

Partiel d'anglais CIE, EPITA  
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# LIVRET

Les étudiants utilisent les feuilles de réponse pour marquer leurs réponses.

Ils peuvent garder ce livret

Answer on the answer sheet. Keep this booklet.

**Part 1: Grammar (Total 47 points)**

Use the appropriate past form of the verbs in the parenthesis to complete the sentences (1-5): /7

- 1) The concert \_\_\_ (just, begin) when the power went off.
- 2) José \_\_\_ (sit) at the computer for two hours. His eyes are tired.
- 3) The apartment manager \_\_\_ (tell) us about the meeting, but we weren't able to attend.
- 4) By the time we left the café, we \_\_\_ (talk) for nearly two hours!
- 5) I found the perfect gift for my father. When I a) \_\_\_ (want) to pay for it, I realised that I b) \_\_\_ (forget) my money at home. I c) \_\_\_ (be) so embarrassed!

Put the verbs in appropriate tense in the following letter (6 to 21): /16

Dear Janet,

I (6) \_\_\_ (just/read) your email but my computer (7) \_\_\_ (not/work), so I decided to send you a letter. Next month I (8) \_\_\_ (move) to the new flat and I (9) \_\_\_ (already/buy) the furniture. I can't wait!

By the way, I have some news to tell you. While I (10) \_\_\_ (look) for the flat, I (11) \_\_\_ (meet) a very nice estate agent: his name is James. We (12) \_\_\_ (be) out for dinner twice and tomorrow we (13) \_\_\_ (have) lunch together. I'm sure you (14) \_\_\_ (like) him a lot.

Now I (15) \_\_\_ (wait) for my sister. We (16) \_\_\_ (go) to a party together later and I (17) \_\_\_ (not/know) what to wear: my old flat is full of boxes and I can't find a nice dress. I (18) \_\_\_ (go) shopping three times this week but always for the flat. If my sister (19) \_\_\_ (lend) me something nice for tonight, I shall be fine.

I have to go now. It (20) \_\_\_ (be) nice to hear from you. Please stay in touch.

I look forward to (21) \_\_\_ (hear) from you soon.

Yours,

Sharon

For Questions 22-26, correct the mistakes. Each sentence has one mistake. /5

- 22) As soon as the program will end, I'm going to bed.
- 23) Next month, I'm living in a new apartment.
- 24) You are paying a huge fine if you return this book late to the library.
- 25) After the baby is going to stop crying, she will fall asleep.
- 26) By the time Mr. Wilcox reads my email, I will leave the office.

Use the appropriate future form of the given verbs in parenthesis to complete sentences (27-31) /5

- 27) Flight 726 \_\_\_ (leave) Portland at 7:23 A.M.
- 28) As soon as the plane \_\_\_ (land), I promise that I \_\_\_ (contact) you immediately.

- 29) Next week Friday at exactly this time of the day, I \_\_\_\_\_ (party) on the beach in Mallorca.
- 30) Alexandre started learning English when he was in the first grade. By the time he \_\_\_\_\_ (graduate) from high school, he \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) English for twelve years.
- 31) The basketball team is having a great year. By the end of this season, they \_\_\_\_\_ (win) many games.

**Complete the sentences with the words in parenthesis in their appropriate forms (32-40):** \_\_\_\_\_ /9

- 32) Any text or email \_\_\_\_\_ (must + check) carefully before it is sent.
- 33) The papers \_\_\_\_\_ (will + collect) at the beginning of the class.
- 34) According to the fire chief, yesterday, the fire \_\_\_\_\_ (might + start) by a cigarette in the garbage can.
- 35) That poem \_\_\_\_\_ (write) by my sister. She is a wonderful poet.
- 36) Our kitchen is old and dark. We're going to renovate it. It \_\_\_\_\_ (ought + paint) a light shade of green or white to make it look brighter.
- 37) There's an old house for sale on Route 411. They say that George Washington visited it, so it \_\_\_\_\_ (must + build) in the 1700s.
- 38) The bus \_\_\_\_\_ (should+drive) more slowly on the dangerous road. So many people lost their lives!
- 39) A language \_\_\_\_\_ (can/not+learn) only by reading about it. You have to practice speaking it.
- 40) Everyone \_\_\_\_\_ (had better+wear) facemasks before the virus spreads more.

**Change the following sentences from active to passive or vice versa by keeping their meanings same (41-45):** \_\_\_\_\_ /5

- 41) Wonderful nurses took care of the patients.
- 42) All of Santoshi's questions were answered by his teacher.
- 43) Miriam often misunderstands her older sister, Paula.
- 44) The teacher was congratulating the students on their success when the rain started.
- 45) Your homework will have to be finished by the time class starts.

