

**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 2022

**ANGLAIS** – durée : 45 minutes

Nom et prénom : \_\_\_\_\_

Date de naissance : \_\_\_\_\_

**Consignes spécifiques**

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

ZONE RÉSERVÉE AUX CORRECTIONS

POINTS OBTENUS :

## **PART 1    READING COMPREHENSION**

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

*Posted by Helen Nolan on 10 September, 2012 at 21:25*

What an Olympics! It's now all over! I've been writing my blog from London every day during the Olympics and the Paralympics and this is my final post to look back on a wonderful couple of months. Here are some of the things that were the most memorable for me:

**1.**

This set the scene for the Games with an amazing show featuring music, dancing, historical figures, fireworks and British humour. A huge number of volunteers practised for months to make everything perfect. The best moment was when the old lady in Buckingham Palace turned round and showed that she was neither a lookalike<sup>1</sup> nor an actor but Her Majesty the Queen. The next best bit was when she jumped out of a helicopter with James Bond (although I think that actually was an actor!).

**2.**

I was very proud of our team as we kept on winning medals and finished in third position in the medal table, which is truly a great result for Great Britain. There were so many incredible sportsmen and women. The ones that stand out for me are Mo Farah, the Somalian-born Londoner who won the 10,000 and 5,000 metres with the whole stadium going crazy, Jessica Ennis, the popular super-athlete from Sheffield who won the heptathlon, and Nicola Adams who won the first female boxing medal in Olympic history for Britain.

**3.**

Although the crowd cheered on the British, there was lots of support for athletes of other nationalities too like the wonderful Usain Bolt, from Jamaica, who won the 100 and 200 metres sprint to become the fastest man alive. There was also Oscar Pistorius of South Africa who was the first

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<sup>1</sup> a person or thing that closely resembles another, especially someone who looks very similar to a famous person.

disabled person to compete in the Olympics. He went on to win two gold medals and a silver in the Paralympics.

4.

I have really enjoyed being able to watch sports which are not normally shown on television. Before the Olympics I didn't expect to love watching judo or find myself screaming at the television during a game of wheelchair tennis, but I really got into them. I didn't know anything about goalball before the Paralympics but it became one of my favourite sports.

5.

It took seven years of planning and 70,000 volunteers to make everything go well. Many people have said that the organisation was not as perfect as that of the Beijing Games, but there was a much better atmosphere which spread out through the whole city. The volunteers were always friendly and helpful and Londoners even began talking to each other, and visitors, on the underground trains!

*An Olympic blog* British Council. Retrieved April 6 2022, from <https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/skills/reading/intermediate-b1/olympic-blog>

**Questions regarding the text. Choose the best possible answer.**

1. What is this text about?

- Things to do when you visit London
- A report from the organizers of a sporting event
- The London 2012 Olympic Games

2. Choose the best title for this text:

- An amazing time in London
- An Olympic blog
- My best sporting memories

3. For each paragraph (1 to 5) choose the most appropriate title from the list below. Pay attention, there is one extra!

- a) Learning from Beijing \_\_\_\_\_
- b) The organisation and the atmosphere \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Team GB<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- d) The Olympic stadium crowd \_\_\_\_\_
- e) The opening ceremony \_\_\_\_\_
- f) New sports \_\_\_\_\_

4. Where was this article published?

- In a newspaper
- On the internet
- On a sports blog

5. How long did the Olympics and Paralympics last?

- two weeks
- a couple of months
- seven years

6. What does the blogger think was the best thing during the opening ceremony?

- The Queen's appearance
- The volunteers
- The British humour

7. How does the author feel about the British athletes' performance?

- proud
- disappointed
- surprised

8. Which of these British athletes was born in a foreign country?

- Jessica Ennis
- Mo Farah
- Nicola Adams

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<sup>2</sup> Brand name used to call the British Olympic team.

9. Which athlete competed in both the Olympics and Paralympics?

- Oscar Pistorius
- Mo Farah
- Usain Bolt

10. Which sport was completely new to the blogger?

- judo
- goalball
- wheelchair tennis

11. How did the London Olympics compare to the Beijing Olympics, according to the author?

- It was very similar.
- It was not as well organised, but there was a better atmosphere.
- It was better organised, but the atmosphere wasn't as good.

12. What did the blogger say changed about Londoners during the Olympics?

- They watched new sports.
- They volunteered.
- They talked to each other on the trains.

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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. Likely to be remembered or worth remembering (adjective): \_\_\_\_\_

2. To do or play something regularly or repeatedly in order to become skilled at it (verb): \_\_\_\_\_

3. To give a loud shout of approval or encouragement (verb): \_\_\_\_\_

4. Not having one or more of the physical or mental abilities that most people have (adjective): \_\_\_\_\_

5. To cry or say something loudly and usually on a high note, especially because of strong emotions such as fear, excitement, or anger (verb): \_\_\_\_\_

6. The act of deciding how to do something (noun): \_\_\_\_\_

7. ashamed ≠ \_\_\_\_\_

8. hostile ≠ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Total Reading comprehension** ..... / 24 pts

**PART 2 WRITING**

**How were your years at primary school or from 6 to 12 years old? Think about it and write a short text (minimum 80 words).**

**In your text talk about the following points (if they're relevant):**

- **your school** (place, size, atmosphere, ...) or your learning environment
- **your teachers (or parents)**
- **your friends**
- **your results/marks**
- **your best memory**
- **your worst memory**
- **your general feeling**

**Don't forget to write your text in the past!**

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14. At the end of the saga, Harry finally \_\_\_\_\_ beat Lord Voldemort.

a) could

b) would

c) should

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**Exercise 2 - Fill in the gaps with the correct verb forms and tenses.**

**Sometimes two options are possible.**

1. The Quidditch players \_\_\_\_\_ (warm up) for their game at the moment. It's going to start in a few minutes.
2. Ron \_\_\_\_\_ (NOT – like) seeing Harry and Hermione get closer and was jealous.
3. It's highly possible that in 20 years most people \_\_\_\_\_ (remember) the whole saga.
4. In 1997 J. K. Rowling \_\_\_\_\_ (write) the first tome of the Harry Potter saga. She \_\_\_\_\_ (NOT – imagine) it would become such a huge success.
5. – Hey Harry, what \_\_\_\_\_ (you - do) here?  
– I'm waiting for you Mr Dumbledore, I've got a question for you.
6. Harry Potter \_\_\_\_\_ (NOT - want) to go home to his aunt and uncle place for the vacations and prefers to stay at school.
7. – Hermione, \_\_\_\_\_ (you - see) Ron yesterday? I wanted to talk to him.  
– No I didn't. I'm sorry, Harry.

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**Total Use of English** ..... / 15 pts