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## PRÉSENTATION DU SCORE IAE-MESSAGE

Plus de 300 formations universitaires en Gestion et Management utilisent le **Score IAE-Message** comme l'un des éléments constitutifs du dossier de candidature des postulants.

L'objectif visé est quadruple :

- l'homogénéisation des recrutements dans l'ensemble des parcours de gestion offerts par les universités adhérentes ;
- l'accroissement des choix pour les candidats en facilitant les multi-candidatures ;
- l'élargissement de la zone de rayonnement de chaque université ;
- le renforcement de l'effet-réseau formé par la diversité de nature et géographique des formations offertes.

Chaque formation définit, dans son règlement d'examen en vue de l'admission, la place accordée aux résultats obtenus au Score IAE-Message, les candidats pouvant être invités à subir une ou plusieurs épreuves complémentaires.

Quel que soit le lieu où les épreuves ont été passées, les résultats obtenus sont pris en considération par chacune des formations auprès desquelles le candidat a postulé, conformément au règlement d'examen qui lui est propre.



## 1. NATURE, DURÉE ET PROGRAMMES DES ÉPREUVES

Le Score IAE-Message se compose de **quatre épreuves, pour une durée de 3 heures** :

- une épreuve de Culture générale ;
- une épreuve de Compréhension et expression écrite en français ;
- une épreuve de Raisonnement logique et numérique ;
- une épreuve de Compréhension et expression écrite en anglais.

**Tableau du Score IAE-Message**

<b>Matières</b>	<b>Notation</b>	<b>Nature des interrogations</b>	<b>Durée conseillée</b>
Culture générale	100 points	50 questions à choix multiple (QCM)	45 minutes
Compréhension et expression écrite en français	100 points	50 questions à choix multiple (QCM) dont une partie visant à juger de la compréhension d'un texte	45 minutes
Raisonnement logique et numérique	100 points	20 questions à choix multiple (QCM)	45 minutes
Compréhension et expression écrite en anglais	100 points	50 questions à choix multiple (QCM) dont une partie visant à juger de la compréhension d'un texte	45 minutes
<b>Total</b>	<b>400 points</b>	<b>170 questions</b>	<b>3 heures</b>

## 2. NOTATION ET MODALITÉS PRATIQUES DU SCORE IAE-MESSAGE

Les épreuves du Score IAE-Message prennent la forme de questions à choix multiple. Pour chacune d'elles, cinq réponses sont proposées ; **une seule réponse est correcte**.

### Barème de notation

	Épreuve de Culture générale	Épreuve de Compréhension et expression écrite en français	Épreuve de Raisonnement logique et numérique	Épreuve de Compréhension et expression écrite en anglais
Bonne réponse	2 points	2 points	5 points	2 points
Mauvaise réponse, absence de réponse ou réponses multiples	0 point	0 point	0 point	0 point

- Un livret unique est remis aux candidats regroupant les questions des quatre épreuves (170 questions au total).
- Les 170 réponses sont portées au recto d'une grille unique, sur laquelle sont préalablement inscrits **le nom, le numéro d'inscription**, la session ainsi que le centre d'écrit du candidat.
- Le candidat noircit la case correspondant à la réponse choisie, en utilisant le crayon fourni par le centre d'écrit ou un portemine (B ou HB). Les corrections doivent impérativement être effectuées avec **un blanc correcteur**.

Exemple de marquage :

BON



MAUVAIS



Exemple : extrait d'un QCM de culture générale et de la feuille de réponses d'un candidat.

Question X – Des cinq pays européens suivants, lequel a la superficie la plus grande ?

1. L'Allemagne
2. L'Espagne
3. La France
4. L'Italie
5. Le Royaume-Uni

Feuille de réponses :

Question X

1	2	3	4	5
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### 3. INSCRIPTIONS AU SCORE IAE-MESSAGE

L'inscription s'effectue en ligne sur le site internet :

**<http://score.iae-message.fr>**

Lors de l'inscription, le candidat choisit parmi une liste qui lui est proposée :

- le centre d'écrit (lieu de passage du Score) ;
- la session à laquelle il souhaite participer ;
- les formations dans lesquelles il envisage de déposer un dossier de candidature.

**Attention : le choix du centre d'écrit et le choix de la session sont définitifs et ne peuvent être modifiés quel que soit le motif.**

Pour les sessions 2015, le coût du passage du Score est de 30 euros. Le paiement s'effectue uniquement en ligne, par carte bancaire.



Une fois l'inscription terminée, le candidat reçoit sa convocation par e-mail sous format pdf.

Le remboursement en cas d'absence n'est pas possible, quel que soit le motif (même médical).

Pour améliorer ses résultats, le candidat a la possibilité de se présenter à plusieurs sessions. Dans ce cas, le candidat présentera aux formations dans lesquelles il postule le meilleur de ses scores.

#### 4. DÉROULEMENT DU SCORE IAE-MESSAGE

Pour être autorisé à passer l'épreuve, le candidat a l'obligation de présenter :

- la convocation reçue par e-mail, imprimée ;
- une pièce d'identité en cours de validité (la carte d'identité, le passeport et le permis de conduire sont les seules pièces d'identité autorisées).

Aucun retard n'est autorisé, quel que soit le motif.

Le candidat dispose de 3 heures pour composer. Le sujet complet comportant les 170 questions lui est remis au début de l'épreuve ; le candidat gère donc son temps comme il le souhaite.

Les documents, dictionnaires, lexiques et calculatrice sont formellement interdits durant l'épreuve. Aucun brouillon n'est fourni, ni autorisé durant l'épreuve.

De la même manière, les téléphones portables et sacs ne doivent pas être à portée des candidats.

À l'issue des 3 heures, le candidat rend au surveillant sa grille de réponses complétée ainsi que son sujet. Toute grille de réponses rendue sans le sujet ne sera pas corrigée.

Quelques jours après les épreuves (date à consulter sur le site internet du Score IAE-Message, rubrique Sessions), le candidat

reçoit ses résultats sous la forme d'une attestation. Il lui revient de la transmettre aux formations dans lesquelles il souhaite postuler et de déposer un dossier de candidature.

Les résultats obtenus au Score IAE-Message sont valables pour une durée de 2 rentrées universitaires. Par exemple, les résultats obtenus lors d'une session passée en 2015 sont valables pour les rentrées 2015-2016 et 2016-2017.

Chaque formation dispose d'un outil de consultation des résultats. Il est donc inutile de tenter de les falsifier. En cas de tentative de fraude, chacune des formations en sera immédiatement avertie et le dossier du candidat sera automatiquement rejeté.

## 5. CALENDRIER DES SESSIONS 2015 DU SCORE IAE-MESSAGE

En 2015, 8 sessions sont organisées en France :

- 1<sup>re</sup> session : samedi 21 mars 2015
- 2<sup>e</sup> session : samedi 28 mars 2015
- 3<sup>e</sup> session : jeudi 2 avril 2015
- 4<sup>e</sup> session : samedi 18 avril 2015
- 5<sup>e</sup> session : mardi 12 mai 2015
- 6<sup>e</sup> session : jeudi 21 mai 2015
- 7<sup>e</sup> session : jeudi 28 mai 2015
- 8<sup>e</sup> session : jeudi 27 août 2015

Et 4 sessions sont organisées à l'étranger :

- 1<sup>re</sup> session : mardi 24 février 2015
- 2<sup>e</sup> session : mardi 17 mars 2015
- 3<sup>e</sup> session : mardi 14 avril 2015
- 4<sup>e</sup> session : mardi 5 mai 2015

Chaque centre situé dans les DOM-TOM et à l'étranger respecte le décalage horaire avec la France métropolitaine. Ces horaires sont consultables sur le site du Score IAE-Message, rubrique Centres de passage, puis en cliquant sur le centre concerné.

Tous les centres n'organisent pas les 12 sessions et le nombre de places est limité (cf. site internet).

# L'ÉPREUVE DE COMPRÉHENSION ET EXPRESSION ÉCRITE EN ANGLAIS

Cette épreuve comprend deux parties :

- *la première partie (Expression, 35 questions)* évalue les capacités d'expression du candidat par la maîtrise écrite de l'anglais ;
- *la seconde partie (Compréhension, 15 questions)* évalue l'aptitude du candidat à comprendre et analyser un texte ayant trait à la vie économique ou à une situation de décision en gestion, et à maîtriser les concepts et le vocabulaire qui s'y rapportent.

L'épreuve prend la forme de questions à choix multiple (**QCM**).

Sa durée conseillée est de **45 minutes**.





