



# Concours d'entrée en première année

## Programme Grande Ecole

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### EPREUVE D'ANGLAIS

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| Nombre de pages de l'épreuve | 8 (dont une page de consignes) |
| Durée de l'épreuve           | 1h00                           |

#### Conseils méthodologiques

L'épreuve comporte 2 parties.

**1re partie :**

**Grammaire et vocabulaire (40 questions)**

Dans cette partie, le candidat démontrera la richesse de ses connaissances linguistiques de l'anglais.

Les questions porteront sur le niveau général requis dans l'enseignement secondaire.

**2e partie :**

**Textes de compréhension écrite (10 questions)**

Cette partie comporte 2 textes extraits d'articles de presse, de livres... portant sur l'actualité internationale, des faits de société, des analyses d'évènements.

L'évaluation de la compréhension de la langue écrite porte aussi bien sur le sens explicite du texte que sur sa signification profonde ou implicite.

#### **Consignes**

**Questions 1 à 20 :** Dans chaque phrase, un mot ou une expression manque. Sélectionnez la bonne réponse **A. B. C. D.** pour compléter la phrase.

**Questions 21 à 40 :** Dans chaque question, une seule phrase est correcte grammaticalement / lexicalement. Sélectionnez la bonne réponse **A. B. C. D.**

**Questions 41 à 60 :** Sélectionnez la bonne réponse à chaque question **A. B. C. D.**

Une seule bonne réponse par question.

## PART I: GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

**A word or a phrase is missing in each sentence below. Select the best answer to complete the sentence. You will use your phone to select the right answer. There is only one possible answer per question.**

- 1) I have never been abroad .....  
A. yet (+1)  
B. only (0)  
C. already (0)  
D. when (-1)
- 2) Can you help me with the assignment? I can't do it .....  
A. lonely (-0.5)  
B. myself (+1)  
C. yourself (0)  
D. ourselves (0)
- 3) This is a very difficult ----- ; you will have to work closely with your teammates.  
A. assignment (+1)  
B. tasks (0)  
C. assigning (+1)  
D. assign (-0.5)
- 4) As a ..... to my proposal, Mike indicated that he is not satisfied with my ideas.  
A. respond (-0.5)  
B. response (+1)  
C. answer (0)  
D. responsive (0)
- 5) ..... me to buy a new water filter because water is extremely dirty these days  
A. Remember (0)  
B. Retell (-0.5)  
C. Remind (+1)  
D. Recall (0)
- 6) ..... prices of goods are higher than they normally are.  
A. Currently (+1)  
B. Immediately (0)  
C. Actually (-0.5)  
D. instantly (0)
- 7) ..... workers always have a better chance at getting a job and also a higher salary.  
A. Previous (0)  
B. actual (0)  
C. Included (-0.5)  
D. Experienced (+1)
- 8) ..... the time I lost my job, I've been constantly looking at the career section of the newspaper.  
A. From (+1)  
B. around (0)  
C. On (-0.5)  
D. Into (0)
- 9) The note on the board says "Please handle with ....."  
A. careful (-0.5)

- B. care (+1)
- C. carefully (0)
- D. carefulness (0)

10) It is high time we ..... this matter into our own hands.

- A. take (0)
- B. taken (-0.5)
- C. will take (0)
- D. took (+1)

11) He won't pass his exams if he keeps on putting no ..... into his work.

- A. rise (0)
- B. growth (-0.5)
- C. strength (0)
- D. effort (+1)

12) Since the roof has finally been repaired, the museum will be reopening .....

- A. shortly (+1)
- B. nearly (0)
- C. equally (-0.5)
- D. shortly (0)

13) The stored in this area are generally closed ..... 6pm.

- A. except (-0.5)
- B. unlike (0)
- C. after (+1)
- D. with (0)

14) ..... Parker keeps up his good work, his boss is planning on promoting him next month

- A. In order to (0)
- B. As long as (+1)
- C. Despite (-0.5)
- D. Prior to (0)

15) Diesel engine cars are ..... In Asian countries.

- A. prefer (0)
- B. preference (-0.5)
- C. preferring (0)
- D. preferred (+1)

16) Employees tend to only pay attention to the ..... bad examples.

- A. so (0)
- B. few (+1)
- C. whoever (-0.5)
- D. little (0)

17) Cautious students always back up all files on their computer regularly, ..... they avoid losing their work in case of breakdown.

- A. in order to (0)
- B. so as not to (0)
- C. instead of (-0.5)
- D. so that (+1)

18) The president ..... visited some local village leaders.

- A. brief (0)
- B. briefer (0)
- C. briefness (-0.5)
- D. briefly (+1)

19) The task ..... be completed as soon as possible, because the clients are waiting for our answer.

