

ECOLE NORMALE SUPERIEURE D'ABIDJAN (E.N.S.) *****		Service des Examens et Concours (S.E.C.)	
Concours d'entrée à l'ENS pour la préparation du CAP/PL		Discipline : Anglais	
Epreuve d'admissibilité : Langue		Durée : 3 Heures	
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TASK A: For each space in the text below find out one word that best suits the context and write it on your answer sheet, indicating the number corresponding to the gap. Don't copy the text.

Nelson Mandela is in good spirits and is looking much better' said President Jacob Zuma after paying a Christmas morning visit to the 94-year-old former South African president in a Pretoria hospital.

Mandela was admitted for (1...) on 8 December and has been (2...) for a lung infection and gallstones at an undisclosed hospital. It is the longest time he has (3...) in hospital since his release in 1990, after 27 years in prison.

Zuma said he had visited 'Madiba' – the clan name by which Mandela is (4...) to South Africans – alongside the former president's wife, Graça Machel and members of the Mandela family. "We found him in good spirits. He shouted my clan name, Nxamalala, as I walked into the ward. He was happy to have visitors (5...) this special day and is looking much better. The doctors are happy with the progress that he is (6...)." (7...) were said for the elder statesman at midnight masses and Christmas Day services across South Africa. The African National Congress and the Zulus' King Goodwill Zwelithini had earlier (8...) their good wishes and calls for prayers.

Presidential spokesman Mac Maharaj told the Guardian that Mandela had "quite boisterously" called out Zuma's clan name. "Very (9...) people use that name. When you use a clan name, you don't (10...) say it, you actually shout it."

Maharaj did not (11...) details of Mandela's (12...) but said he was being treated by a top team of specialists. "I think it is quite legitimate with a 94-year-old to be (13...). You want to be (14...) sure that progress has (15...) such a stage that everyone is confident. An infection in the lung can have a (16...) effect in the toe, then go back to the chest. You cannot be too careful."

He said he (17...) not disclose the hospital at (18...) Mandela is being treated. "Let us not crowd him. I want to shield him and I really want to shield the family," said Maharaj, 77, who visited Mandela last week and is a (19...) friend.

From 1964 until 1976, Maharaj served hard labour alongside Mandela at Robben Island prison, off Cape Town, where (20...) men worked in a limestone quarry.

TASK B: Put each verb in brackets into an appropriate form. Don't copy the text. Do as above.

Ever since the day I (1. decide) to move to London, I (2. worry) whether the decision I (3. take) was the right one. As I (4. already sell) my house and (5. arrange) a new job, it is too late to change my mind. However, since then I (6. hear) a lot of negative things about living in the capital, and lately some of them (7. begin) to bother me. I (8. bring up) in a fairly small town and (9. spend) all of my life there. I (10. always want) to live in a big city and so when my company (11. offer) me a job in their London office, I (12. grab) at the chance.

But according to a programme I (13. just hear) on the radio, more and more people (14. stop) working in London recently, and a lot of large companies (15. choose) to move away from the centre. Of course I (16. tell) my parents that I'm moving and they (17. accept) my decision, but when I (18. tell) my friends they (19. seem) rather shocked. Since then I (20. hope) secretly that the company would tell me that the move was off!

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TASK C: Complete each sentence with one of the words or phrases in the box. Use each word or phrase only once. Don't copy the sentences. Do as above.

The way – and large – the time – far – all means – no means –
and by – chance – myself – rights.

- 1- This type of video-recorder is by the best available at this price.
- 2- By, I should give you a parking-ticket, but I'll let you off this time.
- 3- Please wait out here, and the doctor will be with you by
- 4- It is by certain that the bill will become law.
- 5- We met the other day at the supermarket by
- 6- By, the members more or less agreed that the new rules were necessary.
- 7- I don't really like going to the cinema all by
- 8- By, are you coming to the office party next week?
- 9- By wait here if you have got nowhere else to wait.
- 10- By I got back to the bus-stop, the bus had already passed.

TASK D: Match each phrasal verb to its meaning. Don't copy the words. Write your answers like this: 11-h.

Phrasal verbs

1. Give away
2. Give out
3. Make for
4. Hit upon/on
5. Give over
6. Lay down
7. Hold up
8. Make out
9. Live up to
10. Give off

Meanings

- a) be exhausted
- b) reach an expected standard
- c) abandon, devote
- d) release a smell, liquid or gas
- e) delay
- f) betray
- g) pretend
- h) discover an idea by chance
- i) result in
- j) state a rule

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LE PROGRÈS

Certains nostalgiques refusent de voir que l'humanité a fait un bond prodigieux dans le sens de l'amélioration des conditions de vie de tous les peuples.

Les sociologues énumèrent les méfaits de la ville. Et pourtant la ville est un cadre sain. En effet, nos rues sont plus propres qu'autrefois, et on se porte mieux à la ville qu'à la campagne. Le citadin s'y protège mieux contre les intempéries, il s'y fatigue moins, l'eau qu'il boit à son robinet est médicalement plus saine que celle de la plupart des puits.

Les médecins aussi nous disent à quel point notre santé physique est menacée puisque, à les entendre, nous mangeons mal, nous respirons mal, nous travaillons mal. Et pourtant, de nombreuses maladies ont été vaincues. L'homme est plus vigoureux que jamais, sa vie s'allonge sans cesse, son alimentation fait l'objet de perfectionnement, et de tels contrôles qu'une boîte de conserve de haricots verts est plus saine que bien des légumes ayant séjourné sur les marchés.

Il est exact enfin que le perfectionnement de nos automobiles a fait du permis de conduire un permis de port d'arme, mais nous avons les moyens de lutter contre l'idiote mortalité liée à la circulation routière.

Il faut, en toute honnêteté, reconnaître que nos techniques ont connu une évolution même s'il est vrai que chaque technique a ses inconvénients. Il appartient à l'homme de veiller à ce que les avantages en surpasse les conséquences regrettables.

JC Sournia, Le Monde 1972.

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