



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. Compétence Interprétative (30 pts.)

Reading comprehension

A- Read the text carefully then answer the following questions. (20pts.)

Smoking

Smoking is one of the most common forms of recreational drug use. It is a habit which consists of breathing in a smoke from a burned substance. This substance contains the active alkaloid nicotine which is absorbed into the bloodstream. It may cause various diseases and dysfunctions. Tobacco smoking is the most popular form of smoking. It is practiced by over one billion people globally, of whom the majority are in the developing world. Less common drugs for smoking include cannabis and opium. Some of the substances are classified as hard narcotics, like heroin but the use of these substances is very limited as they are usually not commercially available.

The practice of smoking can be dated to as early as 5000 BC, and has been recorded in many different cultures across the world. Early smoking evolved in association with religious ceremonies; as offering to deities, in cleansing ritual or to allow shamans and priests to alter their minds for various religious purposes. After the European exploration and conquest of the Americas, the practice of smoking tobacco quickly spread to the rest of the world.

Smoking has negative health effects, because smoke inhalation inherently poses challenges to various physiologic processes such as respiration. Diseases related to tobacco smoking have been shown to kill approximately half of long term smokers when compared to average mortality rates faced by non-smokers. A 2007 report states that, each year, about 4, 9 million people worldwide die as a result of smoking. It is among the leading causes of many diseases such as lung cancer, heart attacks, erectile dysfunction, and birth defects. The health hazards of smoking have caused many countries to institute high taxes on tobacco products, run ads to discourage use, limit ads that promote use, and provide help with quitting for those who do smoke.

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Questions

1. What are the most popular forms of smoking?
2. How many people die per year in the world by smoking?
3. Can you tell the strategies used to discourage people smoking?
4. Relate the different diseases caused by smoking.
5. When has the activity of smoking been initiated?

B- Summarize the text in three (3) complete sentences. (5 pts.)

II. Compétence linguistique (30pts.)

A- Choose the best answer among the possibilities below. (10pts.)

1. You had better _____ your homework before dinner. Okay, I've almost finished it.
a- finish b- to finish c- finishing
2. The new stadium _____ last month by the mayor.
a- is opened b- was opened c- is opening
3. Dad _____ to work by the time I woke up.
a- is going b- had already gone c- has already gone
4. Richard _____ very hard at the moment.
a- is working b- works c- has worked
5. Jim has applied _____ a new job.
a- for b- to c- from

B- Turn the following sentences form direct into indirect speech. (10pts.)

1. Mary said; "I want to go out with my friends".
2. Bob and Mary said; "We are taking our dog for a walk".
3. "I haven't phoned my uncle since last month"; She says.
4. The shop assistant said to the child; "Don't touch anything".
5. "I think you should eat more vegetables"; my mother said.

C- Choose phrases from the list to say where you might see the notices given below. (10pts.)

at an airport – in a bank – in a hotel – in a library – in a park – in a restaurant – at a railway station

1. All dogs must be kept on lead _____.
2. All books must be returned within three weeks _____.
3. All customers should wait to be seated _____.
4. All passengers must have a valid ticket _____.
5. All suitcases must be checked at the security desk _____.

III. Compétence interpersonnelle et organisationnelle (20pts.)

Problem solving situation

Paul is an active university student who does well in school and takes part in a lot of other school activities. He usually goes to bed late and gets up at 7:00 AM to get the bus to be in school on time. Lately, he's been spending a lot of time on websites. He's staying up later and later. He says that he feels tired most mornings and has even started to miss the bus.

What's Paul problem? What are some possible solutions to his problem?

IV. Compétence discursive et argumentative (20 pts.)

Free Writing

Choose one of the two topics below then write an eight-line paragraph about it.

- 1- Should parents interfere in their children's choices? Illustrate with examples.
- 2- After high school, the choice of a profession is the next important step in life. What do you intend to pursue as a career? Why?