

Examens d'admission 2022 – filière MP

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Nom et prénom :

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Anglais (45 minutes)

Pts

Note

Contenu :

A) Reading comprehension 1:

- Exercice 1: _____ / 10 points
- Exercice 2: _____ / 10 points

B) Reading comprehension 2:

- Exercice 3: _____ / 10 points

C) Writing

- Exercice 4: _____ / 20 points

Matériel autorisé

- Aucun matériel autorisé

A) Reading comprehension 1: do exercises 1 and 2.

Exercise 1: read the article and choose the correct answer to the 10 questions below. Circle the correct letter (*a, b, c, or d*).

_____ / 10 points

Las Vegas

Last April, John went to Las Vegas, Nevada. Las Vegas is a popular destination in the western part of the United States. The town is most popular for its casinos, hotels, and exciting nightlife.

In downtown Las Vegas, John spent a lot of time on The Strip, which is a 2.5-mile street with a lot of shops, luxury hotels, restaurants and other entertainment. This is probably the most commonly visited tourist area in the city. The Strip at night looks especially beautiful: all of the buildings light up with bright signs to attract the visitor's attention.

A stay in Las Vegas can feel similar to a visit to many popular cities worldwide. Many of the hotels have miniature versions of important international places and monuments: the Eiffel Tower, Venice, and even ancient Rome, for example.

One day, John left the city to visit the Grand Canyon, one of the Seven Wonders of the Natural World. The canyon offers a breath-taking view of Nevada's landscape. John especially liked the canyon because it was far away from all the noise in downtown Las Vegas.

John had a pleasant time during his trip to Las Vegas and will surely return one day. He did not win a lot of money in the casinos. However, he saw a lot of amazing places during his visit to this exciting city.

Boston

Jean and her family recently travelled to Boston, one of America's oldest colonial cities. Boston is rich in history. During their visit, Jean and her family appreciated learning about Boston's role during the American Revolution.

In the city, Jean and her family followed the famous Freedom Trail. This is a 2.5-mile route where tourists can visit 16 different, historically important places, located throughout the city. Famous places on this trail include the Paul Revere House, King's Chapel, and the Bunker Hill Memorial. Jean and her family got a map to navigate the Freedom Trail. The roads were clearly marked by red lines, and there were signs throughout the city to help Jean's family and other tourists find the way.

As part of the Freedom Trail, Jean and her family spent a lot of time in Boston's North End. This is one of the oldest residential neighbourhoods in the entire country. Here, they were able to visit Boston Harbour, which is the site of the historical Boston Tea Party. Jean had learned at school that this event was important for the American Revolution.

The end of the Freedom Trail led the family to the Boston Common, the oldest urban park in the nation. The park is filled with a lot of lush greenery, but it also serves as a burial ground for heroes of the American Revolution.

Because of their walk along the historical Freedom Trail, Jean and her family left Boston with a good understanding of early American history. Jean is convinced that she will pass her next history test.

Glossary

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| breath-taking (adj.) | very exciting or impressive |
| map (n.) | a plan of the earth's surface or part of it, showing countries, towns, rivers, etc. |
| neighbourhood (n): | area of a town that people live in |
| residential (adj): | a road, area, etc. that only has private houses, no offices and/or factories |
| lush (adj): | a lush area has a lot of green, healthy plants, grass, and trees |
| burial ground (n): | an area of land where there are dead bodies |

1. Why did John choose to visit Las Vegas?
 - a. because his family lives there
 - b. to visit the miniature Eiffel Tower
 - c. to win money
 - d. We don't know.
2. Which place seems to have the most tourists in Las Vegas?
 - a. the Grand Canyon
 - b. the Freedom Trail
 - c. the Strip
 - d. We don't know.
3. Why can you experience other international cities when you visit Las Vegas?
 - a. because there are so many tourists
 - b. because you can visit the city *and* the Grand Canyon
 - c. because you can see famous international places in some hotels
 - d. We don't know.
4. Why did John enjoy the Grand Canyon in particular?
 - a. It was more quiet than the city.
 - b. It was more natural than the city.
 - c. It was more impressive than the city.
 - d. We don't know.
5. Does John plan to visit Las Vegas again in the future?
 - a. No, he didn't like the city.
 - b. Yes, he certainly will.
 - c. He's already preparing his next visit.
 - d. We don't know.
6. What was Jean's family most interested in while staying in Boston?
 - a. to visit the beach
 - b. to visit souvenir shops
 - c. to visit historical sites
 - d. We don't know.

