

EXAMENS CANTONAUX D'ADMISSION
DANS LES FILIÈRES DE MATURITÉS DU SECONDAIRE 2
POUR ÉLÈVES ISSU·E·S D'ÉCOLES PRIVÉES OU SCOLARISÉ·E·S À DOMICILE

SESSION 2024

ANGLAIS – durée : 45 minutes

Nom et prénom : _____

Date de naissance : _____

Consignes spécifiques

Dictionnaire papier bilingue fourni dans le cadre de l'examen.

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POINTS OBTENUS :

PART 1 READING COMPREHENSION

Exercise 1 Read the text and answer the questions on the next page.

Places and languages

1.

There are over one hundred and ninety countries in the world and about seven thousand languages. In first place is China. There are over one billion speakers of Mandarin Chinese. In second place is India with speakers of Hindi. And in third place is Spanish. Spain isn't a big country, but there are over four hundred million Spanish speakers in different countries around the world. This is very true in Latin America.

2.

As a first language, English is in fourth place. About three hundred and eighty million people are native English speakers. But English is in first place as a second language for many other people. Over a billion people speak English for doing business, reading the news or studying science and medicine. In some countries, English is not the native language, but it is the official language for the government and in schools. And even in London, the capital city of Britain, there are over three hundred different languages.

3.

Chinese, Hindi, Spanish and English are the 'big' languages. About eighty per cent of the world's population speak them. But these are only four languages, so what about the other 6,996 languages? Many countries have lots of different languages. For example, on the islands of Vanuatu in the South Pacific Ocean there are sixty-five different islands and they have one hundred and nine different languages.

4.

Finally, there are some languages with only one speaker. They are old people and they speak the language of their parents and grandparents. For example, Charlie Muldunga lives in Australia. He speaks English because it is the first language of the

country. However, his native language is *Amurdag*. It's an ancient language and he is the last speaker of this Aboriginal language.

Places and languages English Rooms. Retrieved March 12 2023, from
<https://english-rooms.com/test/elementary-reading-test-places-and-languages>

Questions regarding the text. Choose the best possible answer.

1. What does the text say?

- ☐ It's important to speak at least two languages
- ☐ There's no country with only one official language
- ☐ Many people use English for business reasons

2. For each paragraph (1 to 4) choose the most appropriate title from the list below. Pay attention, there is one extra!

- a) The other almost 7000 languages _____
- b) English as a global language _____
- c) Languages in Australia _____
- d) First place and first language _____
- e) The last speakers _____

For each assertion, say if it is true (T), false (F), or not mentioned (NT).

Assertion	T	F	NT
English is on the top three of the most spoken first languages in the world.			
There are 190 countries in the world.			
In Latin America there are more Spanish speakers than in Spain.			
There are countries where English isn't the population's mother tongue but is officially used at school and in the administration.			
English is the first language for over a billion of people.			
There are over 300 languages in London.			

Only ~20% of the world's people don't speak Hindi, English, Chinese or Spanish.			
The islands of Vanuatu are divided into 109 different islands.			
Charlie Muldunga only speaks the Aboriginal language <i>Amurdag</i> .			
<i>Amurdag</i> is one of the official languages in Australia.			

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Exercise 2 - Read the text again and find the words in the text that match the definitions. Find also the opposites (≠) of the last 2 words:

1. A speaker of a particular language who has spoken that language since earliest childhood (noun): _____
2. The activity of buying and selling commodities, products, or services (noun):

3. The political direction and control exercised over the actions of the members, citizens, or inhabitants of communities, societies, and states; direction of the affairs of a state, community, etc .(noun): _____
4. Principal; highly important (adjective): _____
5. The science and art of diagnosing and treating disease or injury and maintaining health (noun): _____
6. Authorized by a proper authority; authoritative (adjective): _____
7. same ≠ _____
8. recent ≠ _____

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Total Reading Comprehension

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PART 2 WRITING

The holidays are only a few weeks away and you probably have plans for them (if not, make something up). What are you going to do? Write a short text about it.

In your text, talk about:

- ***where you are going***
- ***how you are traveling***
- ***when you are leaving and for how long***
- ***who you are going with***
- ***where you are staying (kind of accommodation)***
- ***which activities you are planning to do***

Don't forget to write your text in the near future!

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PART 3 USE OF ENGLISH

Exercise 1 - Choose the correct option (a, b or c) for each blank.

- The first modern Olympic Games were held ____ 1996.
a) at b) on c) in
- ____ Japan is ____ last country that organised the Games.
a) - / the b) The / the c) - / a
- In 2028 Los Angeles _____ the host city.
a) will be b) is c) would be
- Do you know _____ the host city for the upcoming Olympic Games is?
Paris.
a) where b) whom c) what
- More than 11'000 athletes are going to compete in Paris for only 987 medals.
That means that _____ of them won't win a medal.
a) some b) much c) many
- With a budget of less than 10 billion, the Olympics in Paris aren't
_____ the previous editions.
a) as expensive as b) as expensive that c) as expensive then
- Thomas Bach is the current IOC president. ____ celebrated ____ 10 years of
presidency in 2023.
a) He / her b) He / his c) His / he
- He was also _____ as a talented athlete back in 1976, when he won
the Olympic title.
a) known b) know c) knew
- Before moving to the IOC headquarters in Lausanne, he used to _____ in
Germany.
a) stay b) live c) visit
- This year the Games are going to start _____ 26 July 2024.
a) the b) on c) in
- Spectators from all over the world enjoy _____ the incredible
athleticism displayed in the track and field events.
a) watching b) to watch c) watch

12. Ordinary citizens _____ dream of Olympic glory, but athletes _____ to undergo rigorous training and sacrifice.
a) can / have b) can / must c) like / have
13. The opening ceremony in Beijing in 2008, with its dazzling displays of fireworks and cultural performances, was the _____ in Olympic history.
a) most great b) greatest c) greater
14. Some critics say that athletes _____ prioritize their health and safety over Olympic glory.
a) would b) should c) could
15. For some sports, such as tennis, it is _____ to take part in major tournaments than in the Olympic Games.
a) good b) better c) best

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Exercise 2 – Write sentences in the present, past or future tense using the words given. Be careful, sometimes you have to change some words.

Alexander Bell / the / when / telephone / invent / ? – past simple

the / wash / he / at the moment / the dishes - present continuous

global warming / NOT stop / we / our planet / if / too hot / become / will - prediction

and / go / this afternoon / Bob / to Zurich / Alice – near future

I / last week / to school / a cold / and / NOT go / get – past simple

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Total Use of English / 20 pts