# SÉRIE 1

SCORE IAE-MESSAGE

Expression : 35 questions

16

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Grille des réponses

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## EXPRESSION

**1** The ... politician apologised for his angry outburst.

- 1/ Contrive
- 2/ Control
- 3/ Controvert
- 4/ Contrite
- 5/ Convert

**2** Many families bore the ... of the governments decision to withdraw necessary funding.

- 1/ Bruise
- 2/ Brunt
- 3/ Brunch
- 4/ Brush
- 5/ Brute

**3** He had ... with the idea for some time before finally making a decision.

- 1/ Toyed
- 2/ Tried
- 3/ Ployed
- 4/ Tied
- 5/ Tired



4    The old lady was in ... good form after her recent illness.

- 1/ Seasonably
- 2/ Feasibly
- 3/ Reasonably
- 4/ Receptively
- 5/ Susceptibly

5    The ... was good and he would soon be fighting fit.

- 1/ Prognosis
- 2/ Hypnosis
- 3/ Myosis
- 4/ Synopsis
- 5/ Psychosis

6    He was ... from hospital after the operation.

- 1/ Discharge
- 2/ Discharging
- 3/ Discharged
- 4/ Dischargeable
- 5/ Discharger

7    A ... statement was made announcing the vice president's retirement.

- 1/ Normal
- 2/ Paranormal
- 3/ Uniform
- 4/ Formal
- 5/ Informal

8

There was no ... that he intended to retire.

- 1/ Indicative
- 2/ Indication
- 3/ Index
- 4/ Indicator
- 5/ Indicate

9

The latest revelations will ... what has been until now a very successful career.

- 1/ Traumatise
- 2/ Sympathise
- 3/ Prioritise
- 4/ Emphasise
- 5/ Jeopardise

10

He was a remarkably popular figure with the ... .

- 1/ Election
- 2/ Electorate
- 3/ Elected
- 4/ Electoral
- 5/ Elective

11

The ship they took has the ... equipment and system to guarantee their safety.

- 1/ More modern
- 2/ Moderner
- 3/ Modernest
- 4/ Most modern
- 5/ Less modern

12 Alleged injuries to the man responsible of the accident. The "side of his face was ...".

- 1/ Swallen
- 2/ Swoll
- 3/ Swollen
- 4/ Swolled
- 5/ Swall

13 Sometimes the truth is difficult to hear. Please keep ... it.

- 1/ Speak
- 2/ Spoke
- 3/ Spoken
- 4/ Speaking
- 5/ Speaked

14 However ... I try, however ... they treat me, I know this is not my country.

- 1/ Harsh / more
- 2/ Hard / well
- 3/ Harder / better
- 4/ Hardest / well
- 5/ Hard / more

15 She has become the first woman to win the Fields Medal, which is seen ... the Nobel Prize for math.

- 1/ As be
- 2/ Like being
- 3/ Like be
- 4/ Being
- 5/ As being

**16** Paris Fashion Week has enlisted the director to write a one-act play to ... in place of a runway show.

- 1/ Stage
- 2/ Staged
- 3/ Have stage
- 4/ Be staged
- 5/ Be stage

**17** This besieged city, which once had a million people, is now a ... town.

- 1/ Ghosted
- 2/ Ghost
- 3/ To haunt
- 4/ Ghosts
- 5/ To ghost

**18** Two people ... to death last night in New York.

- 1/ Freeze
- 2/ Freezed
- 3/ Frozen
- 4/ Frozed
- 5/ Froze

**19** Prisoners spend a long time languishing in prison before their sentence is finally carried ...

- 1/ In
- 2/ By
- 3/ To
- 4/ Out
- 5/ On

20 The notion of a ... in Ukraine has evaporated amid a relentless offensive by government troops.

- 1/ Stopfire
- 2/ Ceasedfire
- 3/ Ceasefire
- 4/ Stopping fire
- 5/ Cease the fire

21 Don't expect them to cry ... this loss. They don't care about it.

- 1/ For
- 2/ About
- 3/ With
- 4/ From
- 5/ Over

22 Their parents ... want them ... watch this movie.

- 1/ Doesn't / for
- 2/ Don't / for
- 3/ Don't / to
- 4/ Doesn't / to
- 5/ Hasn't / from

23 The government gave total amnesty to them 40 years ago. I wonder how they would feel if the opposition ... thing today?

- 1/ Do the same
- 2/ Have the same
- 3/ Did the same
- 4/ Is the same
- 5/ Is being same



24 Ukraine is now ... open to invasion.

- 1/ Wide
- 2/ Widely
- 3/ Wastely
- 4/ Closed
- 5/ Very

25 San Francisco is preparing to ... water as California's record drought strangles its cities.

- 1/ Rational
- 2/ Rationally
- 3/ Rationed
- 4/ Ration
- 5/ Rations

26 As he had been offered early retirement Arthur agreed to ... at the age of sixty.

- 1/ Finish to work
- 2/ Stopping work
- 3/ Stop working
- 4/ Stopping working
- 5/ Finish work

27 It had been a ... day but the wind was expected to drop during the night.

- 1/ Fluttery
- 2/ Gusting
- 3/ Blustery
- 4/ Blowing
- 5/ Winding

28 As they neared the summit the temperature dropped suddenly and they all felt ... cold.

- 1/ Bitterly
- 2/ Buttery
- 3/ Glacially
- 4/ Basically
- 5/ Warmly

29 The police charged the suspect with ... as there was clear evidence the fire had been started deliberately.

- 1/ Incendiary
- 2/ Treason
- 3/ Raising
- 4/ Blazing
- 5/ Arson

30 The prisoner feigned illness and ... during his hospital visit.

- 1/ Disappeared
- 2/ Ran
- 3/ Abseiled
- 4/ Absconded
- 5/ Aborted

31 Having heard all the evidence the judge ... the accused from all charges, and he was subsequently released.

- 1/ Adjudicated
- 2/ Admonished
- 3/ Absolved
- 4/ Arrested
- 5/ Sentenced

**32** In order to ... the patient's suffering the doctor administered powerful painkillers.

- 1/ Increase
- 2/ Alleviate
- 3/ Elevate
- 4/ Allocate
- 5/ Suppress

**33** By following a narrow ... beneath the cliffs it was possible to reach a beautiful beach.

- 1/ Path
- 2/ Chimney
- 3/ Sentry
- 4/ Course
- 5/ Trajectory

**34** The lottery winner ... away his wealth and ended his life in poverty.

- 1/ Chiselled
- 2/ Chipped
- 3/ Lost
- 4/ Frittered
- 5/ Spent

**35** The clouds had cleared by the end of the day and they all enjoyed a ... evening on the terrace.

- 1/ Barmy
- 2/ Soft
- 3/ Balmy
- 4/ Mild
- 5/ Rainy

## Texte

### NOT SO HORNY

*When Americans run with bulls, they don't like to get hurt*  
*Aug 16th 2014 The economist*

1 GOING to another country doesn't make any difference," wrote Ernest Hemingway in "The Sun Also Rises". Some Americans have taken his words to heart. Instead of flying to Spain for the Pamplona bull-running fiesta (made famous by Hemingway's novel), many opt for a local imitation. The Great Bull Run, founded last year by two American entrepreneurs with no Spanish background, has staged bovine spectacles in Chicago, Dallas, Minneapolis and California. Last month some 3,000 revellers ran with bulls at a county fairground near San Francisco. "Now I can cross this off my bucket list," says Michelle de Putron, one of the runners.

2 It is cheaper to run with bulls at home than abroad. It may also be safer. At least 15 people have died in Pamplona's bull run since Hemingway visited in 1923. Nobody has died during the Great Bull Run, though some have been trampled. In Pamplona the bulls are bred for aggression and their horns are specially sharpened. In America they use milder bulls and blunt their horns. Rather than twisty city streets, the Great Bull Run is held on a customised earth course with easy-to-scale fencing.

3 Yet some worrywarts still think it too perilous. The fire department has denied permission for a bull run in Los Angeles in November. And two animal-rights groups are trying to block all future bull runs in California, claiming they violate state anti-cruelty laws. The Great Bull Run's organisers were considering spicing things up next year by renting more aggressive bulls and sharpening their horns. Instead, they may have to tame the event down.





**4** Being hit with a tomato is usually less painful than being gored by a bull. Nonetheless, the American version of another Spanish festival, La Tomatina, comes with multiple safeguards. At Tomato Royale (which accompanies each Great Bull Run), crowds who pelt each other with soft red fruit must wear protective eyewear. Unlike their Spanish counterparts, they are also barred from aiming at heads or at anyone within ten feet.

**5** Immigrants have long marked their dual loyalties by recreating ethnic festivals, from St Patrick's Day to Cinco de Mayo, which celebrates a Mexican victory over the French in 1862. Such transplants are a way "for immigrants to weave themselves into the American story," says Jonathan Zimmerman of New York University.

**6** If they are fun, they quickly become festivals for all. And the American version is often bigger and brasher than the original. The St Patrick's Day parades in New York attract more spectators than the entire population of Dublin. Highland games in Chicago feature novel contests such as haggis-hurling. The Americanised Cinco de Mayo is promoted by tequila-makers and popularly known as "Cinco de Drinko". Hemingway might have approved.



