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Concours AVENIR – 8 mai 2010

EPREUVE D’ANGLAIS

DUREE : 30mn
Coefficient 3

CONSIGNES SPECIFIQUES

Lisez soigneusement les consignes ci-dessous afin de réussir au mieux cette épreuve :

- Vous devez répondre à l’intégralité des 45 questions afin d’obtenir la note maximale.
- Toutes les pages blanches situées au verso de ce sujet peuvent être utilisées à l’usage de brouillon si vous le souhaitez. Aucun autre brouillon ne vous sera distribué.
- L’usage de la calculatrice ou de tout autre appareil électronique est interdit.
- Aucun autre document que ce sujet et sa grille-réponses n’est autorisé.

- Attention, il ne s’agit pas d’un examen mais bien d’un concours qui induit un classement. Même si vous trouvez ce sujet « difficile », ne vous arrêtez pas en cours de composition, n’abandonnez pas, restez concentré(e) et faites de votre mieux. Les autres candidats rencontrent probablement les mêmes difficultés que vous !

Barème :

Afin d’éliminer les stratégies de réponses au hasard, chaque bonne réponse est gratifiée de 3 points, tandis que les mauvaises réponses sont pénalisées par le retrait d’1 point.
Part I - Grammar
Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence:

1 - Steve is a good tennis player, but he _________________________ very often.
A/ plays                    B/ is playing               C/ doesn't play              D/ isn't playing

2 - He arrived in Paris _______________________ .
A/ there is 10 years        B/ ago 10 years          C/ there are 10 years        D/ 10 years ago

3 - Is your English ______________________ have a conversation?
A/ enough good to           B/ good enough to         C/ enough good for          D/ good enough for

4 - Emma lives in a house _________________________ is 400 years old.
A/ which                    B/ who                     C/ what                     D/ it

5 - Tom and Emily are very good friends. They know ______________________ very well.
A/ them                     B/ themselves            C/ each the other           D/ each other

6 - I ______________________ buying a computer.
A/ think to                 B/ am thinking about    C/ think of                 D/ think about

7 - "Hello Tessa, I ________________ you for ages!"
A/ didn't see               B/ hadn't seen           C/ haven't seen             D/ don't see

8 - When he finally returned to his country, he hardly recognised his parents. They ______________________ very old.
A/ were becoming            B/ did become            C/ became                   D/ had become

9 - "I'm sorry, Mr Baxter can't make it to the meeting tomorrow. He ________________ an important appointment.
A/ may have                 B/ is having              C/ will have                D/ have

10 - By the end of this year the President ______________________ in many summit meetings.
A/ will have participated   B/ will participate       C/ will be participating    D/ is going to participate

11 - Fortunately the driver ________________ stop before he crashed into the tree.
A/ could to                 B/ was able to             C/ could                   D/ managed

12 - We finished the assignment much faster than we expected. We ________________ so early.
A/ didn't need to start     B/ needn't start          C/ needn't have started     D/ didn't need start
13 - Before starting the lecture the speaker was very nervous. He _____________________ to a large audience.
A/ wasn’t used to speaking  B/ didn’t used to speak  C/ didn’t used to speaking  D/ wasn’t used to speak

14 - When we entered the room, we saw a young man _______________ at the table.
A/ sit  B/ sitting  C/ sat  D/ was sitting

15 - This office building has got two lifts, but ______________________ is working.
A/ neither of them  B/ both of them  C/ either of them  D/ each of them

16 - If the governments had taken stricter measures to reduce pollution, the earth _______________ at risk now.
A/ wouldn’t have been  B/ will not be  C/ would not be  D/ is not

17 - Unfortunately I failed my exam. I wish I _____________________________ harder!
A/ studied  B/ would have studied  C/ had studied  D/ would study

18 - ______________________ we have some tea or would you prefer some coffee?
A/ Would  B/ Shall  C/ May  D/ Could

19 - Why not_____________________________ the meeting for Monday morning?
A/ scheduling  B/ you schedule  C/ do you schedule  D/ schedule

20 - I couldn’t use my car last week. It ______________________ repaired.
A/ was being  B/ was  C/ was been  D/ has been

21 - The original castle is believed _____________________ in the Middle Ages.
A/ to be built  B/ to have been built  C/ having been built  D/ it was been built

22 - It looks as if the economy ______________________ some signs of recovery
A/ shall be showing  B/ is showing  C/ must be showing  D/ ought to be showing

23 - He asked whether anyone in the audience ________________ to give up driving and ride a bike instead.
A/ has been willing  B/ will be willing  C/ would be willing  D/ is willing

24 - It’d be much more convenient if everyone took the test at the same time, ________________?
A/ won’t it  B/ wouldn’t it  C/ would it  D/ hadn’t it

25 - The committee recommended that the cost of admission ______________ increased.
A/ had to  B/ would be  C/ is not  D/ not be
Part II - Vocabulary
Choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence:

26 - Where did you _________________ your holiday last year?
A/ pass       B/ spend     C/ go        D/ make

27 - The company he works for pays all his travel _________________.
A/ spendings  B/ dispenses C/ expenses D/ cost

28 - I'm afraid there is no _________________ of getting some tickets for the concert.
A/ chance     B/ opportunity C/ occasion D/ point

29 - The government has launched a new campaign in the hope people will _________________ smoking.
A/ hand in B/ give in   C/ hand up   D/ give up

30 - I was very _________________ for all the explanations he gave me.
A/ pleased    B/ grateful  C/ thanks   D/ in debt

31 - Could I _________________ your notes of the meeting, please?
A/ borrow     B/ write     C/ arrange  D/ lend

32 - Heavy snowfalls _________________ the trains to London for several hours.
A/ postponed  B/ held up   C/ retarded D/ detained

33 - How are you _________________ in your new job?
A/ keeping on B/ going along C/ carrying on D/ getting on

34 - I have a _________________ job to pay my university fees.
A/ part-time B/ spare-time C/ half-time D/ share time

35 - The new musical, Romeo and Juliet, was a great success. The _________________ loved it!
A/ crowd      B/ spectators C/ audience D/ public

36 - Could you tell me the _________________, please?
A/ hour       B/ time      C/ clock    D/ weather

37 - _________________ he was nearly seventy-five, he could still read without glasses.
A/ As          B/ Since     C/ Although D/ Despite
38 - She never really ___________________________ her parents for not letting her go to university.
   A/ excused          B/ forgave          C/ pardoned          D/ forgot

39 - Do you ___________________________ to know at what time the next plane for London leaves?
   A/ happen          B/ arrive          C/ wonder          D/ maybe

40 - Just ask the busdriver. He knows where you should ___________________________.
   A/ descend from   B/ get down        C/ go off          D/ get off

41 - We encountered a lot of traffic problems on our trip to the South of France, but we got there ______________.
   A/ eventually     B/ possibly        C/ lastly          D/ late

42 - There was a sudden ___________________________ of clapping as he rose to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.
   A/ outbreak       B/ outcry          C/ outburst        D/ outcome

43 - We got a very good ___________________________ in the newspaper today. They must have liked the play.
   A/ article        B/ criticism       C/ write-up        D/ critic

44 - The TV announcer apologized for the breakdown and said that normal service would be ______________ as soon as possible.
   A/ resumed        B/ returned        C/ recovered       D/ retaken

45 - The ______________ between the rich and poor countries of the world is increasing rapidly.
   A/ space          B/ cliff           C/ distance        D/ gap

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