see my parents."  
 a) you went      b) do you go      c) did you go      d) have you gone
- 15) I was very surprised \_\_\_\_\_ that she didn't pass the exam."  
 a) hearing      b) to hearing      c) at hearing      d) to hear
- 16) I hope that this winter won't be \_\_\_\_\_ last year."  
 a) as cold as      b) cold as      c) as cold like      d) so cold like
- 17) Sorry to be late. I was delayed by \_\_\_\_\_."  
 a) heavy traffic      b) little traffic  
 c) some heavy traffic      d) traffic being heavy
- 18) The sky is getting dark. It \_\_\_\_\_ rain is on its way.  
 a) looks      b) looks like      c) seems to      d) will be
- 19) Would you do me a small favour? I \_\_\_\_\_ very much.  
 a) appreciate it      b) would appreciate  
 c) would be appreciative      d) would appreciate it
- 20) I am familiar with that product. I don't know \_\_\_\_\_ times I've seen it advertised on TV.  
 a) how many      b) how often      c) how much      d) many often
- 21) "When \_\_\_\_\_ leaving for Toronto, Canada?" "We are planning to set out at 10 o'clock."  
 a) are we      b) will we      c) will us      d) are us
- 22) I asked Robert when he could fix my leaking tap. He said that he would come round and fix it \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a) as much as possible      b) as possible as he could  
 c) as fast as he could possibly      d) as soon as possible
- 23) "Do you know \_\_\_\_\_ that building is?" "I would say that it was built at least 100 years ago."  
 a) old      b) how aged      c) how old      d) which age



- 37) Paper is \_\_\_\_\_ wood.
- a) made in                      b) made of                      c) made from                      d) made with
- 38) Why not \_\_\_\_\_ him?
- a) show                      b) showing                      c) to show                      d) to showing
- 39) She has \_\_\_\_\_ told him.
- a) ever                      b) never                      c) currently                      d) nevertheless
- 40) I asked her \_\_\_\_\_ tell him.
- a) not                      b) to not                      c) not to                      d) don't
- 41) I have been here \_\_\_\_\_ one hour.
- a) during                      b) since                      c) while                      d) for
- 42) How long is it since you \_\_\_\_\_ to John?
- a) spoke                      b) would speak                      c) have spoken                      d) speak
- 43) I am interested \_\_\_\_\_ electronics.
- a) by                      b) on                      c) in                      d) about
- 44) Nine \_\_\_\_\_ ten students have heard about this.
- a) of                      b) out                      c) out of                      d) on
- 45) They are brothers. They look \_\_\_\_\_ .
- a) alike                      b) like themselves                      c) themselves                      d) like one
- 46) Prices have increased \_\_\_\_\_ 10%.
- a) by                      b) in                      c) per                      d) about
- 47) It depends \_\_\_\_\_ the weather.
- a) on                      b) in                      c) about                      d) of
- 48) She will tell you as soon as she \_\_\_\_\_ .
- a) knows                      b) will know                      c) have known                      d) know
- 49) If I \_\_\_\_\_ you I would speak to him now.
- a) were                      b) was                      c) am                      d) had been
- 50) It is \_\_\_\_\_ rain tonight.
- a) likely                      b) unlikely                      c) ready                      d) likely to