- A. will (0)
- B. in order to (0)
- C. when (-0.5)
- D. must (+1)

20) Nobody likes failure. \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- A. Do they (+1)
- B. Don't they (0)
- C. Have they (0)
- D. Hasn't he (-0.5)

***In each of the following items, only one sentence is grammatically and lexically correct. You will use your phone to select the right answer. There is only one possible answer per question.***

21)

- A. Australia will be a prime example of such a two-speedy economy. (0)
- B. Germany's wood will be sour in spite a robust economy. (0)
- C. Some rich countries will see remarkably radical reforms. (+1)
- D. China could find itself be overtaken by India (-0.5)

22)

- A. There have been a touch of optimism and joy amid globalisation lately. (0)
- B. wards the end of the year there could be growing gloom over the economy. (+1)
- C. The sense of progress will held true in 2012. (-0.5)
- D. . America will mark the ten anniversary of the terrorist attacks. (0)

23)

- A. Not longer do we expect politicians to tell us the truth. (0)
- B. Have you your house repainted every five years. (-0.5)
- C. I am afraid the report will not be ready at time. (0)
- D. We have been working in this firm for ten years now. (+1)

24)

- A. As soon as I started watching this film I realized I saw it already. (-0.5)
- B. The recording industry has launched a new wave of legal action. (+1)
- C. Are you considering to buy a new car for your daughter? (0)
- D. I enjoy to read this newspaper every morning. (0)

25)

- A. will ask for an invitation by my own. (-0.5)
- B. I am used to meet multicultural students. (0)
- C. I did not help myself laughing when I feel stressed. (0)
- D. I have never met her in-laws. (+1)

26)

- A. Fewer and fewer people write informal letters. (+1)
- B. It's less or more the same thing. (0)
- C. The more you work, the more you will be success. (-0.5)
- D. It is twice more expensive as what I bought online. (0)

**27)**

- A. If only I have more friends! (-0.5)
- B. I wish my car would start! (+1)
- C. If only she did not tell the police, everything would have been all right. (0)
- D. I'd rather to stay home tonight. (0)

**28)**

- A. Your key's with the reception desk. (-0.5)
- B. Can you shout at Mary-Ann and tell her lunch is ready? (0)
- C. Be a good girl, and stay quiet. (+1)
- D. She gained several million pounds a year. (0)

**29)**

- A. It's time little Anna go to bed. (0)
- B. It's time to leave for the airport. (+1)
- C. It is high time you take some actions. (-0.5)
- D. It's the first time, I did it. (0)

**30)**

- A. He keeps spitting to the ground, which gets on my nerves (0)
- B. Jean Beacon, with whom I was at school with, came to visit me. (0)
- C. Can you finish the article within Friday? (0)
- D. Tell me at once about your problems in case my sister arrives. (+1)

**31)**

- A. That mustn't be Bob at the door, it's too early! (0)
- B. You may not be serious about that thing, it's so farfetched! (0)
- C. How she works hard! (-0.5)
- D. How come you are late? (+1)

**32)**

- A. As soon as I saw him I knew we met before (0)
- B. This picture was painting by a friend of my grandmother. (-0.5)
- C. After I arrive, I will go and I see you. (0)
- D. I didn't understand her accent at first. (+1)

**33)**

- A. She was wearing black old Spanish leather riding boots. (0)
- B. This big round green piece of material would be perfect for our works. (+1)
- C. Those black longs denim trousers are very comfortable. (-0.5)
- D. She has long, black, straight hair. (0)

**34)**

- A. Don't get to use to the idea of having me around all the time. (0)
- B. They used to smoke, but quit when they had their first child. (+1)
- C. I am used shampoo to wash my hair. (-0.5)
- D. I am using to carrying buckets of water every day. (0)

**35)**

- A. The policeman advised to me not to park there (0)
- B. Let me tell you that you look wonderful today. (+1)
- C. My father recounted me stories every night when I was little. (0)
- D. He said me to live him alone. (-0.5)

**36)**

- A. Try to not be late. (-0.5)
- B. He started working seriously so not as to pass his exams. (-0.5)
- C. I go to the doctor as soon as I feel sick in order to avoid complications. (+1)
- D. You must to not speak with your mouth full (0)

**37)**

- A. He always checks his bag before going out so not as to forget anything. (0)
- B. Thank you for help me with the assignment. (-0.5)
- C. I want to travel abroad in order to improve my English. (+1)
- D. In order to not get lost, he uses a GPS. (0)

**38)**

- A. She is terrified by lightning! (0)
- B. He survived at a lot of huricanes and tornados! (-0.5)
- C. I am not keen of eating Eru? (0)
- D. The patient became dependant on morphine? (+1)

**39)**

- A. Weather you like it or not, you have no choice? (-0.5)
- B. I would either be here than outside in the storm. (0)
- C. Neither my father nor my mother doesn't know why they haven't taken an umbrella. (0)
- D. Not only it is raining but it is also very windy. (+1)

**40)**

- A. They have plenties of old clothes to give away. (0)
- B. The lilies gave for a delicate perfume. (0)
- C. Our house gives into the street. (-0.5)
- D. One should never give up fighting for a better life! (+1)

## PART II: READING COMPREHENSION

Read the texts and answer the following questions by choosing the best answer.