## Questions

**1** What is this text about?

- 1/ It's about the St Patrick's day
- 2/ It's about festivals in Mexico
- 3/ It's about war between Mexico and France
- 4/ It's about creation by American people of festivals to recreate ethnic ones
- 5/ It's about ethnic festivals all around the world

**2** What is a Great Bull Run?

- 1/ A Spanish bovine show
- 2/ A Pamplona bull-running fiesta
- 3/ Bovine spectacles taking places in several towns in the United States
- 4/ A race in Minneapolis
- 5/ A novel written by Ernest Hemingway

**3** In paragraph 1, what does the expression "Now I can cross this off my bucket list" mean?

- 1/ She had a to-do-list, with this race written on, and now she has done it, she can put it off from the list
- 2/ He has to do the race
- 3/ She has to go to the supermarket
- 4/ She must go to Spain to see the fiesta
- 5/ She'll go on holidays in Pamplona

#### **4 Why is it cheaper to run with bulls at home than abroad?**

- 1/ American bulls are cheaper than Spanish ones
- 2/ Because the journey hasn't to be payed
- 3/ Because bulls haven't to travel to United States
- 4/ Because there are less bulls at home
- 5/ Because Spanish bulls eat more than American ones

#### **5 Why people dies in Pamplona's bull run?**

- 1/ Because the race takes place in streets
- 2/ Because they drink too much
- 3/ Because they have an accident
- 4/ Because they are murdered
- 5/ Because it's too hot

#### **6 Which world could replace "worrywarts" (paragraph 3)?**

- 1/ Happy few
- 2/ Complainers
- 3/ Often
- 4/ Buyers
- 5/ Customers

#### **7 What is less painful than being gored by a bull?**

- 1/ Drinking too much
- 2/ Being hit by a tomato
- 3/ Going to Pamplona
- 4/ Wearing a hat
- 5/ Attending St Patrick's parade

**8 What has to be worn at Tomato Royale?**

- 1/ Glasses to protect eyes
- 2/ Red trousers
- 3/ Tee-shirt
- 4/ Special hat to protect hair
- 5/ A bag

**9 Which other ethnic festival has been created in United States?**

- 1/ Valentine Day
- 2/ July 14th
- 3/ St Patrick's day
- 4/ July 4th
- 5/ St John's day

**10 How is the American version of those festivals?**

- 1/ Smaller than the original
- 2/ Cheaper than the original
- 3/ Often bigger than the original
- 4/ More beautiful than the original
- 5/ Shorter than the original

**11 How many people attend the St Patrick's parade in New York?**

- 1/ 2 000 000
- 2/ Only the population of 2 streets
- 3/ Less than 1 000
- 4/ We don't know
- 5/ More than the population of Dublin

12 What does “Cinco de drinko” mean?

- 1/ There are five different sorts of alcohol to drink
- 2/ Tequila costs 5\$
- 3/ There’s a lot of alcohol during this festival
- 4/ Just five glasses can be drunk
- 5/ Give me five

13 Which word is synonym of brasher?

- 1/ Lester
- 2/ Faster
- 3/ Hastier
- 4/ Hottest
- 5/ Fired

14 Which word is synonym of gored?

- 1/ Hit
- 2/ Hat
- 3/ Bored
- 4/ Wired
- 5/ Wide

15 What is the “Cinco de Mayo” about?

- 1/ A French victory over Mexican
- 2/ A French victory over Spanish
- 3/ A Spanish victory over American
- 4/ A Mexican victory over French
- 5/ A Mexican victory over Spanish



# VOTRE SCORE

Chaque bonne réponse vous donne 2 points. Une réponse fausse n'entraîne pas de points négatifs. Pour chacune des questions une seule réponse est correcte.

Questions	Bonnes réponses	Questions	Bonnes réponses
<b>Questions d'Expression</b>		26	3
1	4	27	3
2	2	28	1
3	1	29	5
4	3	30	4
5	1	31	3
6	3	32	2
7	4	33	1
8	2	34	4
9	5	35	3
10	2	<b>Questions de Compréhension</b>	
11	4	1	4
12	3	2	3
13	4	3	1
14	2	4	2
15	5	5	1
16	4	6	2
17	2	7	2
18	5	8	1
19	4	9	3
20	3	10	3
21	5	11	5
22	3	12	3
23	3	13	3
24	1	14	1
25	4	15	4



# SÉRIE 2

SCORE IAE-MESSAGE

Expression : 35 questions

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Compréhension : texte + 15 questions

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## EXPRESSION

**1** The ... health minister had already faced a number of calls to quit over the chaos in the health service.

- 1/ Beleaguered
- 2/ Beggarly
- 3/ Beholden
- 4/ Beneficial
- 5/ Broken

**2** The ... was particularly tense at the meeting.

- 1/ Manner
- 2/ Feeling
- 3/ Aura
- 4/ Situation
- 5/ Mood

**3** More strikes ... at the company as talks broke down.

- 1/ Lurked
- 2/ Loomed
- 3/ Doomed
- 4/ Lingered
- 5/ Lamented



**4** The minister faced some ... attacks from those who had once been among his most loyal supporters.

- 1/ Stunning
- 2/ Stringent
- 3/ Striking
- 4/ Stinging
- 5/ Staining

**5** He intended to run in the ... elections.

- 1/ Forthright
- 2/ Forthcoming
- 3/ Foresight
- 4/ Forward
- 5/ Forthwith

**6** Storms ... the coastline causing severe damage.

- 1/ Raved
- 2/ Ravelled
- 3/ Ravaged
- 4/ Rallied
- 5/ Ravished

**7** The company remained ... on plans relating to their expansions.

- 1/ Tight-lipped
- 2/ Hard-nosed
- 3/ Skin- deep
- 4/ Open-armed
- 5/ Wide-eyed

**8** She was a very ... individual.

- 1/ Laid- bare
- 2/ Laid-down
- 3/ Laid-up
- 4/ Laid-back
- 5/ Laid-out

**9** The government was accused of ... it's feet on the matter.

- 1/ Hanging
- 2/ Dragging
- 3/ Waving
- 4/ Rocking
- 5/ Fondling

**10** The weather was overcast for ... of the day.

- 1/ Many
- 2/ Mostly
- 3/ Much
- 4/ Mainly
- 5/ Muchness

**11** They were aware of the ... involved.

- 1/ Rusks
- 2/ Racks
- 3/ Rocks
- 4/ Risky
- 5/ Risks

12 Marie had been an ... campaigner for social justice for many years.

- 1/ Available
- 2/ Avid
- 3/ Awful
- 4/ Awkward
- 5/ Avian

13 Over a thousand jobs are under threat at the local factory ... it's takeover.

- 1/ Since
- 2/ Because
- 3/ Due to
- 4/ Resulting
- 5/ For

14 They were powerless to prevent the company's ... .

- 1/ Close
- 2/ Closet
- 3/ Closure
- 4/ Closable
- 5/ Disclosure

15 The company noted a huge ... in sales following it's latest marketing campaign.

- 1/ Spin
- 2/ Spire
- 3/ Spill
- 4/ Spiral
- 5/ Spike

**16** — It was the first day of the New Year sales and everybody was looking for a ... .

- 1/ Market
- 2/ Affair
- 3/ Occasion
- 4/ Bargain
- 5/ Gift

**17** — In country areas where money was scarce people would often ... in order to obtain goods they needed.

- 1/ Blether
- 2/ Exchange
- 3/ Carter
- 4/ Spend
- 5/ Barter

**18** — John had not been to Paris for many years and soon lost his ... .

- 1/ Money
- 2/ Marbles
- 3/ Bearings
- 4/ Coordinates
- 5/ Itinerary

**19** — Wendy was desperate for a drink and made a ... for the bar when she returned to the hotel.

- 1/ Deadline
- 2/ Beeline
- 3/ Airline
- 4/ Hotline
- 5/ Highline

20 It took some time for Derek to live ... his appalling wedding speech.

- 1/ Over
- 2/ Out
- 3/ Up
- 4/ Down
- 5/ Without

21 Edward was at a ... to explain why he had done so badly in the exam.

- 1/ Failure
- 2/ Letdown
- 3/ Loggerheads
- 4/ Deficit
- 5/ Loss

22 After a ... romance the young couple ran away to be married.

- 1/ Hurricane
- 2/ Typhoon
- 3/ Whirlwind
- 4/ Windy
- 5/ Tornado

23 The shipwrecked sailor started by constructing a ... shelter on the desert island.

- 1/ Bus
- 2/ Mobile
- 3/ Man-made
- 4/ Makeshift
- 5/ Provisional



**24** In the ... girls do better at school than boys.

- 1/ Whole
- 2/ Principle
- 3/ General
- 4/ Overall
- 5/ Main

**25** As a ... of fact I never take the bus when I can walk instead.

- 1/ Statement
- 2/ Matter
- 3/ Question
- 4/ Case
- 5/ Principal

**26** There is an interview ... Louis Land on TV, who wrote young-adult novels.

- 1/ Of
- 2/ To
- 3/ With
- 4/ Where
- 5/ Was

**27** The White House ... set ... reverse a ban on registered lobbyists serving in government.

- 1/ Be / on
- 2/ Was / from
- 3/ Is / to
- 4/ Has / by
- 5/ Have / on

28 He isn't ... a bad boy after all.

- 1/ So
- 2/ By
- 3/ More
- 4/ Less
- 5/ Such

29 Two artists have claimed responsibility ... two white flags onto the top of the Brooklyn Bridge.

- 1/ To host
- 2/ By hoisting
- 3/ For hoisting
- 4/ With hoist
- 5/ From hoisted