- 51) Do you think you will have \_\_\_\_\_time to go next week?  
 a) enough of                      b) not                      c) not any                      d) enough
- 52) They live \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 a) on their own                      b) on there own                      c) on themselves                      d) by their own
- 53) We must all be ready \_\_\_\_\_ 10.  
 a) on                      b) by                      c) in                      d) 0
- 54) Peter and Susan \_\_\_\_\_married for 10 years.  
 a) get                      b) have been                      c) are                      d) got
- 55) If only I \_\_\_\_\_, I would tell you/  
 a) knew                      b) would have known                      c) have known                      d) had known
- 56) Please help me \_\_\_\_\_ the door.  
 a) opening                      b) open                      c) opened                      d) can open
- 57) Welcome \_\_\_\_\_ this flight to London.  
 a) in board                      b) boarding                      c) to board                      d) on board
- 58) Please \_\_\_\_\_ your seat belt.  
 a) attach                      b) tie                      c) connect                      d) fasten
- 59) You needn't \_\_\_\_\_!  
 a) to worry                      b) worrying                      c) worry                      d) worried
- 60) How long ago \_\_\_\_\_ this book?  
 a) have you read                      b) will you read                      c) you read                      d) did you read
- 61) I suggest you \_\_\_\_\_ on time!  
 a) would                      b) be                      c) to be                      d) are
- 62) Why do you keep \_\_\_\_\_ him?  
 a) avoid                      b) to avoid                      c) avoiding                      d) in avoiding
- 63) I bought \_\_\_\_\_ of the two.  
 a) the cheapest                      b) the cheap                      c) cheaper                      d) the cheaper
- 64) I have just been to the bank to \_\_\_\_\_ money.  
 a) lend                      b) loan                      c) hire                      d) withdraw

- 65) Mary avoided \_\_\_\_\_ the question.  
 a) answer                      b) to answer                      c) answering                      d) to have answered
- 66) Be careful \_\_\_\_\_ !  
 a) to not fall                      b) not fall                      c) not to fall                      d) not falling
- 67) He can \_\_\_\_\_ speak English.  
 a) almost                      b) completely                      c) harshly                      d) hardly
- 68) No sooner \_\_\_\_\_ arrived than it started to rain.  
 a) had I                      b) I had                      c) I have                      d) have I
- 69) This ticket is \_\_\_\_\_ until August, the 15<sup>th</sup>.  
 a) worth                      b) validated                      c) valuable                      d) valid
- 70) She \_\_\_\_\_ the doctor tonight.  
 a) see                      b) sees                      c) would see                      d) is seeing
- 71) \_\_\_\_\_ served?  
 a) Are you being                      b) Are you                      c) Could you                      d) Can you
- 72) I like \_\_\_\_\_ tea \_\_\_\_\_ coffee.  
 a) neither/nor                      b) rather/or                      c) rather/nor                      d) nor/neither
- 73) My watch needs \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 a) repair                      b) repaired                      c) repairing                      d) being repaired
- 74) He needs two \_\_\_\_\_ eggs for his recipe.  
 a) dozen                      b) dozens                      c) dozens of                      d) dozen of
- 75) \_\_\_\_\_ I had understood the idea, it was easy.  
 a) One time                      b) Before                      c) Once                      d) Although
- 76) He often walks with \_\_\_\_\_ hands in \_\_\_\_\_ pockets.  
 a) his/his                      b) his/my                      c) the/the                      d) his/the
- 77) When we left, everything was \_\_\_\_\_ snow.  
 a) covered                      b) covered from                      c) covered with                      d) covered of
- 78) Do earthquakes often \_\_\_\_\_ in North America?  
 a) break                      b) break out                      c) happen to                      d) occur
- 79) We had better \_\_\_\_\_ before it begins to rain.  
 a) leave                      b) leaving                      c) to leaving                      d) to leave

- 80) This theatre can hold \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) a large audience                      b) much audience                      c) many audiences                      d) spectators
- 81) I'll be on holiday \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) the next week                      b) next week                      c) last week                      d) following week
- 82) Please tell me when you \_\_\_\_\_ ready.
- a) were                      b) will                      c) are                      d) can
- 83) He succeeded \_\_\_\_\_ hard
- a) working                      b) by working                      c) in working                      d) to work
- 84) He succeeded \_\_\_\_\_ her car.
- a) repairing                      b) by repairing                      c) in repairing                      d) to repair
- 85) I am busy \_\_\_\_\_ my homework, don't disturb me!
- a) to do                      b) doing                      c) to do                      d) do
- 86) The police arrived \_\_\_\_\_ to save the baby.
- a) in time                      b) early                      c) in advance                      d) on time
- 87) I will not go \_\_\_\_\_ they call me.
- a) although                      b) least                      c) unless                      d) however
- 88) \_\_\_\_\_ you arrive \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) The earlier/the best                      b) The earliest/the best  
c) The earlier/the better                      d) The earliest/the better

## II. Reading Comprehension

Read the following texts carefully and fill in the blanks with the word below that best fits the text.