### Text 1

Investors on Wall Street are turning their attention away from natural gas and instead beginning to focus on electricity. Shares of gas utility companies have long dominated the market, and been considered sound investments. Well, that is perhaps no longer the case. It seems investor confidence in the future of our fossil fuel dependency has finally reached a tipping point.

How big of an impact are we seeing? Well, for the first time in a decade, the shares in local gas distributors in the U.S. are selling for far less than those of electricity utilities, in relation to their projected earnings. For a side-by-side comparison, S&P's gas utilities index is currently trading at 16.7 while its electric utilities index is trading at 17.1. This might only be a small margin, but given the dominance of the natural gas supply market, it is a significant one. And if you want another, more eyebrow-raising figure, then look at NextEra Energy Inc. This company is the world's largest investor-owned developer of wind and solar, and is trading at 28 times its projected earnings. None of this means we are going to wake up in a world tomorrow where nobody uses natural gas anymore. Natural gas remains the primary source of energy in the U.S. since easy-to-source, low-cost alternatives are not widely available. Fracturing gas is still cheap, and gas has even contributed to cutting carbon dioxide emissions by replacing the 'dirty coal' used in power generation. Those within the gas industry point to examples like these for why gas should be a bridge to cleaner energy alternatives instead of being replaced by them. We aren't quite there yet in terms of widespread renewable energy use, but if the tide is beginning to turn in the U.S. hopefully we will see change elsewhere as well.

**41. What shares are Wall Street investors focusing on instead of natural gas?**

- A. Carbon dioxide (-0.5)
- B. Electricity (+1)
- C. Coal (0)
- D. Water (0)

**42. How is the confidence of investors in the fossil energy?**

- A. It is at its lowest (0)
- B. It continues to increase (-0.5)
- C. It is just about to decrease (+1)
- D. It is strongly decreasing (0)

**43. How has natural gas helped contribute to reducing carbon dioxide emissions?**

- A. It is a clean energy source (0)
- B. It has carbon sequestering properties (-0.5)
- C. It is carbon neutral (0)
- D. It has replaced the dirty coal used in power generation (+1)

**44. How is the development of "green" energy in the US?**

- A. It is the main source of energy in the US (-0.5)
- B. It could be better (+1)
- C. It could not be better (0)
- D. This energy is not used in the US (0)

**45. What does 'a bridge to cleaner energy alternatives' mean in relation to the above text?**

- A. The gas industry can 'pave the way' for clean energy alternatives (+1)
- B. The gas and electricity industries need to meet halfway (0)
- C. We need to use both gas and electricity as fuel sources (0)
- D. The gas industry should be totally replaced by electricity (-0.5)

## Text 2

Technology entrepreneur Bret Kugelmass believes that climate change can be fought with nuclear energy. Speaking at an engineering event at the University of Michigan, he declared, "We not only have to stop climate change, but reverse it." Kugelmass is self-admittedly driven by the belief that the incredibly efficient power production of nuclear energy has the ability to clean up carbon emissions in our atmosphere. While alternative sources of renewable energy such as wind and solar are great for reducing our own environmental impact, they're nowhere near powerful enough to remove carbon from our air. Nuclear is our only source of energy that is equally clean and powerful. But there are two major problems, Kugelmass concedes. The first is the safety record of nuclear energy. Incidents like Chernobyl and Fukushima have created a huge amount of distrust and fear, and the term "radiation" is still a sinister one. It's difficult to pass the blame for these disasters on to human irresponsibility, rather than the technology's own failings. The biggest problem though, Kugelsman claims, is simply money. In its current form, nuclear energy is not profitable enough to receive large scale investment. He believes that if it can be strategized again as a genuine, profitable business like oil, coal or gas, then nuclear's popularity will sky rocket. With continued investment and innovation, perhaps we will one day soon be able to clean the earth up again.

### 46. What is the main purpose of this text?

- A. To promote nuclear technology. (0)
- B. To tell us why people don't trust nuclear technology. (-0.5)
- C. To discuss carbon emissions. (0)
- D. To tell us about a tech entrepreneurs opinion on nuclear energy. (+1)

### 47. According to the text, what is so good about nuclear energy?

- A. It is very cheap to produce. (0)
- B. It is clean. (+1)
- C. It is very safe. (-0.5)
- D. It is as powerful as renewable energies. (0)

### 48. According to the text, why do many people fear nuclear energy?

- A. Because of past nuclear disasters. (+1)
- B. Because it can cause international wars. (0)
- C. Because it could reverse climate change. (-0.5)
- D. Because it is so powerful. (0)

### 49. What is the key to enabling nuclear energy to reverse climate change, according to Bret Kugelmass?

- A. Using renewable energies like wind and solar alongside nuclear. (-0.5)
- B. Making it a worthwhile venture for big businesses to make money. (+1)
- C. Handling nuclear energy responsibly. (0)
- D. Making it more efficient than coal, oil or gas energy. (0)

### 50. What is Bert Kugelmass' hope?

- A. That we will be able to clean our planet. (+1)
- B. That renewable energies will be the main source of energy. (0)
- C. That there will never be any nuclear catastrophes again. (0)
- D. That we no longer need to use coal. (-0.5)