Concours AVENIR – 8 mai 2011

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Concours Avenir

EPREUVE D’ANGLAIS

DUREE : 30mn
Coefficient 3

CONSIGNES SPECIFIQUES

Lire attentivement les consignes afin de vous placer dans les meilleures conditions de réussite de cette épreuve :

Vous devez traiter la totalité des 45 questions afin d’obtenir la note maximale.

Aucun brouillon n’est distribué.
L’usage de la calculatrice ou de tout autre appareil électronique est interdit.
Aucun document autre que ce sujet et sa grille réponse n’est autorisé.

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

Barème :
Afin d’éliminer les stratégies de réponses au hasard, chaque réponse exacte est gratifiée de 3 points, tandis que chaque réponse fausse est pénalisée par le retrait d’1 point.
Part I - Grammar

Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence and put the corresponding letter on the answer sheet:

1. My brother is an architect. He __________________ for an important firm.
   a/ is working           b/ works             c/ work              d/ do work

2. Last month we __________________ to London by Eurostar.
   a/ went                 b/ goed              c/ have gone         d/ have been

3. Look at those black clouds! I think it ________________.
   a/ 'll rain             b/ should rain      c/ is going to rain  d/ 's going rain

4. What a lovely car! How long __________________ it?
   a/ have you had        b/ have you got     c/ do you have      d/ have you been having

5. You look very tired! ____________________________ hard for your exams?
   a/ Do you work         b/ Have you been working c/ Have you worked d/ Did you work

6. When I was a teenager I __________________ play tennis every weekend.
   a/ was used to         b/ had used to       c/ was using to      d/ used to

7. Fortunately I wasn’t hurt in the accident, because I __________________ my seatbelt before driving off.
   a/ put on              b/ had put on       c/ had on            d/ had been putting on

8. We had a really good holiday! It __________________________ any better.
   a/ couldn’t be        b/ wasn’t able to be  c/ couldn’t have been d/ could be

9. I’m sorry, but Mr Whitaker isn’t in his office. He __________________ lunch.
   a/ might be having     b/ might have       c/ may have         d/ might have had

10. I have got an appointment in ten minutes. ______________________ now or I’ll be late.
    a/ I’ve better go     b/ I’d better go    c/ I’d better to go   d/ I’ll better go

11. I wouldn’t mind living in England if the weather ______________________ better.
    a/ were               b/ would be         c/ should be         d/ had to be

12. I wish I __________________________ to get up so early tomorrow morning!
    a/ didn’t have        b/ wouldn’t have    c/ won’t have        d/ mustn’t

13. Look at that car behind us! I’ve seen it before! I think __________________________.
    a/ we are followed    b/ we were followed  c/ we were being followed d/ we are being followed
14. I don't know whether to apply for that job or not. Do you think I _______________?
   a/ should  b/ apply  c/ would  d/ do

15. The joke was so funny that I couldn't ___________________.
   a/ help to laugh  b/ helping to laugh  c/ help laughing  d/ to help laughing

16. People often have difficulty ____________________ my handwriting.
   a/ to read  b/ reading  c/ read  d/ in read

17. Some of you may already be familiar with this book. _______ you can read another one.
   a/ If so  b/ If not  c/ If you do  d/ If you may

18. The President is reported __________________ the summit meeting on environmental problems.
   a/ having postponed  b/ to be postponed  c/ to have postponed  d/ to postpone

19. I wonder if this is the right way to the beach. It ______________ not be.
   a/ can  b/ could  c/ might  d/ must

20. The house we live in, is __________________________ walk from the train station.
   a/ a 10-minutes  b/ 10 minutes  c/ 10-minute  d/ a 10-minute

21. When I saw Jonathan he looked very relaxed. He said he had been on holiday ________.
   a/ last week  b/ the week before  c/ the last week  d/ previous week

22. The new software programme, ______________ was installed last month, is not working correctly.
   a/ which  b/ what  c/ where  d/ whom

23. All passengers are____________________ present their hand luggage prior to departure.
   a/ requiring to  b/ required for  c/ required to  d/ requiring for

24. According to the new safety regulations nobody ______________ smoke in this building.
   a/ should  b/ is allowed to  c/ mustn't  d/ is denied to

25. The job description stipulates that the applicant ______________ a degree in engineering.
   a/ has had  b/ could have  c/ has  d/ should have
PART II - VOCABULARY

CHOOSE THE ONE WORD OR PHRASE THAT BEST COMPLETES THE SENTENCE
AND PUT THE CORRESPONDING LETTER ON THE ANSWER SHEET:

26. Do you know how ___________________ it is from New York to Washington?
   a/ long       b/ far         c/ much       d/ close

27. I'd like to smoke a cigarette. Have you got a ___________________, please?
   a/ fire       b/ candle      c/ lightening d/ light

28. My sister has got a very good _______________ with CNN.
   a/ work       b/ job         c/ profession d/ trade

29. Each month I try to _______________________ some money for my holidays.
   a/ save       b/ spare       c/ spend      d/ put up

30. The Centre Party has been ___________________ in its policy of opposing nuclear power.
   a/ continuous b/ consequential c/ consistent d/ continual

31. How much do you ____________________________ for repairing my i-phone?
   a/ cost       b/ charge      c/ demand    d/ need

32. They expect to _____________ their objective of 1 million Euros by the end of this month.
   a/ complete   b/ obtain      c/ acquire   d/ achieve

33. This project cost the firm an enormous __________________ of money.
   a/ amount     b/ summons     c/ quantity   d/ size

34. I have decided to make a ________________________ across India next year.
   a/ voyage     b/ travel      c/ hike      d/ trip

35. After my studies I would like to join a big company, because they usually have good fringe
    ________________.
   a/ profits    b/ benefits    c/ gains     d/ advantages

36. The meeting will begin at 10 o'clock ________________________ .
   a/ on time    b/ exact       c/ sharp     d/ in time

37. I wouldn't read that book, if I were you. It's a total ______________ of time!
   a/ waste      b/ loss        c/ miss      d/ crash

38. How much money have they decided to ________________________ to this project?
   a/ allow      b/ allocate    c/ distribute d/ spend
39. The ______________________ of unemployment has risen for the third month in a row.
   a/ expenditure  b/ rate  c/ size  d/ sum

40. I can’t get __________________ with him. His line is always busy.
   a/ through  b/ to talk  c/ away  d/ in touch

41. We had to __________________ our products in order to stay ahead of the competition.
   a/ upload  b/ uplift  c/ upgrade  d/ upturn

42. More and more companies are using the internet for the ______________ of recruiting.
   a/ purpose  b/ use  c/ means  d/ way

43. I am sure that soon this company will be an important ______________ in the telecommunications industry.
   a/ member  b/ actor  c/ part  d/ player

44. We will never be able to reduce global warming if the government doesn’t take strong ______________ immediately!
   a/ rules  b/ measures  c/ means  d/ laws

45. I was offered a job in England but I ______________ because I didn’t want to leave France.
   a/ let it down  b/ turned it down  c/ turned it away  d/ left it behind