

**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 2023

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 / 20 pts

PART 3 USE OF ENGLISH

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

- Elizabeth Alexandra Mary was born ___ 21st April 1926.
a) on b) in c) at
- She was better _____ as Queen Elizabeth II.
a) know b) knew c) known
- ___ November 1947, she married Philip, a former prince of Greece and Denmark.
a) On b) In c) At
- Do you know _____ her family name was? Mountbatten.
a) which b) what c) who
- How _____ years did she stay on the throne?
a) much b) many c) some
- Her reign of 70 years and 214 days was the _____ of any British monarch.
a) longer b) most long c) longest
- She used to _____ in Buckingham Palace.
a) live b) visit c) travel
- She did _____ historic visits and meetings including state visits to China in 1986 and to Russia in 1994.
a) many b) much c) a lot
- She was a lot _____ than she looked like.
a) strong b) stronger c) strongest
- ___ Great Britain is ___ country where she lived all her life.
a) The / a b) - / the c) - / a
- On Christmas Day 2021, a 19-year-old man entered the garden of her property with the intention of murdering her but he was arrested before he _____ enter any buildings.
a) could b) would c) should
- People of the UK enjoy _____ things about the Royal Family.
a) learn b) to learn c) learning
- Since his departure for the United States, Prince Harry is no longer _____ his brother William by the British people.

