

Examen National du Brevet de Technicien Supérieur-Session de Juin 2018

Spécialité/option : Toutes les spécialités

Épreuve : Anglais

Durée : 3 heures

Coef : 3

ALL THE ANSWERS SHOULD ONLY BE WRITTEN IN THE WRITING PAPER

PART ONE: LINGUISTIC COMPETENCE (10mks)

GRAMMAR (10mks)

A) Follow the instruction given per question (5mks)

1) The holy man said " God helps those who help themselves" (change to indirect speech) (1mk) ✓

2) They say "we love our country" (change to indirect speech" (1mk) ✓

3) Neither of them turned up for the meeting (form a tag question (1 mk) ✓

4) They may collect the prizes (change to passive voice) (1mk)

The prizes were collected by them ✓

5) Your behavior surprised them (turn to the passive voice) (1mk) ✓

They were surprised by your behavior ✓

B) Fill in the blank with the correct word from those given in the bracket (2.5mks)

1) He often stories that are unfounded (tells, says, told) (0.5mk)

2) We have all the juice in the refrigerator (drank, drunk, drank) (0.5mk)

3) The bell had already when the new teacher arrived (rung, rang, ringed) (0.5mk)

4) The Camping trip was fun, but my sister a bad cold (catched, caught, cut) (0.5mk)

5) My grandmother.....me how to bake bread (teached, taught, teach) (0.5mk)

C) Put in one of the following prepositions. (2.5 mks)

At on in for since during by until

- Sue isn't usually here.....weekends. She goes away.(0.5mk)
- The train service is very good. The trains are nearly alwaystime. (0.5mk)
- I couldn't decide whether or not to buy the sweater.the end I decided not to. (0.5mk)
- Brian has been doing the same job five years. (0.5mk)
- If you are interested in applying for the job, your application must be received..... Friday. (0.5mk)

VOCABULARY (10 mks)

A) Match words in Column A to their definitions in Column B and write the answers in the spaces provided in Column C (5mks)

Column A	Column B	Column C
1) Turn Over	a) Equiped vans which travel to isolated communities to sell goods	1)(0.5mk)
2) Unbalanced	b) The total sales of a business during a particular period	2)(0.5mk)
3) Mobile Shops	c) When the estimated expenditure of a budget exceeds revenue	3)(0.5mk)
4) Trade barrier	d) A hindrance to trade between nations	4)(0.5mk)
5) Inaccessible	e) Poor road conditions prohibit cars to go to some villages	5)(0.5mk)

B) Complete the table below correctly(2.5mks)

Masculine gender	Feminine gender
1 Cock	(0.5mk)
2	Nanny-goat (0.5mk)
3 Prophet	(0.5mk)
4	Maid servant (0.5mk)
5 Groom	(0.5mk)

C) Complete the sentences as indicated in brackets. (2.5 marks)

- The old couple lived in abundance. (opposite) Poverty (0.5mk)
- The groom anxiously looked for the missing ring. (synonym) dead (0.5mk)
- The accident was Many people died. (adverb/dead) (0.5mk)
- We were driving eastward. But we needed to go the opposite direction. So we turned round and drove runway. (opposite) (0.5mk)
- Places become rare when the sun sets. (adjective) (0.5mk)

PART TWO : READING COMPREHENSION (10mks)

Read the following text and answer the questions that follow it.

ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS

The commonest ways to invest your money are to put it in the bank to earn a little interest, or to invest in stocks and shares. But if interest rates are low and the stock exchange is showing no growth, you might look for alternatives. What about some of the following?

Buy a second house to let. This can be a good option in some areas but be sure that you get a rent that pays not only the mortgages costs, but also the maintenance of the property, and gives you profit. If you do your research well, a second house is often a good asset. Buy a share in commercial property. A more exciting option is to buy a share in a commercial property. If it is in a good location where rents are high and there is plenty of demand for properties, this can be a good option.

Support a new business. This is perhaps the most exciting of all. Many new businesses need capital and you could be 'a business angel'. If the business goes well, you can expect a healthy profit from your investment. Nevertheless, many new businesses fail, so the risks are high.

Buy art. Can you spot a future Picasso? Buy work by young artists and hope they become famous. If that is a risk too far; try established painters and sculptors. However, be warned. You have to understand not only art but also art fashions. Not recommended, unless art really is your passion and you have lots of money! Invest in furniture or antiques. Like buying art, this is high risk and depends on changing fashions. You must know the markets well.

Play the lottery. NO. The newspapers love stories about massive lottery wins, but you are more likely to make some money from a new business idea than from the lottery.

Do the football pools. Surprisingly this is more likely to bring you some winnings. The prizes are much smaller than lottery jackpots, but there are more winners. And you do not have to know anything about football!

Gamble on horse racing. Only bookmakers and very few professional gamblers make a profit from gambling on horse racing. An occasional visit to the races can be good fun, but if you think you will get rich, this is one to avoid.

QUESTIONS

1) If you want to buy a house to let, what do you need to do first ? (2mks)

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2) What are the most important considerations in buying commercial property? (2mks)

3) What is a "business angel"? (2mks)

4) Why is buying furniture or antiques similar to buying art? (2mks)

5) Why not play the lottery? (2mks)

Because the risks are so far when we play lottery and we cannot be certain to win if we play
~~can not~~ are

PART THREE : TRANSLATION (10mks)

1- TRANSLATE INTO ENGLISH : (05 marks) ✓

- a) Année budgétaire.....(1mk)
- b) Surproduction.....(1mk)
- c) Avis de crédit.....(1mk)
- d) Bilan financier.....(1mk)
- e) Vivre ensemble.....(1mk)

2- Translate the following sentences into French (5 marks)

- 1) We are busy with extra-curricular activities.....(1mk)
- 2) Let's promote peaceful co-existence in Cameroon.....(1mk)
- 3) We condemn youths who take hard drugs.....(1mk)
- 4) Practice makes perfect.....(1mk)
- 5) I am on the fence.....(1mk)

PART FOUR : COMPOSITION (10mks)

Write an essay of between 180-220 words on **one** of the following topics

- 1- Write a letter to a friend of yours inviting him / her to your birthday party which will take place in your parents compound in August 2018. Ask him / her to bring along certain things which may be lacking
- 2- It is World's Health Day and you have been invited by the youths of Sangfosam village as the President of NGO health for all to talk on the dangers of taking hard drugs. Give a talk
- 3- What is a well-managed company according to you?