Text1

Our world is changing \_\_\_89\_\_\_ than \_\_\_90\_\_\_ and, in recent years, a number of transformative \_\_\_91\_\_\_ have moved from science fiction and the research and development R&D laboratory into the realm of practical \_\_\_92\_\_\_. These new technologies, combined \_\_\_93\_\_\_ demographic shifts and globalisation, will have a \_\_\_94\_\_\_ impact on the future of SMEs. (Small and Medium Enterprises)

Who would have \_\_\_95\_\_\_ that advanced machinery and electronics such \_\_\_96\_\_\_ GPS navigation \_\_\_97\_\_\_, which only a decade ago would have \_\_\_98\_\_\_ completely science fictional, would now be a part of our \_\_\_99\_\_\_ lives? Even the tablet computer, prophetically shown in Kubrick's 1968 film 2001 A Space Odyssey, was a part of the \_\_\_100\_\_\_ world.

But now we are more than \_\_\_101\_\_\_ with the object, seeing it \_\_\_102\_\_\_ for both business and entertainment purposes. It is \_\_\_103\_\_\_ hard to predict the impact of \_\_\_104\_\_\_ developments, but we are already \_\_\_105\_\_\_ how the way we work could be transformed in the near future.

Many of the tasks we typically perform in the \_\_\_106\_\_\_ today can also be done at home; we share and discuss documents seamlessly and have \_\_\_107\_\_\_ to videoconferencing. But \_\_\_108\_\_\_ this is the exciting possibility of telepresence robotics. These relatively \_\_\_109\_\_\_ systems - using cameras, microphones, speakers and screens - are already in \_\_\_110\_\_\_. Surgeons use telepresence robots to place \_\_\_111\_\_\_ "in" trauma wards thousands of miles away.

Some who have used telerobotics have even reported a strong sense of \_\_\_112\_\_\_ "embodied" in the remote location, as if they were really \_\_\_113\_\_\_. There will always be occasions when we would \_\_\_114\_\_\_ be somewhere in person, but telepresence robots could have truly world-changing consequences; a combination of 3D vision, tactile and proprioceptive feedback, and full-body telerobotic control could eliminate the need for physical travel \_\_\_115\_\_\_.

These advances are only part of a broader trend in which autonomous robot technologies will play an \_\_\_116\_\_\_ role in our lives; \_\_\_117\_\_\_ robots are already patrolling Tokyo skyscrapers at night. \_\_\_118\_\_\_ there will always be tasks that people are better at, there is \_\_\_119\_\_\_ doubt that robots will become an increasingly common feature of our lives over the next few decades (even if they are not quite as ominous as the pilotable Japanese super robot Kuratas).

Whether true Artificial Intelligence - machines with actual \_\_\_120\_\_\_ and a sense of \_\_\_121\_\_\_, rather \_\_\_122\_\_\_ machines that give the illusion of intelligence - is on the horizon or not, no one can say. In the end, we \_\_\_123\_\_\_ find that the distinction is not so important, at least not to us. The machines, of course, may have different opinions on the matter.

Predicting the impact of future technologies is never easy, but if we start thinking about the future now and begin to understand the various risks and challenges that lie \_\_\_124\_\_\_, we may avoid \_\_\_125\_\_\_ caught out when it arrives.

