



First year entrance exam

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE EVALUATION

TIME : TWO HOURS

COMPETITIVE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

English Francophone

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Section A: GRAMMAR 10mks

I- Fill the blank with the correct forms of verbs in brackets. 5mks

1. That taxi-driver _____ for ten years but nobody has confidence in him. (*drive*)
2. Sara _____ if she had known that the meeting had been postponed. (*not come*)
3. It's high time people _____ to be honest in politics. (*learn*)
4. Atali was delighted with her new dress: she _____ one for a long time. (*want*)
5. By the end of next year that teacher _____ for twenty years. (*teach*)

II- Underline the right (form of the) word in brackets. 2,5mks

1. (*Come, comes, coming, came*) what may, we will go ahead.
2. He will never succeed (*although, because, unless, despite*) he stops playing football all the time.
3. Here (*come, is coming, comes, came*) the man we have been waiting for.
4. She was married (*to, by, with, at*) a rich, man but she divorced
5. I shall stay here (*to, on, by, till*) next month if need be.
6. In each of the sentences below fill the blank with one of the forms of the verb brackets.
7. Mathematics _____ to be his best subject. (*seen / seems*)
8. The acoustics of the hall _____ the music considerably. (*affect / affects*)
9. Nobody in ready now _____ (*are they? / aren't they?*)
10. Nelther John nor peter _____ football well. (*Play / plays*).
11. _____ your brother's friends want to come as well? (*do / does*)

Section B: VOCABULARY /10mks

I- Choose from the list given in brackets below, the word or phrase that has the same meaning as the underlined one. Write the correct answer in the space provided. /5mks

1. An act of carelessness that results in a person's death can never really be atoned for by paying compensation _____ (*expiated, counteracted, and emancipated*)
- 2, The dog cowered under the table when the master raised the whip _____ (*disappeared, lowered the body, barked*)
3. I saw a man in the hospital yesterday, he was in dire need of help but nobody seemed to care for him _____ (*wide, dreadful/, extreme*)

4. The first satellite to be put into space was unmanned_____

(with no one on board, unmanipulated, without manner).

5. The children stood in awe as they watched the trick of the magician_____ (*anger, amazement, joy*)

II- Complete the following sentences with the words chosen in brackets. / 5 mks

1. After analyzing the dust, scientists found a small 'but definite_____ of radioactive carbon (plot, shift, trace, label)
2. To be excused from any required course, a student must write a detailed_____ to the department head. (appeal, motive, grant, label)
3. A System of telegraphic dots and dashes was a_____ which Samuel morse developed for international communication (horror, device, code)
4. Unemployment and the cost of living are the only_____ in the campaign on which the candidates agree (images, plots, issues, contacts)
5. The_____ of metric measurements to English measurements are not difficult, but some people have difficulty doing it. (Affect, convert, frustrate, propose).

SECTION C: READING COMPREHENSION 10mks

Read the following passage carefully and answer the question below it. You have to write in complete English sentences.

Every day you are the victim of a serious, crime. This crime affects you and millions of other people too: Although it is as terrible as fraud, and even murder, this crime is seldom punished. The crime is pollution and it is endangering our survival. Let's take fraud. If you think that fraud is, for example, printing counterfeit money, you are right. The dictionary defines fraud as deception and counterfeiting money. This is certainly deceiving. Pollution, however, can also be fraud. Think about those colourful packages than for the product inside. And that is fraud because you are being deceived. Without knowing it, you are paying more for something that you never even asked for. It is pollution, too. What do you do with that expensive package? You just throw it away, of course, extending the amount garbage that is produced every day,

Now, think about robbery for a minute. If three men with guns held up a bank and went off with all the money, you would agree that this is robbery, another serious crime. We all know that robbery means taking things away from other people. But robbery isn't just stealing money. Pollution is also robbery. For example, when cities throw raw sewage (*) into rivers, the water becomes polluted and all the living organisms in it die. That kind of pollution robs you of the pleasure of fishing. What about those oil ships which break up, spilling their oil into the ocean? That's pollution, too, and it robs you of clean, white beaches and the enjoyment of swimming on hot, summer day.

Finally, let's discuss murder. When you think about murder, do you think of a bank robber shooting a policeman? This is indeed murder. Sometimes murder is quick, but other times the killer prefers to torture his victim until he dies. Pollution murders in that way. Pollution is one of the worst killers in our society. A pollution causes about half of ail human diseases. Thousands of Canadians die every year from heart and lung diseases caused or made worse by pollution. And they do not die immediately.

They often die slowly, painfully facing worst death throes.

Pollution is all around you, making your life less pleasant and endangering your health, highways

and parks are littered with old cans, papers, and bottles; ruining the natural beauty of our environment, The noise of jets and of city traffic cause noise pollution that affects your ability to hear and can even make you deaf. Cars, buses, and industries poison the air you must breathe. Pulp and paper, one of Canada's largest industries causes a lot of pollution. Even though we have used up many natural resources, hundreds of trees are still cut down every day. Chemical sewage and old logs are thrown into rivers and the air around the pulp and paper factories is polluted with sulphur. Mercury, carelessly permitted to run off into many of the lakes and rivers in Canada, cause harm to fish. When people eat fish poisoned by mercury, they too become poisoned. The mercury slowly makes them die.

What are you going to do about pollution? You can't always count on someone else to figure out a way to solve the problem.

You can start by cleaning up the pollution in your own neighborhood. Save up old newspaper, bottles, and cans and begin a recycling depot. Plan an antipollution campaign. Talk over the problem of pollution with your neighbors and tell them about its dangers. Encourage your government to make new laws which will help cut down on pollution.

Don't you think that it's time to stop this terrible crime, pollution? Remember, pollution is endangering our survival.

(*) *sewage= eaux d'égouts*

QUESTIONS

- a) Why is pollution considered as a crime and what is peculiar about it? (2.mks)

- b) Why is counterfeit money defined as fraud? Give an example of fraud other than those given in the passage (2mks).

What is pollution compared to and why? (2mks)

- c) Why are colourful packages frauds? **1mk**

- d) What does pollution deprive you of? Name at least 3. **1,5mks**

- e) List the types of pollution mentioned in the passage and their consequence. **1,5mks**

Section D: ESSAY WRITING

Write an essay of about 300 words on ONE of the topics below.

1. Science is the ‘‘be all’’ and end-all’’ for a sustainable development of any country. What is your opinion?
2. Ways to reduce the gap between the rich and d the poor nations.
3. Education is necessary to succeed in life. Discuss.

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