**Epreuve d’Anglais grade : 9th**

**Durée: 2 heures coef :2**

**Name…………………………………………………..**

In a year that has largely been full of bad and tragic news because of COVID-19, there is finally some good news. Scientists have announced a breakthrough in the fight against the virus. The scientists are from the U.S. drug company Pfizer and the German pharmaceutical company BioNTech. **Their** researchers say they have developed a vaccine that has a 90 per cent success rate in protecting against COVID-19. The researchers also say the vaccine does not cause serious side effects. Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the USA's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious, Diseases, said the vaccine was positive news. He said: "The results are really quite good, I mean extraordinary."

Health experts say it will be months before the vaccine is widely available for people to take. **I**t needs to be stored at temperatures of -80º Celsius. However, Pfizer CEO Dr. Albert Bourla was upbeat about his company's achievement. He said: "Today is a great day for science and humanity.... We are reaching this critical milestone in our vaccine development program at a time when the world needs it most." He added: "Infection rates are setting new records; hospitals are nearing over-capacity and economies are struggling to re-open. With today's news, we are a significant step closer to providing people around the world with a much- needed breakthrough to help bring an end to this global health crisis."

# Adopted From: https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201113-covid-19-vaccine.htm

**I- COMPREHENSION: (8 pts.)**

1. **All the sentences are FALSE. Justify with specific passages from the text.**

**(*1x3*=3 pts.)**

* 1. Only American scientists found a vaccine against the covid-19.
  2. The new vaccine guarantees a total protection against the covid-19
  3. The vaccine is accessible worldwide.

# Read the text and find words similar in meaning to the following ones in the indicated paragraphs. (0.5X4=2pts*)*

1. terrible (**paragraph 1**) =
2. a discovery (**paragraph 1**) =
3. to eradicate (**paragraph 2) =**
4. Optimistic (**paragraph 2**) =

# What the following words refer to in the text? (1 X2=2pts)

1. **Their** (Their researchers say they have developed):
2. **it (**it needs to be stored):

# Read the text and fill in the chart with information from the text. (0.5X2=1pt)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Disease** | **Pharmaceutical companies** | **Storage condition** | **Success rate %** |
| **Covid -19** | 10.  11. | **12.** | 13. |

**II- LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE: (7 pts.)**

1. **Put the verbs in brackets in their correct forms and tenses.** (**0.5X4=2pts***)* The pandemic of covid-19 (14**)** (**to break out**) a year ago. Its effects are very devastating and deadly. In fact, many people (15) (**be/ kill**) worldwide these last months. However, drug companies (16) (**Currently / to develop**) vaccines to get rid of the covid-19. Let us hope a cure will be (17) (**to find**) very soon.

# Ask for the information in the bold part of the sentence. *(0.25X4=1pts)*

* 1. They have talked about COVID 19 **at school**. – ………………………………………
  2. The President has taken **the vaccine**- ………………………………………………………

20. **Fatima** has cooked dinner. - ……………………………………………………

21. Marie has read **seven** pages. ………………………………………………………

# G.Complete the dialogue below meaningfully. (0.5X5=2,5 pts)

A: I heard some laboratories have found a vaccine against coronavirus, (**22)** ? B: Yes, they have. How (23) ? A: The new vaccine is more than 90% efficient according to scientists.

B: (24**)** ?

A: Of course, I will get vaccinated when it comes to Senegal.

B: I don’t trust the vaccine. I’m really hesitating. If I were you, I (25) .

A: (26) ?

B: African people worry about being vaccinated because they think it is poisonous.

# H. Circle the correct option: (0.5X3=1,5pt.)

The struggle against the covid-19 is closely related to the (.27) (**available/ availability**/**avail**) of an efficient and (28) (**rely / reliability/ reliable**) vaccine. Some have been already found. According to the tests on people, their level of (29) (**efficiency/efficient/ efficiently**) is important.

# III)- WRITING: Choose a topic and write between 150 and 200 words. (5 pts.)

**Topic 1:** Your friend Abdou does not trust the vaccine against the covid-19. Imagine a conversation in which you are trying to convince him of the importance of vaccination on our health.

**Topic 2:** According to governmental authorities once the vaccine is available in Senegal, old people, health professionals and security forces will be the first to take the vaccine. Do you agree with this measure? Give your reasons.