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- 89) a) quickly                      b) quick                      c) fast                      d) faster
- 90) a) ever                      b) never                      c) always                      d) even
- 91) a) sciences                      b) science                      c) technologies                      d) technology
- 92) a) implication                      b) application                      c) appliance                      d) appliances
- 93) a) to                      b) about                      c) with                      d) around
- 94) a) small                      b) shallow                      c) profound                      d) fast
- 95) a) thanked                      b) thought                      c) think                      d) thinking
- 96) a) like                      b) than                      c) that                      d) as
- 97) a) utensils                      b) mechanisms                      c) tools                      d) machines
- 98) a) seemed                      b) believed                      c) imagined                      d) seems
- 99) a) day                      b) yearly                      c) everyday                      d) weekly
- 100) a) functional                      b) fictional                      c) fiction                      d) function
- 101) a) family                      b) famous                      c) familiar                      d) unfamiliar
- 102) a) used                      b) using                      c) useful                      d) useless
- 103) a) ever                      b) never                      c) always                      d) already
- 104) a) technological                      b) technology                      c) science                      d) scientist
- 105) a) viewing                      b) looking                      c) testifying                      d) witnessing
- 106) a) home                      b) outside                      c) bank                      d) office
- 107) a) accessibility                      b) access                      c) entry                      d) entrance
- 108) a) before                      b) between                      c) beyond                      d) above
- 109) a) simple                      b) soft                      c) hard                      d) embedded
- 110) a) order                      b) use                      c) store                      d) stock
- 111) a) himself                      b) themselves                      c) them                      d) each other
- 112) a) having                      b) feeling                      c) feel                      d) have
- 113) a) here                      b) nowhere                      c) there                      d) gone
- 114) a) prefer                      b) rather                      c) either                      d) neither
- 115) a) far                      b) together                      c) altogether                      d) alone
- 116) a) good                      b) increasingly                      c) repeatedly                      d) increasing
- 117) a) cleansing                      b) cleaning                      c) clean                      d) cleaner

- 118) a) while                      b) unlike                      c) however                      d) still
- 119) a) not                      b) any                      c) some                      d) no
- 120) a) conscience                      b) conscious                      c) conscientious                      d) consensus
- 121) a) identification                      b) individuality                      c) identity                      d) idealization
- 122) a) than                      b) then                      c) that                      d) when
- 123) a) would                      b) do                      c) may                      d) ought to
- 124) a) ashore                      b) ahead                      c) along                      d) across
- 125) a) be                      b) to be                      c) being                      d) having

## Text 2

### The Scale of The Universe

The "Scale Of The Universe 2" is an awesome Flash animation packed with info. An interactive Flash animation titled "Scale Of The Universe 2", covering \_\_\_126\_\_\_ in the universe from the fabric of space-time to the estimated \_\_\_127\_\_\_ of the universe, was posted earlier \_\_\_128\_\_\_ year, and it is \_\_\_129\_\_\_. Why would something that comes \_\_\_130\_\_\_ out of an eighth grade physical science textbook become so popular? First, the \_\_\_131\_\_\_ scale of the universe is mind blowing as it \_\_\_132\_\_\_ 62 orders of magnitude (that's multiplying 62 10's together). Second, the animation is very well produced and packed \_\_\_133\_\_\_ information to the extent that it's an \_\_\_134\_\_\_ useful learning \_\_\_135\_\_\_ for those who are just curious to students learning about \_\_\_136\_\_\_. And finally, it was created by a 14-year-old, Cary Huang, and his twin brother, Michael, who worked on it \_\_\_137\_\_\_ a year and a half as a \_\_\_138\_\_\_ project...that's right, it was not a school assignment but an interest sparked from a seventh grade teacher \_\_\_139\_\_\_ a video of the size of cells.

\_\_\_140\_\_\_ it is an incredible personal feat for the twins, the animation is also a testament to the creative and educational possibilities afforded by \_\_\_141\_\_\_ technology, and all the implications that that means for parents, educators, and publishers.