30 Suicide isn't freedom, and it isn't the message we should ... the depressed.

- 1/ Sends for
- 2/ Sending by
- 3/ Sent to
- 4/ Sensed at
- 5/ Send to

31 A mid-afternoon ... of just 10 minutes can help you stay alert for more than two hours.

- 1/ Nap
- 2/ Tap
- 3/ Gap
- 4/ Rap
- 5/ Fat

**32** This actor is one of the planet's ... recognizable talents.

- 1/ More
- 2/ Less
- 3/ Better
- 4/ Good
- 5/ Most

**33** The virus has claimed ... first European casualty.

- 1/ His
- 2/ Her
- 3/ Their
- 4/ Its
- 5/ Them

**34** Their mother ... a lot of secrets these days.

- 1/ Have kept
- 2/ Is kept
- 3/ Are
- 4/ Keep
- 5/ Is keeping

**35** A toxic algae bloom larger than Rhode Island is headed straight ... the coast of Florida.

- 1/ For
- 2/ To
- 3/ On
- 4/ By
- 5/ Int

# COMPRÉHENSION

## Texte

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on Saturday August 19th 2006  
Jeanette Winterson*

'GOOD BOOKS ARE DANGEROUS DEVICES ABLE TO TRIGGER THINGS IN  
YOUR MIND'

**'KNOWING I LOVED MY BOOKS'.** Says Prospero, talking of his flight from Milan with only his daughter and his library.

Prospero's books remake the barren island of his exile into a place where things are always happening-the books themselves bring life. This must be because the books themselves are life, exuberant and powerful, contained in a handy format that can be easily transported.

Prospero's flight was not dependent on the airline authorities. In those days flights were made by boat or horse, and much the better for it. No one was suggesting that books could not be taken as hand baggage. I have to confess that if the airlines had not relaxed this new threat to our sanity, I would have given up flying for ever.

The indignities and discomforts forced on us by those who claim to be acting in our best interests, cannot include confiscation of our books. If airlines are going to oblige us to go about with unboxed sanitary items, like prison inmates, and without so much as a toothbrush on board, then leave us with a book-even ones dished out at the gate. I will be quite happy with an airline library, as long as it includes The Oxford Book of English Verse, as well as The Da Vinci Code.

The theory is that books can be hallowed out to contain Devices. Mrs Winterson always objected to book reading on the grounds that: "The trouble with a book is that you never know what's in it until it's too late."

How true. Anybody who spends time with real books knows that they are dangerous objects likely to blow up in your face. Good books are detonating devices, and able to trigger something in the mind of the



reader - a memory perhaps, or a revelation, or an understanding not possible by other means. Not for nothing was Madame Bovary kept away from trapped French housewives. Who can forget the infamous review of Radclyff Hall's *The Well of Loneliness*? 'I would rather give a healthy boy or a healthy girl a phial of prussic acid than this book.'

The celebrated censorships - such as *Lady Chatterley's Lover* or *The Satanic Verses* - are only the extroverted signs of a matter that goes much deeper ; how fiction and poetry and plays affect our lives all of the time, if we let them.

The introverted nature of reading - you and the book, private and solitary - is part of its power. No one knows what you are thinking as you read. No one can see what changes might be taking place under the surface of your silent repose.

I have argued before that it is this unaccountability to external authority that makes reading both defiant and an act of freewill. The CCTV and the webcam, the bugged phone and the surveillance system can do nothing about the private dialogue between reader and writer. When books are banned or censored we concentrate on their content, forgetting the more sinister implications of what reading stands for, and why it poses a threat.

My mother didn't allow books in our house because she didn't want me to read them - simple as that. At least it was clear, just as we know there is something to fight against when books are piled and burned.

Our world, the world of soft power, where people are persuaded to believe that they want the lifestyle, the commodities, the cheap celebrity, that the money-mongers want them to want, has done something much more complicated to books than to ban them. Freedom of choice, as it is called, floods the market with trash, so that readers are genuinely bewildered about what is and isn't worth the time, and books are marketed as five-day-wonder disposable objects. Bookshops are no longer places to browse. Reading itself has been downgraded from something that matters, to something you might do when your iPod is broken or there is nothing on TV.

We are not supposed to say that some books are better than others, or that reading them can make a difference to the way we understand ourselves, and ourselves in the world.





The fact is that real books teach us how to read between the lines. That is a skill that everyone needs these days. You may think that the better newspapers can do that for us, but I don't believe in passivity of any kind. Thinking for yourself is not only an intellectual exercise - it is an imaginative leap. Books make that leap.

## Questions

- 1 In paragraph 2, what adjectives does the author use to describe books?
  - 1/ Dull and boring
  - 2/ Endless and exasperating
  - 3/ Long and tiring
  - 4/ Exuberant and powerful
  - 5/ Frustrating and serious
- 2 Metaphorically speaking, according to the author what risk do books hold for the reader?
  - 1/ They lead the reader astray
  - 2/ They brainwash their readers
  - 3/ They are likely to blow up in your face
  - 4/ They could cause an illness
  - 5/ They are germ carriers
- 3 In paragraph 6, what mechanical object does the author compare a good book to?
  - 1/ A tuning fork
  - 2/ An explosive
  - 3/ A timer
  - 4/ A light switch
  - 5/ A detonating device

**4** What is the practice carried out by officials of examining printed matter before public release called?

- 1/ Inspection
- 2/ Censorship
- 3/ Workmanship
- 4/ Experimentation
- 5/ Editing

**5** In paragraph 4, what does the word “confiscation” mean?

- 1/ To publically burn
- 2/ To ridicule
- 3/ To be seized by authority
- 4/ To tear up
- 5/ To dispose of

**6** Referring to paragraph 2, what does the adjective exuberant mean?

- 1/ Corrupting
- 2/ Silly
- 3/ Of no importance
- 4/ Lacking energy
- 5/ Lively and high spirited

**7** What verb is used to describe the disallowance of a book for sale?

- 1/ Ban
- 2/ Promote
- 3/ Market
- 4/ Offload
- 5/ Prevent

**8** Referring to paragraph 2, how did books contribute to the barren island of Prospero's exile?

- 1/ They helped to remind him of the home he had left
- 2/ They turned it into a place where things were always happening
- 3/ They provided useful information on how to survive on the island
- 4/ They helped to relieve the boredom of island life
- 5/ They provided useful material for lighting fires

**9** In paragraph 2 the author talks of the books as being "contained in a handy format". If something is in a "handy format", does it mean?

- 1/ It fits well
- 2/ It is portable
- 3/ It is battery operated
- 4/ It is long lasting
- 5/ It is convenient to use

**10** Referring to paragraph 6, "Good books are detonating devices, and able to trigger something in the mind of the reader". What does the word "trigger" mean?

- 1/ Place
- 2/ Initiate
- 3/ Brainwash
- 4/ Corrupt
- 5/ Stimulate

**11** According to the author, what poses the greatest threat to reading in modern times?

- 1/ Family holidays
- 2/ Sport
- 3/ Technology
- 4/ Economic instability
- 5/ The price of books

**12** In paragraph 9, the author refers to reading as being “both defiant and an act of free will”. What is an act of free will?

- 1/ To do something of one’s own volition or choice
- 2/ To obtain permission to do something
- 3/ To be prohibited from doing as one chooses
- 4/ To be instructed on how to carry out something
- 5/ To gain entry to an event without having to pay

**13** Referring to paragraph 8, what word does the author use to describe the private world of a book and its reader?

- 1/ Extroverted
- 2/ Introverted
- 3/ Retroverted
- 4/ Intruded
- 5/ Inundated

**14** In paragraph 11, the author uses a particular word to describe how reading has lost its value to society. Is it?

- 1/ Downsized
- 2/ Downloaded
- 3/ Downgraded
- 4/ Downscaled
- 5/ Downplayed

15 What conclusion does the author come to at the end of the article, regarding reading?

- 1/ It distorts our way of thinking
- 2/ It destroys our imagination
- 3/ It is of no benefit to us
- 4/ It distracts us
- 5/ It helps us think for ourselves



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3	2	29	3
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5	2	31	1
6	3	32	5
7	1	33	4
8	4	34	5
9	2	35	1
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11	5	1	4
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13	1	3	5
14	3	4	2
15	5	5	3
16	4	6	5
17	5	7	1
18	3	8	2
19	2	9	5
20	4	10	2
21	5	11	3
22	3	12	1
23	4	13	2
24	5	14	3
25	2	15	5

# SÉRIE 3

SCORE IAE-MESSAGE

Expression : 35 questions

52

Compréhension : texte + 15 questions

61

Grille des réponses

92

## EXPRESSION

**1** After all of the heavy rain the rugby pitch was completely ... .

- 1/ Watertight
- 2/ Waterproof
- 3/ Watershed
- 4/ Waterlogged
- 5/ Watery

**2** Having whittled the shortlist down to three candidates it was time to weigh ... the qualities of each applicant.

- 1/ Out
- 2/ Over
- 3/ Down
- 4/ In
- 5/ Up

**3** The sale of the house had been placed in ... pending completion of repairs to the roof.

- 1/ Suspension
- 2/ Abeyance
- 3/ Limbo
- 4/ Abhorrence
- 5/ Waiting

**4** James had worked hard to ... good results and deserved a fitting reward.

- 1/ Accomplish
- 2/ Exploit
- 3/ Achieve
- 4/ Attain
- 5/ Make

**5** There was no immediate ... for alarm, but all passengers were required to put on their lifejackets.

- 1/ Reason
- 2/ Need
- 3/ Requirement
- 4/ Cause
- 5/ Signal

**6** The judge was asked by the defence lawyer to take the prisoner's previous good behaviour ... account before passing sentence.

