

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 2026

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.

Ashrita Furman is a record-breaking record-breaker: He has set more records than anyone else in the world! In the last 40 years, he has established more than 600 records!

As a child, Ashrita loved reading the Guinness Book of World Records. He wanted to be in it too. But he thought people had to be good at sports to be in the book. He wasn't a good athlete. He felt his dream would never come true.

But later in life, Ashrita learned meditation, and with this, he learned that nothing is impossible. He tested this idea in 1978 by entering a 24-hour bike race in New York. Without any training, Ashrita came third! After that, he started thinking about breaking records again.

First, he tried to break the record for the most jumping jacks. He failed at first, but, remembering that 'anything is possible', he trained, meditated and tried again. This time, he did 27,000 jumping jacks in 6 hours 45 minutes and became the new record holder. His achievement appeared in the 1980 Guinness Book of Records.

Today, Ashrita has a long list of records, including: walking the furthest distance with a bike on his chin, cycling the longest distance with a bottle on his head and lighting the most candles on a birthday cake. He says: "I choose ideas which are challenging, fun and childish! I enjoy practising and seeing my progress."

He says his favourite record was "the longest distance on a pogo stick¹". While he was on holiday in Japan, he saw Mount Fuji and thought it was beautiful, so he decided to try to break a record there. He did 11.5 miles. The most difficult record was "the most forward rolls". In 10 hours, 30 minutes, he did 8,341 of them, travelling 12 miles!

If you want to break a world record too, Ashrita gives this advice. "Choose something you enjoy because you will need to practise. And don't give up. Your mind will tell you that something is impossible, but it isn't. If someone else has done something, and you work hard, you can do it too!

The man with the most world records. Test-English. Retrieved February 11 2026, from <https://test-english.com/reading/a2/man-with-most-world-records-reading-test/>

¹ bâton sauteur

Questions regarding the text. Choose the best possible answer.

1. When Ashrita was a child, he...

- ☐ was good at sports.
- ☐ achieved his first world record.
- ☐ met a record-breaking athlete.
- ☐ dreamed of being in the Guinness Book of Records.

2. When he was a child, he thought that...

- ☐ one day he would achieve his dream.
- ☐ everything is possible.
- ☐ only good athletes could break records.
- ☐ he would become a good athlete one day.

3. What happened when Ashrita entered the 24-hour bike race in New York?

- ☐ He won first place despite having no training.
- ☐ He gave up halfway through the race.
- ☐ He finished in third place without any training.
- ☐ He came last but felt proud of himself.

4. When Ashrita did the 24-hour bike race, he learned that...

- ☐ anything is possible.
- ☐ meditation is unnecessary.
- ☐ training is important.
- ☐ breaking records is easy.

5. Which activity did Ashrita do for his first world record?

- ☐ jumping jacks
- ☐ cycling
- ☐ meditating
- ☐ lightning candles

6. Which of these sentences is NOT true about Ashrita?

- ☐ He doesn't enjoy training for records.
- ☐ In one record, he carried a bottle on his head while cycling.
- ☐ His record-breaking activities are childish.
- ☐ He failed his first record-breaking attempt.

7. Which sentence might Ashrita say?

- ☐ "You don't have to practise much to break records".
- ☐ "Doing the most forward rolls was easy!"
- ☐ "Do what your mind tells you to do."
- ☐ "Anyone can break records".

8. What does Ashrita say was his hardest record?

- ☐ Walking the furthest distance with a bike on his chin.
- ☐ Lighting the most candles on a birthday cake.
- ☐ Cycling the longest distance with a bottle on his head.
- ☐ Doing the most forward rolls.

9. What advice does Ashrita give to people who want to break a world record?

- ☐ Choose a record that is easy so you can win quickly.
- ☐ Only attempt records if you are already a professional athlete.
- ☐ Pick something you enjoy and never give up.
- ☐ Focus on records that other people have never tried before.

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

Assertion	T	F	NT
As a child, he bought every edition of the Guinness Book of World Records.			
He was very good at sports as a young athlete.			
He won the 24-hour bike race in New York.			
He broke the jumping jack record in less than seven hours.			
He has broken records in more than 20 different countries.			
He believes anyone can break a world record if they work hard			
His favourite record was completed on a beach in Japan.			
He thinks he is too old and wants to retire from breaking records soon.			

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Exercise 2 - Read the text again and find the words in the text that match the definitions:

1. Something you really want to do, have, or become in the future (noun):

2. To not succeed in doing something you try to do (verb): _____

3. Something good that you succeed in doing after working hard. (noun):

4. Behaving in a silly or immature way. (adjective): _____

5. Suggestion or idea that help you decide what to do. (noun): _____

6. Something that cannot happen or cannot be done. (adjective): _____

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Total Reading Comprehension

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PART 2 WRITING

Your favorite school trip

You are about to finish school but in the last years you probably had many school trips organized by your school. Pick your favorite one and describe it below.

In your text, talk about:

- when it was (year, time of the year)
- where you went (place)
- who you were with
- how long it was
- what you did (activities)
- why you liked it especially

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

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PART 3 USE OF ENGLISH

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

- The 2026 Winter Olympics took place ____ Italy.
a) at b) in c) on
- Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo were ____ hosts of the 2026 Winter Olympics.
a) the b) a c) –
- Athletes _____ compete in many different winter sports.
a) might b) can c) must
- ____ country will host the next Winter Olympics in 2030?
a) When b) Which c) How
- The Winter Olympics is ____ than a normal sports competition because people from all over the world watch it.
a) more exciting b) most exciting c) exciter
- Mathilde Gremaud, a Swiss acrobatic skier, won gold in 2022 and 2026. She is famous for ____ strong performances.
a) his b) their c) her
- This year, Norway _____ the most medals at the Winter Olympics.
a) won b) wins c) wonned
- Many fans enjoy _____ the Winter Olympics on TV every four years.
a) to watch b) watch c) watching
- In 4 years, the Winter Olympics _____ held in France.
a) would be b) is c) will be
- The Olympic torch relay is a tradition where the flame is carried through ____ towns before the Games.
a) many b) much c) any
- With new stadiums and facilities, the 2026 edition is _____ the previous editions.
a) as modern that b) as modern as c) as modern then
- If you ____ winter sports, you ____ watch the next Winter Olympics because it promises to be exciting.
a) have / like b) like / must c) can / must
- The opening ceremony of the 2026 Winter Olympics took place ____ 6th February.
a) in b) at c) on

14. Did the Swiss ice hockey team play _____ this year than in the previous Winter Olympics?

a) worse

b) worst

c) bad

15. Athletes must follow rules and compete fairly, otherwise they _____ be disqualified.

a) will

b) must

c) would

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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.

Lindsey Vonn / in 2010 / she / the gold medal / this year / the race / but / NOT finish / win –
past simple

the organising committee for the 2030 Games / next edition / hard / already / on the /
work - **present continuous**

you / successful / train / will / hard / if / be / probably / you – **prediction (conditional)**

right after the Games / in a few end-of-season events / participate / most athletes – **future with going to**

take place / the Winter Olympic Games / every four years / ? / - **present simple**

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Total Use of English / 20 pts