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Nom :

Prénom :

Test des connaissances en anglais

Durée : 1 heure



No dictionary or books allowed.

**Part 1**

**CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER**

A. Questions 1 – 6 (3 points)

What does each sign mean?

- For questions 1 to 6, circle letter A, B, C or D

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**QUIET PLAESE**  
**Exam in progress**

- A Don't leave your seat during the exam. Wait quietly before the exam starts.
- B Don't leave until the others have finished.
- C You mustn't make any noise near the exam room.
- D

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Staff are reminded that the management is not responsible for loss or damage to personal property

- A Workers should ask the management for help if they lose something. People who work here should look after their own things.
- B The managers are responsible for staff problems.
- C Workers should report anything they have lost or damaged.
- D

3

**No through road for  
motor vehicles**

- A Only bicycles are allowed.
- B Certain motor vehicles are not allowed.
- C Don't go through if you are a pedestrian!
- D Motor vehicles are prohibited.

4

*Please place used  
paper in the basket*

- A Waste paper should be put in the basket.
- B This basket is full of waste paper.
- C Do not use the paper in this basket.
- D This basket must not be used for paper.

5

**TAKE CARE!**  
Home accidents  
mean twice as much  
danger to elderly ladies  
as to elderly gentlemen.  
Ladies look out!

- A More road accidents happen to men than woman.
- B Women have more accidents at home than men.
- C Women and men have more accidents at home than outside.
- D More accidents happen to children at home than outside.

6

**Take bicycles for  
repair to side  
entrance of shop.  
Front entrance for  
sales only**

- A. to buy a bike, use either entrance.
- B. to mend a bike, use side entrance.
- C. both entrances are for sales.

**B. Questions 7 – 18 : (6 points)**

- In this section you must choose the word which best fits each space in the text below.
- For questions 7 to 18, **circle** letter **A, B** or **C**.

***The Skywalk***

The Grand Canyon in the United States (7).....created by the River Colorado. People visit the Grand Canyon Park to go walking and running but (8)..... to look at the view. It is a wonderful view made (9)..... better by the skywalk. The distance (10)..... the Skywalk to the bottom of the Grand Canyon is 1219 meters. It is a platform (11).....walls and floor are built of glass (12).....that you can see the beautiful and colourful rocks of the canyon. Up to 120 people are allowed to stand on it at the same (13).....: It opened in 2007 and since (14)..... thousands of people have used it. You have to (15) .....special covers over your shoes to (16) .....scratching the glass beneath your feet. Walking onto the Skywalk makes you (17).....like a bird floating high up in the air. It is a real thrilling experience. Don't miss the opportunity to experience such a (18).....

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|----|-------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| 7  | A was       | B had      | C did     | D has        |
| 8  | A hugely    | B mainly   | C greatly | D completely |
| 9  | A already   | B such     | C more    | D even       |
| 10 | A from      | B through  | C by      | D for        |
| 11 | A who       | B when     | C whose   | D which      |
| 12 | A therefore | B although | C so      | D because    |
| 13 | A day       | B period   | C hour    | D time       |
| 14 | A then      | B there    | C that    | D this       |
| 15 | A take      | B wear     | C dress   | D change     |
| 16 | A avoid     | B keep     | C hold    | D let        |
| 17 | A believe   | B wish     | C hold    | D feel       |
| 18 | A drive     | B run      | C walk    | D scurry     |

**A) READ THE TEXT CAREFULLY**

Read the following review of a book called "The Bosses Speak".

**The Bosses Speak**

John Stuart is an executive recruitment specialist who has turned to writing. The result is this book, based on interviews with twenty Chief Executives.

Each top manager – none of them famous names, surprisingly – is given a short chapter, and there is some introductory material and a conclusion. This means you can jump from one person to another, in any order, which is good for people who are too busy to read a book from cover to cover. For a management book it isn't expensive, although whether it's good value for money is doubtful.

Some of the twenty interviewees started their own businesses, while others joined a company and worked their way up. Some are fairly new in their position, and others have had years of experience, though, strangely, Stuart doesn't seem interested in these differences. The interviewees work in everything, from retailing to airlines to software, and it is this variety that forms the main theme of Stuart's book.

I have to say that Stuart's approach annoys me. He rarely stays at a distance from his interviewees, who are mostly presented in their own, positive words. If this were always the case, at least you would know where you were, but he seems to dislike certain interviewees. As a result, I don't know whether to accept any of his opinions.

It also means that the book gives no clear lessons. At the very least, I expected to learn what makes a successful Chief Executive. What I learnt is that these people seem to share two types of qualities. Some of them are very common, suggesting that anyone can be equally successful, which is definitely not the case. However, the other qualities are ones which most successful bosses do not have. So in the end I'm no wiser about what really goes on.

Perhaps I'm being unfair. As long as you don't think about whether you'd like them as friends, and pay no attention to most of the advice they give, the most readable parts are where the bosses describe their route to their present position.

Stuart seems to think that his book would be useful for people aiming for the top, and that it might even make a few want to start their own company but, in fact, what they could learn here is very limited. Seen as light business reading for a doctor or teacher, though, this book would provide some good entertainment.

Questions (6 points) Circle the correct answer

- 1 The reviewer suggests that one advantage of the book is that:
  - A. it is better value than other management books.
  - B. it does not need to be read right though.
  - C. it is about well-known people.
  
2. The book concentrates on the fact that the twenty executives who are interviewed
  - A. work in a number of different industries.
  - B. started their companies.
  - C. have worked for different lengths of time.
  
3. The reviewer can't accept Stuart's opinion because Stuart
  - A. makes unreasonable complaints about the interviewees.
  - B. writes too positively about the interviewees.
  - C. has different attitudes towards different interviewees.
  
4. Reading the book made the reviewer think that
  - A. there are certain qualities which all Chief Executives need.
  - B. it is difficult to discover how people really run an company.
  - C. running a company is easier than many people think.
  
5. Which parts of the book did the reviewer most enjoy reading?
  - A. how the interviewees became Chief Executives.
  - B. what sort of people the interviewees are.
  - C. the advice given by the interviewees.
  
6. The reviewer recommends the book for people who
  - A. intend to set up a business.
  - B. want to become senior managers.
  - C. are outside the field of business.

**Part 3**

A. Writing (3 points)

Here are some sentences about a garage mechanic.

For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first

**For each item, use no more than three words**

1. The garage mechanic I go to is beside the supermarket.

**The mechanic's I go to is ..... to the supermarket.**

2. My friend told me she always went there, so I started going there too.

**My friend said, 'I always.....there', so I started going there too.**

3. It has been there for five years

**It has been there .....2008.**

4. It stays open until seven p.m.

**It .....close before seven p.m.**

5. I put my car in for service regularly once a year.

**My car..... by the mechanic once a year.**

6. A Fiat is cheaper to service than a Ferrari.

**A Fiat is less ..... to service than a Ferrari.**





