



Consignes : 1. L'usage de la calculatrice programmable est interdit
3. Le téléphone est interdit dans les salles

2. Le silence est obligatoire

Durée de l'épreuve : 2 heures

I. Interpretative Competence (30 pts.)

Reading comprehension

A- Read the text carefully then answer the question about it in complete sentences. (20 pts.)

The Benefits of Being Bilingual

The Vieira family moved to the United States in 2001. At that time, they made a decision. They decided to stop speaking Portuguese at home and only communicate in English. They were, in fact, living in an English-speaking country. The Vieira children are adults now, and from time to time they travel to Portugal to visit old family and friends. There is a problem; however, Mr. and Mrs. Vieira's children cannot communicate with their relatives. This particular event happens frequently all over the world. When people immigrate to new lands, many of them begin to disregard not only their cultural traditions but also their native language. Over time, they lose the many benefits to being bilingual.

One of the most basic advantages of being bilingual is being able to communicate with more people around the world. People do not have to rely on others to automatically know their own language or use an interpreter to get their message across. These bilingual people are independent and self-reliant. In contrast, people who are monolingual must put all their trust in others in order to make communication happen. Bilinguals are masters of their own words and ideas.

Speaking a second language also allows people to experience another culture. Even if these people have never visited another country, bilingualism enhances cultural and social awareness of another group of people. Idiomatic expressions, vocabulary, and even jokes can have a powerful impact on a person's understanding of another culture. For example, a person who speaks American English knows the expression "to put your John Hancock" on something, which means to sign your name. However, only people who know about John Hancock's role in the signing of the Declaration of Independence can fully understand the literal meaning and historical significance of this expression. Thus, becoming bilingual clearly increases knowledge of a new culture.

Finally, widespread bilingualism can contribute to global awareness. If everyone in the world spoke a second or third language, people could better communicate and perhaps have a better global understanding of others' ideas, values, and behaviors. Being able to speak another country's language makes people more understanding of the problems and situations in that country. Conversely, not knowing the language of a potential enemy can only increase miscommunication and suspicion.

The benefits of bilingualism are clear. In fact, there is no single disadvantage to speaking more than one language. The real tragedy, however, is not that people do not make the effort to study and learn a second language. The problem is that people who already have the gift of speaking another language forget it and lose the ability to communicate in that language because they do not use it.

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Questions

1. How can bilingualism develop communication?
2. Where does the expression "to put your John Hancock" come from?
3. Why is it so important to be basically bilingual?
4. What happens to the Vieira children when they return to Portugal?
5. Why does the Vieira's problem often happen to many immigrants?

B- Match words or phrases in column A with phrases in column B according to the text above. (10 pts.)

- | A | B |
|---------------------|--|
| a) Benefit | 1- Being linguistically independent and self-reliant |
| b) Significance | 2- It's in other word an advantage |
| c) Being bilingual | 3- It's also to widen one's culture |
| d) Social awareness | 4- The ability to communicate in one language |
| e) Increase | 5- Widespread knowledge on a subject |
| | 6- This is a synonym of: importance |

II. Linguistic Competence (30 pts.)

A- Write the correct form of the verb in parentheses to express a condition or a wish. (10 pts.)

1. No one would have complained if Joe _____ a good job. (do)
2. I wish my friend _____ here right now. (be)
3. Andy wishes he _____ more weight before June. (lose)
4. All of us wish that the rain _____. (stop)
5. We _____ the party if we had found a ride. (attend)

B- Choose the correct answer. (10 pts.)

1. The advice you gave me _____ really useful.
a) were b) are c) was
2. No information _____ to the new staff yet.
a) has given b) has been given c) was given
3. He _____ be at work. His car isn't outside of his house.
a) would b) can't c) must
4. Matthew is busy _____ for his interview.
a) prepare b) to prepare c) preparing
5. Her feet hurt. She _____ all day.
a) has stood up b) has been standing up c) will be standing up

C- Complete each sentence with an appropriate word selected from this list. (10 pts.)

rare, surprised, matter, had spent, second-hand, packet

1. I didn't expect to see you today. I was very _____.
2. She says it doesn't make any difference to her. She says it doesn't _____.
3. I stayed at a hotel in the mountains for six days. Before I _____ two weeks at the beach.
4. I don't like well-done steaks. I like mine _____.
5. I couldn't afford to buy a brand new car, I bought a _____ one.

III. Pragmatic Competence (20 pts.)

Problem solving situation

Considering this excerpt from the text: "The benefits of bilingualism are clear. In fact, there is no single disadvantage to speaking more than one language." Find out in a chronological order 5 advantages to speaking more than one language.

- 1-
- 2-
- 3-
- 4-
- 5-

IV. Discursive Competence (20 pts.)

Free Writing

Write a 10-line essay about the following topic.

As part of your endeavors as a community service volunteer; what would you do to keep your immediate environment the cleanest possible? Explain.