**Part 2: Articles studied in class (Total 13 points)**

**Article 7: 'The Guardian view on Humanities: the importance of being rounded'**

**Fill in the gaps in the following sentences with words from the article (Questions 46-50):** \_\_\_\_\_ /5

46. STEM: Science, Technology, \_\_\_\_\_, Mathematics
47. SHAPE: Social sciences, \_\_\_\_\_, and the Arts for People and the Economy
48. The \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ movement proved our increasing incomprehension of our history.
49. Science will help us understand the \_\_\_\_\_ emergency but cannot bring about political changes.

50. In conclusion, the author argues that \_\_\_\_\_ importance for SHAPE disciplines is not only good but also necessary.

**Article 9: 'The lack of people of color in science images must be fixed'**

51. 'This is far from an isolated case.' --- What does this refer to? Answer in one sentence. /2

52. '..... and there are several potential ways to rectify it.' --- What are the two ways suggested in the article? /2

**Article 10: This is what happens when Tech Executives start believing their own hype'**

True or False? (53-56) /4

53. Jesse Powell has fought for gender equality for many years.

54. Elon Musk fired several SpaceX employees who complained about him in a letter.

55. A wave of Asian employees left Brian Armstrong's company after being characterised as less capable.

56. Overall, the tone of the article criticises Tech executives' toxic behaviour.

**Part 3: Writing (Total 40 points)**

Read the following article and write a summary in no more than 100 words, following the methodology covered in class: /20

**Twitter has been repeatedly warned it is not ready for new EU regulations.**

Dan Milmo , Global technology editor, The Guardian, April 25, 2023

Twitter is among the tech firms that will face the toughest level of scrutiny under a new European Union regulatory regime for monitoring digital platforms, after warnings from Brussels that the Elon Musk-owned platform is unprepared for the new rules.

The company, which Musk bought in October 2022, has been designated a "very large online platform" under the bloc's Digital Services Act, which means complying with measures such as publishing an independent audit of its compliance with the legislation.

It will be joined by 16 other major names including YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, Wikipedia, Snapchat and TikTok.

Twitter has been repeatedly warned that it is not ready for the new rules, with breaches risking a fine of 6% of global turnover and, in the most extreme cases, a temporary suspension of the service. Under Musk's ownership, Twitter has reduced its workforce from 7,500 people to about 1,500, leading to fears that moderation standards and its ability to comply with the act would suffer as a consequence.

In November last year, the EU's commissioner for the internal market, Thierry Breton, implied that Twitter was in danger of non-compliance with the act, telling Musk that the company will have to raise its efforts to "pass the grade". Breton added that Musk had "huge work ahead" to comply with the DSA. However, a readout of the November meeting with Musk added that the Tesla CEO had "committed to comply" with the DSA.

In January, Breton again urged Musk to “progress towards full compliance with the DSA”, with Musk replying that the DSA’s goals of transparency, accountability and accurate information were aligned with Twitter’s.

Under the rules for large platforms, they must carry out annual risk assessments outlining the risks of harmful content such as disinformation, misogyny, harms to children and election manipulation. The moderation systems and measures put in place to mitigate those risks will also be checked by the EU.

The big platforms will also have to publish an independent audit of their compliance with the DSA, as well as how many people they employ in content moderation. They must also provide details of their algorithms and allow independent researchers to monitor compliance with the act.

Platforms will also be banned from building profiles of child users for companies to target them with ads. Those platforms that can be reached by minors must also put in place measures to protect their privacy and keep them safe. Users must also be able to report illegal content easily.

The European Commission, the EU’s executive arm, confirmed Twitter’s designation as a VLOP on Tuesday, while Google and Microsoft’s Bing will also have to comply with similarly strict regulations after being designated “very large search engines”. Tech platforms must reach at least 45 million monthly active users in the EU in order to be designated VLOPs or VLSEs.

There are also regulations for smaller platforms such as publishing transparent terms and conditions.

Breton said on Tuesday the “countdown is starting” for the companies designated with special status under the act. “Today is the D (SA)-Day for digital regulation,” he said.

Guillaume Couneson, a partner at law firm Linklaters, said complying with the VLOP and VLSE provisions was a “challenge for everyone” and not just Twitter. The designated companies now have four months to comply with the act’s obligations including the first annual risk assessment.

“It is not a long period of time to implement strict and in some cases burdensome obligations,” said Couneson.

Email writing: \_\_\_\_\_ /20

**You have just seen the following advertisement on a website for teenage volunteers.**

### Summer Camp Volunteers

We are looking for young, enthusiastic volunteers to look after children from poor families in the summer holidays. You do not need any special skills, but you must be hard working and speak good English. You should enjoy sports, outdoor activities like hiking, or swimming, or indoor activities such as board games, music and reading stories. If you are interested, please apply to [office@uksummercamps.org](mailto:office@uksummercamps.org)

You decide to apply for the job. Write an email of about 150 – 200 words saying

- why you want the job

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- what special qualities make you the right person for the job
- what and how will this experience benefit you in the future