- 1/ Over
- 2/ Under
- 3/ Out of
- 4/ No
- 5/ Into

**7** The coffee machine had been out of ... for several days and the employees were becoming increasingly belligerent.

- 1/ Working
- 2/ Action
- 3/ Functioning
- 4/ Marching
- 5/ Making

**8** I would like a short holiday but I cannot ... to take the time off work.

- 1/ Permit
- 2/ Procure
- 3/ Allow
- 4/ Afford
- 5/ Allocate

**9** Chris was a bit of a gambler so he was not ... to an occasional bet on the horses.

- 1/ Contrary
- 2/ Opposed
- 3/ Averse
- 4/ Favourable
- 5/ Positive

**10** Even the political party's ... supporters were shocked by the change in policy announced by its leader.

- 1/ Strongest
- 2/ Surest
- 3/ Best
- 4/ Staunchest
- 5/ Biggest

**11** The town had been badly affected by the recession and due to lack of public funds its municipal buildings were beginning to look a bit ... .

- 1/ Sloppy
- 2/ Shady
- 3/ Shabby
- 4/ Shaky
- 5/ Shanty



**12** The cake had been divided up and the pieces were shared ... amongst the guests.

- 1/ Over
- 2/ Together
- 3/ In
- 4/ Out
- 5/ All

**13** When the farmer saw the damage caused to his crops by the storm he could only ... his shoulders and carry on.

- 1/ Shrug
- 2/ Shuffle
- 3/ Shake
- 4/ Heave
- 5/ Straighten

**14** The students had finished their exams so they had lots of ... time.

- 1/ Loose
- 2/ Extra
- 3/ Holiday
- 4/ Spear
- 5/ Spare

**15** Mary had been told many ghost stories as a child so she was a little ... by the weird noises coming from the attic room.

- 1/ Scarred
- 2/ Scary
- 3/ Scared
- 4/ Affray
- 5/ Afrai

**16** How could a ... man from New York end up living in another country?

- 1/ Grow
- 2/ Grown
- 3/ Gowned
- 4/ Growled
- 5/ Growling

**17** Mental health is still one of the ... areas of medicine.

- 1/ Less understand
- 2/ Less understanding
- 3/ Least stand
- 4/ Least understood
- 5/ More understand

**18** You can still buy a seat in 2014. But ...! They're going fast.

- 1/ Quicker
- 2/ Quickest
- 3/ Quick
- 4/ Lowlier
- 5/ Lowliest

**19** They helped create this program. That ... they shouldn't try to correct the errors.

- 1/ Don't mean
- 2/ Haven't mean
- 3/ Doesn't mean
- 4/ Don't meant
- 5/ Didn't meant

20 Forty years ago, Richard Nixon ... office.

- 1/ Resign for
- 2/ Has resign at
- 3/ Resigned by
- 4/ Resigns to
- 5/ Resigned from

21 Nothing sends a sitting CEO ... a fundraiser quite like a controversy.

- 1/ Run to
- 2/ Ran at
- 3/ To run away to
- 4/ Running away from
- 5/ Run from

22 They are challenging ... .

- 1/ One
- 2/ Each other
- 3/ At one
- 4/ Each else
- 5/ To other

23 Follow our Facebook page for more ... on the science news.

- 1/ Analysis
- 2/ Analysing
- 3/ To analyse
- 4/ Analysed
- 5/ Analyses

24 President 's strategy just got ... ambitious ... they thought.

- 1/ Most / that
- 2/ Best / of
- 3/ Less / by
- 4/ More / than
- 5/ More / onto

25 The U.S. has agreed to send doses of an experimental Ebola drug to Liberia ... treat infected doctors.

- 1/ To
- 2/ By
- 3/ At
- 4/ To
- 5/ Into

26 She ... estranged from her father for many years.

- 1/ Has had
- 2/ Had been
- 3/ Will be
- 4/ Having been
- 5/ Is being

27 They showed no remorse ... for the crimes they had committed.

- 1/ Whenever
- 2/ Whereafter
- 3/ Wherefore
- 4/ Whatsoever
- 5/ Whichever

28 Coverage of the game was beamed in ... definition all over the world.

- 1/ Highest
- 2/ High
- 3/ Higher
- 4/ Highly
- 5/ Hire

29 There was much ... between the two opponents.

- 1/ Rival
- 2/ Revival
- 3/ Revive
- 4/ Rivals
- 5/ Rivalry

30 They were ... to assist in an investigation into the matter.

- 1/ Willingly
- 2/ Willing
- 3/ Willed
- 4/ Willful
- 5/ Willingness

31 Many were ... at the treatment they received.

- 1/ Applauded
- 2/ Applied
- 3/ Appalled
- 4/ Appealed
- 5/ Approached



**32** A plaque was ... to commemorate those who has lost lives at sea.

- 1/ Unveiled
- 2/ Revealed
- 3/ Concealed
- 4/ Appealed
- 5/ Reviled

**33** Her ... research had uncovered some valuable information.

- 1/ Tiresome
- 2/ Tireless
- 3/ Tearless
- 4/ Tearful
- 5/ Tentative

**34** It was difficult to ... what the outcome would be.

- 1/ Detect
- 2/ Associate
- 3/ Develope
- 4/ Ascertain
- 5/ Believe

**35** Strikes ... caused much disruption at the factory.

- 1/ Would
- 2/ Could
- 3/ Having
- 4/ Had
- 5/ Having had

# COMPRÉHENSION

## Texte

### SHOULD WE CLIMB ULURU?

*Lindo Popic. The Guardian, January 2006*

Perched dramatically atop a vast plain of desert oaks and porcupine grass, the most famous rock in Australia looks like an organically-shaped cathedral, with its honeycomb shoulders falling in fluid curves to the earth. "Rococo Kitsch" is how Brett Whiteley, the celebrated Australian artist, described Ayers Rock (as it was then known), "baroque like those sorts of overloaded churches".

A place of pilgrimage for tourists since the 1960's, the ancient monolith now called Uluru attracts more than 400,000 visitors a year. And until recently, they came, they saw, they conquered. For many the scenery was best admired after scrambling to the top of the 330m summit.

But go to the famous rock today and while you'll still see a steady procession of climbers struggling up the treacherous ascent, guided only by a metal hand chain and buffeted by sudden winds and extreme temperatures, a new sensibility seems to be emerging among its visitors. Climbing the rock is now a source of contention between two different cultures. The Anangu, the local Aboriginal people who, twenty years ago, were recognised as the traditional owners of the area covered by Uluru Kata - Tjuta National Park, do not want visitors to climb Uluru. Under traditional law, climbing is prohibited to everyone except senior men initiated into Anangu culture.

Although the Anangu have formed a majority of the park's management board since the title deeds were handed to them in 1985, under the terms of the handover the owners have no power to forcibly turn climbers away. Instead, conspicuous signs at the base of the climb site and in the park's National Culture Centre ask visitors not to climb.

"That's a really important sacred thing that you're climbing," says one senior traditional owner "You shouldn't climb. It's not the real thing



about this place. The real thing is listening to everything... this is the proper way."

And the message of culturally sensitive tourism appears to be getting through. Surveys conducted by geographer, Richard Baker of the Australian National University, showed the number of people who climbed or intended to climb Uluru had fallen from 43% of park visitors in 2003 to 35.5% in 2004. Four or five years ago, the proportion of climbers was estimated to be about half of all visitors. Interestingly, Baker found that Australians and the Japanese were the most keen to climb the ancient rock while Europeans were the least likely.

But for many Australians the issue evokes heartfelt feelings of cultural ownership and personal freedom. Ken Duncan, an Australian landscape photographer who has produced some of the most iconic shots of Uluru over the past two decades, is fervently against any ban on the climb. "Of course people should be able to climb it," he says. "You know what we call it now ? Ulu-rules. Aboriginal people have no more claim on it than other groups. We as Australians and as tourists are being locked out of this beautiful icon."

Although Parks Australia denies the suggestion, Duncan believes the powers- that - be will eventually close the climb. "Where's the adventure left in this country ? I'm embarrassed to take my daughter to a place so sanitised, so controlled. It's got to be spiritual to everyone, not just Aboriginal people. It's the heart of our nation."

These claims of inclusiveness fail to take into account the wishes of traditional owners, contends David Ross, Director of the Central Land Council which represents the Anangu. Aboriginal people have had their claims disregarded for generations, he says, and points to the particular distress felt by traditional owners at the large number of climbers who have met their death or been injured on the Rock. "It's like someone coming into your house and dying in your living room. It's not your fault but you still feel bad about it. That stuff just doesn't seem to be taken into account." According to Parks Australia, 35 people have died while climbing in the last 20 years, while scores of others have been injured.