Now, the size of things has been a \_\_\_142\_\_\_ of interest throughout human \_\_\_143\_\_\_, as even the Greek philosophers Democritus \_\_\_144\_\_\_ such a thing as an atom in 460 B.C. Aristarchus, in proposing the first recorded heliocentric model of the \_\_\_145\_\_\_ system sometime in the 3rd \_\_\_146\_\_\_ B.C., \_\_\_147\_\_\_ that the stars were very distant, implying that the universe was \_\_\_148\_\_\_ bigger than the fixed spheres of the geocentric model (the original text in which he stated this has been lost). As scientific progress has advanced, a lot of time is invested in knowing \_\_\_149\_\_\_ how big or small everything actually is, a theme that runs through each \_\_\_150\_\_\_ of science.

But the issue is how do we \_\_\_151\_\_\_ such \_\_\_152\_\_\_ vast range in scale?

The problem is that our direct \_\_\_153\_\_\_ occurs in such a \_\_\_154\_\_\_ amount of space. It's probably safe to \_\_\_155\_\_\_ that all direct (observation \_\_\_156\_\_\_ on senses) human experience occurs \_\_\_157\_\_\_ 2 orders of magnitude \_\_\_158\_\_\_ and larger than our bodies. Beyond that range, technology is \_\_\_159\_\_\_ to visualize things, \_\_\_160\_\_\_ it is a microscope, satellite imagery, or telescopes.

- 126) a) anything                      b) nothing                      c) everything                      d) something
- 127) a) range                      b) size                      c) side                      d) rate
- 128) a) this                      b) that                      c) the                      d) every
- 129) a) awful                      b) terrible                      c) awesome                      d) fearsome
- 130) a) direct                      b) along                      c) straight                      d) across
- 131) a) actual                      b) small                      c) simple                      d) really
- 132) a) takes                      b) shows                      c) spends                      d) spans
- 133) a) for                      b) into                      c) in                      d) with
- 134) a) incredulity                      b) incredible                      c) incredibly                      d) incredulous
- 135) a) tool                      b) appliance                      c) machine                      d) machinery
- 136) a) scientology                      b) scientific                      c) scientist                      d) science
- 137) a) during                      b) for                      c) since                      d) in
- 138) a) funny                      b) fun                      c) fan                      d) yearly
- 139) a) giving                      b) taking                      c) showing                      d) selling
- 140) a) while                      b) however                      c) despite                      d) still
- 141) a) contemporary                      b) modernity                      c) modern                      d) old
- 142) a) field                      b) topic                      c) tool                      d) show
- 143) a) story                      b) stories                      c) history                      d) life
- 144) a) believed                      b) felt                      c) concluded                      d) imagined
- 145) a) sun                      b) sunny                      c) solar                      d) universal
- 146) a) century                      b) year                      c) millennium                      d) decade
- 147) a) implied                      b) concluded                      c) saw                      d) viewed
- 148) a) very                      b) little                      c) much                      d) few
- 149) a) exactly                      b) correctly                      c) actually                      d) approximate
- 150) a) topic                      b) twig                      c) branch                      d) meadow
- 151) a) view                      b) look                      c) glance                      d) visualize
- 152) a) an                      b) 0                      c) as                      d) a
- 153) a) test                      b) experience                      c) experiment                      d) experiences
- 154) a) limit                      b) limited                      c) unlimited                      d) open

- |                  |              |             |             |
|------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| 155) a) tell     | b) speak     | c) say      | d) lie      |
| 156) a) based    | b) funded    | c) shown    | d) tested   |
| 157) a) into     | b) without   | c) within   | d) onto     |
| 158) a) bigger   | b) smaller   | c) lower    | d) higher   |
| 159) a) required | b) requested | c) enquired | d) inquired |
| 160) a) weather  | b) neither   | c) whether  | d) either   |