

SUJETS D'ANGLAIS AU BTS

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Inductions: Write all answers in the answers booklets and not on the question sheets.

SECTION A: COMPREHENSION

Read the text through and write answers to the questions below it in the spaces provided, as far as possible your own words in complete and correct English sentences.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Information technology has come a long way from the tools of the primitive caveman and Papyrus scrolls of the Egyptians, Greeks and Romans. Notable milestones in its development were marked by the invention of the printing press, the advent of newspapers, the introduction of postal services and the opening of public libraries. And it was given a new dimension telecommunication - with the invention of the telegraph in the century, to be followed by the telephone telex, radio and television.

Advances in information technology since the end of the Second World War have been fading less than revolutionary. The first impact was made by the electronic computer which quickly gained acceptance by organisations needing to record and process large volume of information quickly and efficiently. Video terminals connected by telecommunication links to computerized databases enable people access to the information they require in an instant - the level clerk checking airline seat availability; accountant checking, a customer's financial standing, the store man checking stock availability or the doctor checking a patient's case history. As a result, people at all levels able to make quicker and more effective decisions.

Information technology is also helping to make many jobs easier; thereby freeing us to do creative work. In the office word processors are enabling secretaries to handle much greater volume of typing work with less effort involved. In the factory computer controlled machine tools are freeing the production-line operator from being, routine work.

In the supermarket; barcode laser scanners record details of each purchase, enabling the manager to maintain an up to-the minute picture of sales and stock levels on each product

line without having to move from his office. At school, microcomputer farming systems are allowing teachers to devote more time to individual children. And in the home, electronically-programmed devices, such as automatic washing machines, are relieving the housewife of some of her biggest household chores.

QUESTIONS

1. What four main stages has information technology gone through?
2. How are the advances in information technology revolutionary?
3. What is the advantage of information technology in
 - a) The office?
 - b) The factory?

SECTION B: VOCABULARY

1. Give the collective names to the followings
 - a) Ink, papers, pencils, pens, ruler: Stationery.....
 - b) Office rotary chair, fitting cabinet, desk shelves.....
 - c) Hardware, software, disk drive, keyboard, screen, mouse, printer, modem.....
 - d) Conveyor belt, articulated arm, lathe, programmable controller.....
2. What do the following business abbreviations stand for?
 - a) Switch on the white light for better vision.....
 - b) Cannot use various devices correctly.....
3. Give the synonyms of the underlined words
4. Pick out the odd word in the pairs below
 - a) Foremen, brokers, blue-collar workers, machine operators.
 - b) Financial institution, commodity exchange, stock exchange, bank.
5. Make a verb from the underlined word and fill in the blank space.
 - a) He bought modern computers as he wanted to..... his
 - b) We need timing machines. Whether we make or buy them is not the point. Feeding our population is the key issue, so we have toagriculture.

SECTION C: LINGUISTIC COMPETENCE

1. From your knowledge of parts of speech, which class does each set of words belong to?
 - a) Can, must; shall, would, might _____

- b. Own, operate, print, build, process _____
- c. Data, vacua, nudei, media _____
- d. For, since, so, but, and _____
- 2. Do as indicated
 - a. The SONEL agent won't disconnect us (rewrite in the affirmative)
 - b. He would buy it. (Rewrite in the passive)
- 3. Imagine two dialogues in the following tenses and situations
 - Personnel manager to applicant / work in a factory / present perfect
 - You've never worked at anything like this before, have you?
 - No, I haven't, sir.
 - a. Boss to foreman / hire new hands / simple past _____
 - b. Girl to fellow worker / sorry / simple present _____
- 4. Do as indicated:
 - a. Write the company's turnover rise in figures: fifty three per cent ; _____
 - b. Write in words the fraction $\frac{2}{9}$: _____

SECTION D: TRANSLATION

1- TRANSLATE INTO ENGLISH

Tout le monde s'accorde sur le fait que l'automation va envahir les bureaux comme elle a envahi les usines et les services de comptabilité.

B- TRANSLATE INTO FRENCH

In my opinion, the time is now ripe for a serious search for international economic policies which could cope with the urgent problems of world poverty and recession, simultaneously.

SECTION: ESSAY

Topic1: Write an essay of about 250 words on the following topic.

Topic2: Technical education in your country.