Ross believes what is needed is a different kind of respect for this national icon, particularly from Australians, many of whom consider it



their birthright to climb. "You can't climb over the Acropolis anymore. You can't climb the Pyramids, so how come you can still climb the rock?"

## Questions

- 1 — What kind of geographical location is the famous Ayers Rock/Uluru located at?
  - 1/ Desert
  - 2/ Grassland
  - 3/ Prairie
  - 4/ Forest
  - 5/ Lakeside
  
- 2 — What group of people are indigenous to the lands surrounding Uluru?
  - 1/ Maori
  - 2/ Masai
  - 3/ Aboriginal
  - 4/ Indian
  - 5/ Innu
  
- 3 — What architectural structure does the author compare the large rock to?
  - 1/ An office building
  - 2/ A cathedral
  - 3/ A palace
  - 4/ A giant monument
  - 5/ A bridge

**4** — In paragraph 3, what adjective does the author use to describe the very steep ascent of the mountain?

- 1/ Daunting
- 2/ Robust
- 3/ Sloping
- 4/ Tilting
- 5/ Treacherous

**5** — To the Aboriginal people what special quality does Uluru possess?

- 1/ It's ancient
- 2/ It's symbolic
- 3/ It's profitable
- 4/ It's sacred
- 5/ It looks beautiful

**6** — In paragraph 1, what famous period of art/architecture is the Australian artist Brett Whiteley reminded of when he looks at Ayers Rock/Uluru?

- 1/ Gothic
- 2/ Georgian
- 3/ Baroque
- 4/ Colonial
- 5/ Neo classical



**7** Referring to paragraph 3. What has become a source of contention between the different cultures in Australia regarding the famous rock?

- 1/ Climbing the rock
- 2/ Camping near the rock
- 3/ Defacing the rock
- 4/ Cleaning the rock
- 5/ Selling pieces of the rock as souvenirs

**8** According to traditional Aboriginal law, who are the only people allowed to climb Uluru?

- 1/ Anyone who wants to
- 2/ Those people living near the rock
- 3/ Tourists
- 4/ Senior men initiated in Anangu culture
- 5/ Religious people

**9** Referring to paragraph 1, "Perched dramatically atop a vast plain of desert oaks and porcupine grass." What does the word "perched" mean?

- 1/ Floating
- 2/ Resting
- 3/ Swaying
- 4/ Hanging
- 5/ Sliding

**10** In paragraph 2, the author speaks of “A place of pilgrimage for tourist since the 1960’s.” What is a place of pilgrimage?

- 1/ A popular resort
- 2/ A remote part of the country
- 3/ A monastery
- 4/ A secret location
- 5/ A sacred place

**11** Referring to paragraph 4, if someone possesses the “title deeds” to a piece of land, does it mean?

- 1/ They can name the piece of land as they wish
- 2/ They can use the land for whatever purpose they wish
- 3/ They have sole access to that land
- 4/ They have legal rights to that land
- 5/ They have inherited the land

**12** What word is closest in meaning to the word “fervently” as mentioned in paragraph 7?

- 1/ Closely
- 2/ Remotely
- 3/ Ironically
- 4/ Intensely
- 5/ Instinctively

**13** If something is said to be a “source of contention”, it is likely to cause which of the following?

- 1/ A feeling of good will
- 2/ A successful outcome
- 3/ A dispute/argument
- 4/ A positive reaction
- 5/ A great understanding

**14** In paragraph 2, the author mentions that the summit of the mountain is 330 meters, what is another way of describing the summit of a mountain? Is it?

- 1/ The higher point
- 2/ The Maximum point
- 3/ The highest point
- 4/ The greatest point
- 5/ The high point

**15** In the final paragraph, according to David Ross, Director of the Central Land Council, what is Uluru to the people of Australia?

- 1/ A national disgrace
- 2/ A blot on the landscape
- 3/ A national icon
- 4/ An eyesore
- 5/ An architectural wonder

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## EXPRESSION

**1** He was determined to ... the record straight.

- 1/ Get
- 2/ Set
- 3/ Show
- 4/ Let
- 5/ Pull

**2** Sizzling temperatures were ... for the week ahead.

- 1/ Prohibited
- 2/ Predated
- 3/ Promoted
- 4/ Permitted
- 5/ Predicted

**3** She was distraught ... hearing the news.

- 1/ On
- 2/ For
- 3/ While
- 4/ From
- 5/ To

**4** The employee was fired for ... breach of company regulations.

- 1/ Big
- 2/ Many
- 3/ Gross
- 4/ Great
- 5/ Huge

**5** He appealed the decision but the dismissal was ... .

- 1/ Withheld
- 2/ Unheard
- 3/ Foretold
- 4/ Untold
- 5/ Upheld

**6** The employee attended a ... meeting where management dismissed him.

- 1/ Disciplined
- 2/ Disciplinary
- 3/ Disciple
- 4/ Disciplinarian
- 5/ Discipline

