



CONCOURS INSEEC BACHELOR

Entrainement Epreuve d'Anglais (QCM)

Durée : 30 mn – 40 questions

Coefficient : 3

INSTRUCTIONS

Pour chaque question, **vous inscrirez sur la grille de réponse jointe**, dans la case correspondante au « N° de la question », la lettre A, B, C ou D qui identifie la réponse que vous avez choisie.

Une seule réponse correcte par phrase.

Nous rappelons le **barème de correction** :

- Réponse juste : 1 point
- Réponse fausse ou pas de réponse : 0 point

Vous devez répondre au stylo (encre, bille, feutre) sur la grille de réponse.
Crayon à papier interdit.

Aucun dictionnaire n'est autorisé.

PART 1 - READING COMPREHENSION AND VOCABULARY

Read the following passage and answer questions 1 – 10 below.

Most people give little thought to the pens they write with, especially since the printers in modern homes and offices mean that very few items are handwritten. All too often, people buy a pen based only on looks and wonder why they are not satisfied once they begin to use it. However, buying a pen that you will enjoy is not difficult if you keep a few simple tips in mind.

First of all, a pen should fit comfortably in your hand and be easy to manipulate. The thickness of the pen is the most important characteristic when determining comfort. If you have a small hand and thick fingers, you may be comfortable with a slender pen. If you have a larger hand and thicker fingers, you may prefer a fatter pen. The length of a pen can also influence comfort. A pen that is too long can easily feel top-heavy and unstable as you write.

Next, the writing point (called a nib on fountain pens) should allow the ink to flow evenly while the pen remains in contact with the paper. This will create a smooth line of writing, with no skips or gaps that indicate an irregular flow of ink within the pen. The point should also be sensitive enough to prevent ink from flowing when the pen is lifted from the paper. A point that doesn't seal off the flow may leave blots of ink at the end and beginning of each word, as you pick up the pen and put it down again.

Finally, the pen should make a bold, dark line. Fine-line pens may compensate for bad handwriting, but fine, delicate lines do not command attention next to printed text, as, for example, a signature on a printed letter. A broader line, by contrast, gives an impression of confidence and authority.

1. What does this article encourage people to do?
 - (A) Write more legibly.
 - (B) Purchase better printers.
 - (C) Write more things by hand.
 - (D) Pay more attention to their pens.

2. What is the most important feature to consider when determining the comfort of a pen?
 - (A) Thickness
 - (B) Length
 - (C) Weight
 - (D) Size

3. 'Tips' in line 4 is closest in meaning to
 - (A) Hints
 - (B) Recommendation
 - (C) Pieces of advice
 - (D) Suggestion

4. Which of the following is **not** true?
 - (A) People don't think too much about the pens they use.
 - (B) A pen's length is not a factor regarding its comfortable use.
 - (C) Slim pens may work better with small hands and thick fingers.
 - (D) Bold, dark lines are preferable.

5. 'Top-heavy' in line 9 is closest in meaning to
 - (A) overweight
 - (B) bulky
 - (C) awkward
 - (D) unevenly balanced

6. What is an advantage of fine-line pens?
 - (A) They are easier to write with.
 - (B) They convey confidence and authority.
 - (C) They can compensate for bad handwriting.
 - (D) They command attention.

7. Where can you find a nib?
 - (A) Inside a ballpoint pen.
 - (B) In the middle of a fine-line pen.
 - (C) At the end of a finger.
 - (D) At the tip of a fountain pen.

8. 'Blots' in line 14 is closest in meaning to
 - (A) spots
 - (B) smudges
 - (C) smears
 - (D) stains

9. What might an irregular ink flow cause?
 - (A) Nibs.
 - (B) Tips.
 - (C) Skips.
 - (D) Blanks.

10. According to the article, an impression of confidence and authority is given by
 - (A) a contrast
 - (B) a broader line
 - (C) a signature
 - (D) good handwriting

PART 2 - GRAMMAR

A. Furnish the missing articles (**a, an** or **the**) or use a slash (/) if no article is needed.

"I have never been a _____ quitter. To leave office before my term is completed is abhorrent to every instinct in my body. But as President, I must put _____ interest of _____ America _____ first. _____ U.S.A. needs _____ full-time President and _____ attentive Congress, particularly at this time with all _____ problems we face at _____ home and abroad. We are unable to make _____ progress without a full-time government."

President Richard Nixon – August 8, 1974

B. Choose the correct answer after each sentence.

1. The software company offers training _____ Atlanta.
 - a) to
 - b) on
 - c) in
 - d) at

2. _____ they were tired, they worked overtime.
 - a) Although
 - b) Since
 - c) Because
 - d) In spite

3. The boss treats everybody to lunch _____.
 - a) never
 - b) on occasion
 - c) rarely
 - d) normally

4. We forced our competitors _____ their prices.
 - a) lower
 - b) lowering
 - c) lowered
 - d) to lower

5. If I _____ you, I would take the job and then ask for more money.
- a) had been
 - b) am
 - c) were
 - d) will be
6. When the messenger _____, will you please give him this package?.
- a) will arrive
 - b) arrives
 - c) arriving
 - d) would arrive
7. The Paris branch of our bank _____ five years ago today.
- a) opens
 - b) has opened
 - c) opened
 - d) was opening
8. _____ U.S. companies in that country have sold their operations to local interests.
- a) The most of
 - b) The most
 - c) Most
 - d) Most of
9. My family _____ to open a restaurant soon.
- a) plans
 - b) plan
 - c) planning
 - d) planned
10. He was _____ qualified of all the applicants.
- a) less
 - b) least
 - c) the less
 - d) the least
11. The doctor told him to avoid _____ meat.
- a) eat
 - b) eating
 - c) eaten
 - d) to eat

12. The proposal wasn't _____ ours.
- a) as
 - b) as complete
 - c) complete as
 - d) as complete as
13. We _____ follow these steps to use the new photocopier.
- a) must to
 - b) would
 - c) ought to have
 - d) must
14. Please _____ this article for any mistakes.
- a) check into
 - b) look for
 - c) look over
 - d) check up
15. The supervisor _____ tries to be fair.
- a) usual
 - b) always
 - c) ever
 - d) every day
16. The hotel will accept no guests _____ it is being renovated.
- a) and
 - b) after
 - c) while
 - d) because of
17. Please hand in that report _____ Friday afternoon.
- a) by
 - b) at
 - c) in
 - d) over
18. That student, _____ sister graduated in 2010, is very bright.
- a) whom
 - b) that
 - c) whose
 - d) which

19. If the secretary _____ where the missing books are, we can stop looking for them.
- a) knew
 - b) would know
 - c) knows
 - d) had known
20. Please answer the phone _____ it rings.
- a) during
 - b) while
 - c) because
 - d) when



CORRECTION

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GRILLES DE RÉPONSES

READING COMPREHENSION AND VOCABULARY

N° question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Réponse	D	A	C	B	D	C	D	A	C	B

GRAMMAR

Partie A

N° question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Réponse	a	the	/	/	The	a	an	The	/	/

Partie B

N° question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Réponse	c	a	b	d	c	b	c	c	a	d
No° question	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Réponse	b	d	d	c	b	c	a	c	c	d