**7** He was ... to reconsider his position on the matter.

- 1/ Purged
- 2/ Forged
- 3/ Urged
- 4/ Nudged
- 5/ Splurged

**8** Sporting ... play an important role in binging people together.

- 1/ Advent
- 2/ Events
- 3/ Event
- 4/ Even
- 5/ Vents

9 The country had experienced ... flooding in recent weeks.

- 1/ Windswept
- 2/ Widespread
- 3/ Bedpread
- 4/ Spreadsheet
- 5/ Wide-open

10 The game commenced to blue skies but the action was interrupted ... by showers.

- 1/ Throughout
- 2/ Without
- 3/ Thoroughly
- 4/ Throughput
- 5/ Throughway

11 Their ... priorities include creating longterm jobs.

- 1/ Mainly
- 2/ Mane
- 3/ Main
- 4/ Most
- 5/ Manly

12 After initial treatment the lady was rushed to a ... hospital.

- 1/ Layby
- 2/ Standby
- 3/ Passerby
- 4/ Fly-by
- 5/ Nearby

**13** He ... into the river to save the young boy from drowning.

- 1/ Waddled
- 2/ Waved
- 3/ Wafted
- 4/ Waded
- 5/ Warped

**14** A number of flights to and from Rome were cancelled due to strike ... by ground staff.

- 1/ Action
- 2/ Act
- 3/ Activity
- 4/ Auction
- 5/ Anxious

**15** It was a ... moment in what had been an incredible career.

- 1/ Deafening
- 2/ Defined
- 3/ Deformed
- 4/ Defining
- 5/ Fefinite

**16** In devastated countries, the dead are accounted for, but there's no search for the ... .

- 1/ Missing
- 2/ Miss
- 3/ Missed
- 4/ Mess
- 5/ Misses

**17** The United States Postal Service suffered a \$2 billion ... .

- 1/ Lost
- 2/ Loss
- 3/ Lose
- 4/ Loser
- 5/ Loses

**18** As long as libertarianism is code for "segregation should be legal," it's going to have trouble ... blacks.

- 1/ Win by
- 2/ Winning to
- 3/ Win for
- 4/ Winning over
- 5/ Winning at

**19** This actor had many faces, but he was ... .

- 1/ One
- 2/ One of a kind
- 3/ Two of a kinds
- 4/ Kids
- 5/ Only

**20** ... appeals for calm, the streets of the town, have been bathed in tear gas and the crack of rubber bullets.

- 1/ Despite on
- 2/ Despite with
- 3/ Despite by
- 4/ Despite
- 5/ On despite



21 For the ... part the participants were satisfied with the conference.

- 1/ Best
- 2/ Major
- 3/ Better
- 4/ Most
- 5/ Majority

22 By all ... please come back and see us again.

- 1/ Sorts
- 2/ Occasions
- 3/ Means
- 4/ Possibilities
- 5/ Meantime

23 The desk was full of nooks and ... were all sorts of small items could be stored.

- 1/ Grannies
- 2/ Corners
- 3/ Drawers
- 4/ Crannies
- 5/ Hooks

24 I do not take any water in my whisky, I drink it ... .

- 1/ Strong
- 2/ Neat
- 3/ Straight
- 4/ Dry
- 5/ Hot

25 Charles tried engaging Penelope in conversation but she gave him the ... off.

- 1/ Push
- 2/ Break
- 3/ Move
- 4/ Leave
- 5/ Brush

26 The view of the city from the top of the Eiffel Tower was breath-....

- 1/ Cutting
- 2/ Moving
- 3/ Making
- 4/ Taking
- 5/ Holding

27 The painting ... a pastoral scene from the 17th century.

- 1/ Depicted
- 2/ Described
- 3/ Disposed
- 4/ Drafted
- 5/ Divulged

28 The teacher was very easy ... and would not complain if homework was submitted late.

- 1/ Coming
- 2/ Being
- 3/ Going
- 4/ Chair
- 5/ Pleased

**29** Peter tried to argue the case but he could not get a word in ... ways.

- 1/ Side
- 2/ All
- 3/ Any
- 4/ Some
- 5/ Edge

**30** During the autumn most trees lose their leaves but not the ... greens.

- 1/ Either
- 2/ Ever
- 3/ Never
- 4/ Winter
- 5/ Village

**31** Michael was shocked to hear his thesis was rejected. He had taken it for ... that it would be accepted.

- 1/ Awarded
- 2/ Passed
- 3/ Granted
- 4/ Conceded
- 5/ Acquired

**32** During the debate it was clear the politician had not come to ... with the key issues.

- 1/ Hand
- 2/ Grips
- 3/ Grasp
- 4/ Hold
- 5/ Grapple

**33** When he heard he had won the big cash prize a huge ... spread across his face.

- 1/ Grin
- 2/ Grim
- 3/ Expression
- 4/ Beam
- 5/ Laugh

**34** The armed robbers were arrested at taken at gun ... to the nearest police station.

- 1/ Shot
- 2/ Man
- 3/ Powder
- 4/ Point
- 5/ Barrel

**35** The group was very high ... as only those with an IQ above 130 were admitted.

- 1/ Chair
- 2/ Crest
- 3/ Brow
- 4/ Heeled
- 5/ Flying

# COMPRÉHENSION

## Texte

### 12 UNTRANSLATABLE WORDS (AND THEIR TRANSLATIONS)

*David Shariatmadari, The Guardian, Thursday 21st August 2014*

1. We'd all like to believe in untranslatable words. It's such a romantic thought: that there exist out there, like undiscovered desert islands, ideas we have never even conceived of. Carefully guarded by foreigners they have endured down the centuries, nuggets of culture overlooked by the rest of the world.

2. There are a fair few linguistic and non-linguistic assumptions bound up in this romance, most of which are decidedly dodgy. For example, the idea that any aspect of human experience could be inaccessible to you just because you speak the wrong language. Or that if a language doesn't have a single word for a concept (that's before we've even defined exactly what a "word" is), there can be no way to express it. Then there's the notion that words are a reliable key to the culture that uses them. Drunken ones might have lots of ways to describe intoxication. Religious ones might have a rich vocabulary for mystical states, and so on.

Then there are the often-cited examples themselves. They're nearly all ridiculous, when you look at them closely.

#### **Hyggelig**

3. This charmingly sensuous word is Danish. One over-excited website says that it "designates the mentality and demeanor of being warm, accommodating and friendly. Politically, it finds an echo [in Denmark] to welcome political refugees." How about just "comfy"? Google comes up "nice", and one Dane on Twitter suggests "cozy".

#### **Saudade**

4. This Portuguese word crops up on lots of untranslatable lists. Writer Manuel de Melo has defined it as "a pleasure you suffer, an ailment you enjoy". To me that's a reasonable description of the concept of





“nostalgia”. It sounds like the important place that *saudade* occupies in the literary and musical tradition of Portuguese-speaking countries is the hard thing to “translate”. In other words, this is just a case of cultural difference.

### **Utepils**

5. In Norwegian, this word means “to sit outside on a sunny day enjoying a beer”. How quaint! Those cheeky Scandinavians, always nipping out for a Ringnes. Except that a) it’s not even a verb but a compound noun and b) *ute* simply means “out” or “outside”. *Pils* is self-explanatory, so the term is basically “outdoor-beer”. Hardly the anthropological discovery of the century.

### **Aware**

6. The same list renders this Japanese word as “the bittersweetness of a brief and fading moment of transcendent beauty”. Or, as the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy has it, “pathos”. A bit less of a mouthful.

### **Lítost**

7. Milan Kundera found himself unable to translate this Czech word into English. In *The Book of Laughter and Forgetting*, he defined it as “a state of torment created by the sudden sight of one’s own misery”. Languages divide the spectrum of human suffering up differently. But English certainly has a plethora of contenders for a rough equivalent: self-pity, remorse, regret, anguish, shame.

### **Snow**

8. “We have [In English] the same word for falling snow, snow on the ground, snow packed hard like ice, slushy snow, wind-driven flying snow – whatever the situation may be. To an Eskimo, this all-inclusive word would be almost unthinkable; he would say that falling snow, slushy snow, and so on, are sensuously and operationally different, different things to contend with; he uses different words for them and for other kinds of snow.” So wrote amateur linguist Benjamin Lee Whorf in a famous 1940 essay.

9. This is the untranslatability problem in reverse: “snow” would mean nothing to an Inuit, as its scope is far too large. But check out the Wikipedia page for snow in Inuktitut, an Inuit language of Canada. It’s short. The idea that there are tens or hundreds of Inuit words for snow derives from a failure to understand the structure of this group



of languages, which are able to fuse adjectives on to a root noun to create a new descriptor. Imagine if in English we wrote softsnow and crustysnow. Would our vocabulary have suddenly expanded?

### **Çekoslovakyalılatıramadıklarımızdanmısınız**

10. With the breakup of Czechslovakia, Turks found themselves faced with the prospect of a fantastically long new word, which means “you are reportedly one of those that we could not make Czechoslovakian”. Not something we have a ready equivalent for in English. But once again, this feat is achieved by sleight of grammar. Turkish is an agglutinative language, in which the various parts of speech, tense and case markers are run together. It’s not really a word, but a sentence.

### **Schnapsidee**

11. A useful concept from German. “An ingenious plan one hatches while drunk.” But untranslatable? It might be directed at opium-eaters rather than drinkers, but how about pipe dream?

### **Waldeinsamkeit**

12. Another German word, coined by the romantic poet Ludwig Tieck. Described as “a feeling of ... being alone in the woods and a connectedness to nature”, it could equally be glossed forest-solitude. German is a language that makes extensive use of derivational synthesis to build new words. In English, as above, we might use hyphens to create something of the same effect.

### **Toska**

13. Vladimir Nabokov gets all Milan Kundera about this Russian word: “No single word in English renders all the shades of toska. At its deepest and most painful, it is a sensation of great spiritual anguish, often without any specific cause.” Twitter is more succinct:

### **Goya**

14. This Urdu word, of Persian origin, apparently describes “the suspension of disbelief that can occur, often through good storytelling”. In fact, it simply means “it is said”, equivalent to “apparently”. Used in telling tales, certainly, but the “translation” picks up the associations of the word, rather than its meaning.

### **Razbliuto**

15. Russian wistfulness again. Razbliuto means “a feeling a person has for someone he or she once loved but no longer feels the same way





about". Or so William Safire believed. But he got it from Christopher J Moore, who got it from Howard Rheingold who got it from J Bryan III who got it from an episode of The Man from UNCLE, the scriptwriters of which evidently made it up. A case of Russian whispers?

### **But hang on ...**

16. These examples of "untranslatability" are all wrong or just silly in their various ways. But it's hard to shake off the feeling that there's some truth in the idea that speaking a different language makes you see the world slightly differently: as though wearing tinted glasses that lend everything a French or Russian tinge. Two ideas in linguistics are relevant here. The first, called the Sapir-Whorf hypothesis, holds that language determines what humans are capable of thinking. Since languages vary starkly, so must thought. After lots of study, few linguists now believe that a given language can do more than slightly alter what we pay attention to in a situation, usually through its grammar.

17. The second is the idea of structuralism, in which every part of the structure of a language is related. Think of it like this: the real world is a plain patch of ground, and language is a net we throw over it. Each time the net falls, every one of the diamond-shaped holes lands on a slightly different patch. The net's a bit worn out, and some of the holes are torn, meaning they cover more ground. Some bunch up and cover less. Think of words as being like these holes: so *saudade* might mean something slightly more than homesickness, whereas *dépaysement* means something less, referring only to that kind of homesickness you get from being in a foreign country. Linguists have called the semantic space words occupy a "lexical field".

So the Sapir-Whorf hypothesis falls, but the notion of lexical fields makes a lot of sense. In short: no word is completely untranslatable, but then no word is precisely translatable either. And, I promise you, that's no *schnapsidee*.

## Questions

- 1 If we regard the existence of untranslatable words as 'a romantic thought', that means we believe it to be:
  - 1/ Affectionate
  - 2/ Heroic
  - 3/ Adventurous
  - 4/ Remote
  - 5/ Mysterious
  
- 2 The notion that words are a reliable key to the culture that uses them means separate cultures:
  - 1/ Deliberately create their own untranslatable words
  - 2/ Create more variations in vocabulary to describe subjects which dominate their culture
  - 3/ Create a single word for each concept
  - 4/ Create untranslatable words to make their culture expressive
  - 5/ Create additional vocabulary to describe drunkenness and religion
  
- 3 In the following phrase taken from the first paragraph 'Nuggets of culture overlooked by the rest of the world', 'nugget' means:
  - 1/ Untranslatable word
  - 2/ Desert island
  - 3/ A solid lump of metal
  - 4/ A small round piece of food
  - 5/ A piece of valuable information

**4** In the following phrase from the third paragraph 'Politically, it finds an echo [in Denmark] to welcome political refugees', the author means:

- 1/ Danes welcome refugees into their homes
- 2/ Danes provide accommodation to political refugees
- 3/ The effect of welcoming political refugees is to make Danes feel accommodating and friendly
- 4/ Because Danes are naturally accommodating and friendly they welcome political refugees
- 5/ It is official government policy in Denmark to welcome political refugees

**5** In the fourth paragraph how does the author explain why the Portuguese word 'Saudade' appears amongst many lists of untranslatable words:

- 1/ The word 'nostalgia' represents only an approximate translation into English
- 2/ Its specificity to the literary and musical tradition is hard to translate
- 3/ The word has only ever been defined by the writer Manoel de Melo
- 4/ Portuguese is a difficult language to translate
- 5/ Portuguese-speaking countries are culturally different from other countries

**6** In the following phrase taken from the fifth paragraph 'How quaint', 'quaint' means:

- 1/ Ridiculous
- 2/ Amusing
- 3/ Pathetic
- 4/ Eccentric
- 5/ Contemporary



7 — In the following phrase taken from the seventh paragraph 'Languages divide the spectrum of human suffering up differently', the word 'spectrum' means:

- 1/ Majority
- 2/ Totality
- 3/ Range
- 4/ Types
- 5/ Worst

8 — In the following phrase taken from the seventh paragraph 'But English certainly has a plethora of contenders for a rough equivalent', 'plethora' means:

- 1/ Deficiency
- 2/ Shortage
- 3/ Few
- 4/ Abundance
- 5/ Range

9 — In the ninth paragraph how does the author explain the previously held mistaken belief that the Inuit culture had thousands of words for snow:

- 1/ The Wikipedia page for snow in Inuktitut is short
- 2/ Benjamin Lee Whorf was only an amateur linguist
- 3/ Inuits do not use the word snow
- 4/ English vocabulary for snow has not expanded
- 5/ Inuits are able to attach adjectives to nouns in order to create new words

**10** In the following phrase taken from the ninth paragraph 'which are able to fuse adjectives on to a root noun', the word 'fuse' means:

- 1/ Join
- 2/ Melt
- 3/ Separate
- 4/ Mix
- 5/ Blend

**11** In the following phrase taken from the tenth paragraph 'this feat is achieved by sleight of grammar', the word 'sleight' means:

- 1/ Error
- 2/ Principal
- 3/ Peculiarity
- 4/ Dexterity
- 5/ Change

**12** In the following phrase taken from the eleventh paragraph 'An ingenious plan one hatches while drunk', 'hatches' means:

- 1/ Steals
- 2/ Copies
- 3/ Concocts
- 4/ Explains
- 5/ Shares

**13** In the sixteenth paragraph how does the author justify rejecting the Sapir-Whorf hypothesis?

- 1/ Languages are very similar so humans think the same thoughts
- 2/ Speaking a different language makes you see the world differently
- 3/ Since languages vary starkly so must thought
- 4/ Only minor differences in perception may be created by language
- 5/ Differences in grammar between languages can create vastly different perceptions

**14** In the following phrase taken from the sixteenth paragraph 'Since languages vary starkly', 'starkly' means:

- 1/ Differently
- 2/ Never
- 3/ Seldom
- 4/ Slightly
- 5/ Sharply

**15** In the seventeenth paragraph the author states that 'the notion of lexical fields makes a lot of sense'. How does he justify this statement?

- 1/ The idea of structuralism in language may be rejected
- 2/ 'Saudade' means something different from 'dépaysement'
- 3/ There is never a perfect translation of a word from one language to another
- 4/ The list of untranslatable words were found to be false
- 5/ The real world is a patch of ground, and language is a net we throw over it

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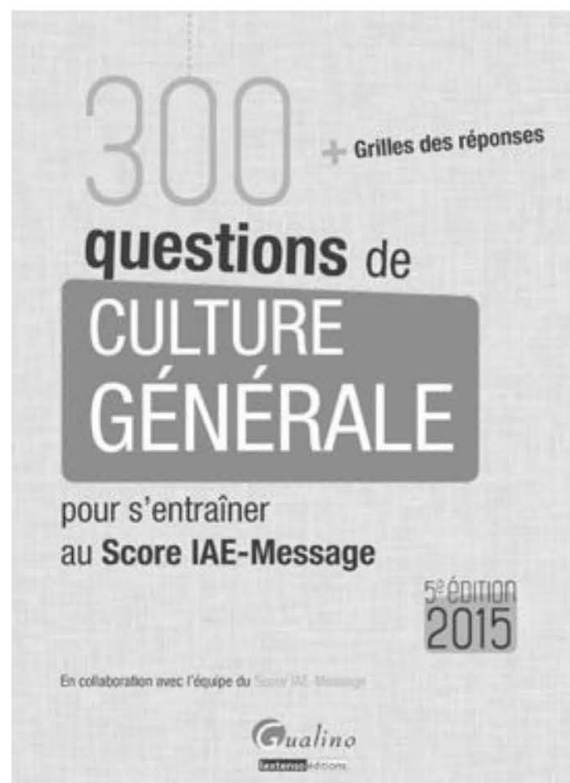
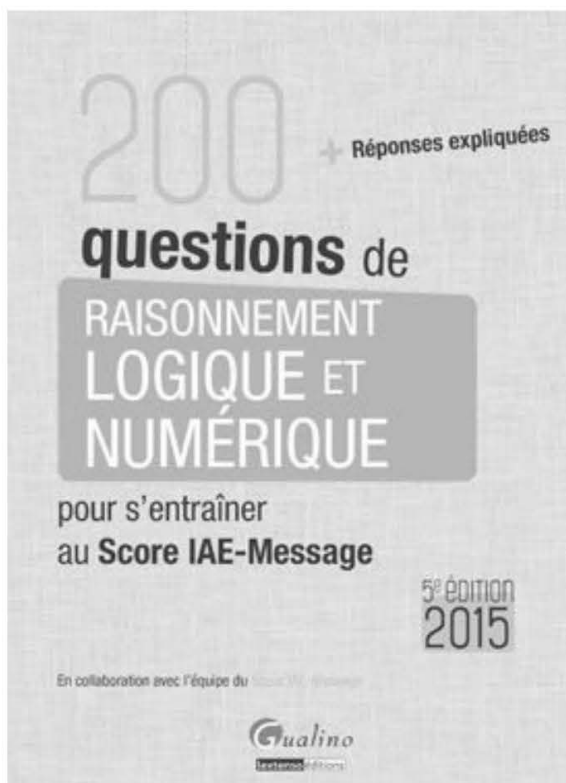
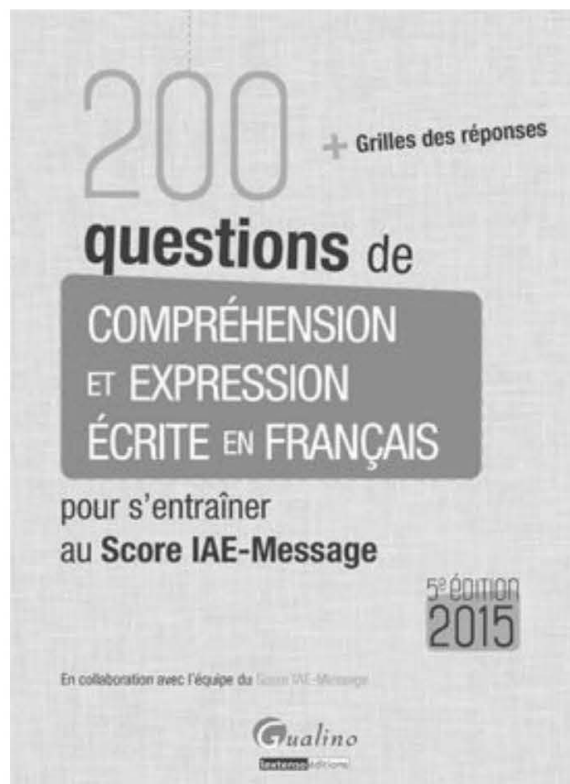
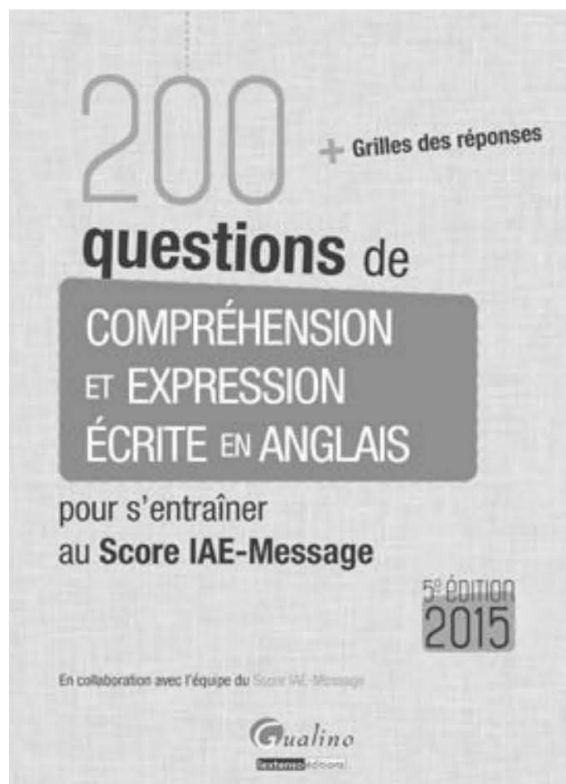
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