7. Was it difficult for the family to follow the Freedom Trail?
 - a. A little, because there weren't many signs that showed the way.
 - b. Not at all, because they could follow their way on a map and the roads were well indicated.
 - c. Yes, because the map was confusing.
 - d. We don't know.

8. Why is Boston's North End historically important?
 - a. Because the Boston Tea Party happened there.
 - b. Because it's a very old neighbourhood.
 - c. Because there are a lot of tourists.
 - d. We don't know.

9. What is the final stop on the Freedom Trail?
 - a. An urban park without greenery in the middle of the city.
 - b. An old industrial area in the middle of the city.
 - c. An ancient park with a lot of plants and a cemetery.
 - d. We don't know.

10. Which stop on the Freedom Trail did Jean enjoy the most?
 - a. Boston's North End
 - b. Boston Harbour
 - c. Boston Common
 - d. We don't know.

**Exercise 2: Match sentences 1-10 with letters A-J. Write the correct letter on the line.
Do not use the letters more than once. The meaning must respect the text.**

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| 1. | Las Vegas has many... | _____ | A) ...was a historical event. |
| 2. | The Strip is over... | _____ | B) ...views. |
| 3. | The Grand Canyon has amazing... | _____ | C) ...is educational. |
| 4. | In downtown Las Vegas... | _____ | D) ...for more than two miles. |
| 5. | There are 16... | _____ | E) ...exciting hotels. |
| 6. | The Boston Tea Party... | _____ | F) ... place on the trail. |
| 7. | Jean and her family walked... | _____ | I) ...two miles long. |
| 8. | The Freedom Trail... | _____ | G) ...peace in the park. |
| 9. | Boston Common is the last... | _____ | H) ...there are many tourists. |
| 10. | American heroes rest in... | _____ | J) ... stops on the trail. |

B) Reading Comprehension 2: "Life on the Seine". Do exercise 3.

Exercise 3: read the article below about Paris. For questions 1-10, decide which paragraph (A, B, C or D) contains the information. Each paragraph can be chosen more than once.

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A. The centre of Paris

On the Île de la Cité, in front of the Cathedral of Notre Dame, there is a compass set in the pavement. From here, all distances from Paris are measured. And at the heart of Paris is the River Seine. 'For Parisians the Seine is a compass, a way to know where you are,' says art historian Marina Ferretti. The river is an essential part of Parisian life. There are 199 houseboats on the river in Paris. One day, 34 years ago, Claude Tharreau was walking along the Seine when he saw a long boat called the Cathare for sale. 'I had been looking for an apartment,' he says. It was Sunday. On Wednesday he signed the contract. 'It was only afterwards that I noticed it was a boat with no electricity or water.'

B. The urban Riviera

During the summer, the Seine becomes an urban Riviera, a constant movement of beach-volleyball players, sand-castle artists, dancers of Samba, Tango, and Break Dance, different musicians and of course sunbathers. Project manager Damien Masset knows what is needed for the perfect beach: tons of sand, many umbrellas, chairs, tables, ice-cream stalls and cafés.

C. No swimming authorized

It's one of those hot summer days, the river looks cool and inviting. 'Can you swim in the Seine?' I ask the police commandant Sandrine Berjot. 'No,' she says. '38 euros.' That's the fine for swimming. 'What about putting your feet in?' 'You can't do that.' She also tells me that 'if someone is drowning, you mustn't jump into the water. But you do have to call the police.' If you don't do that, the fine is up to 75,000 euros or five years in jail.

D. The river

The river has also been a source of inspiration for famous French painters: Claude Monet kept a floating studio on the river near Argenteuil. Henri Matisse also had a studio on the Quai Saint-Michel. In their art we can see the constantly changing and dancing light of the river.

Glossary

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| compass (n): | an instrument that shows the directions north, south, east and west |
| drown (v): | to die because you have been underwater too long and you cannot breathe |
| fine (n): | a sum of money that must be paid as punishment for breaking a law or rule |
| floating (adj.): | moving slowly on water |
| pavement (n): | a flat part at the side of a road for people to walk on |
| stall (n): | a table or small shop with an open front that people sell things from, especially at a market |
| yard (n): | a measure of distance, about 90 centimetres |

Which paragraph says that...

A, B, C or D?

- 1) ... the river is very important to the life of many Parisians. _____
- 2) ... the Seine flows through the middle of Paris. _____
- 3) ... you will get a fine for jumping into the river. _____
- 4) ...French roads are calculated from that point. _____
- 5) ... the Seine helps Parisians find their location. _____
- 6) ... the beach on the Seine is a place for all kinds of different activities. _____
- 7) ... a man made a decision too quickly. _____
- 8) ... the activities you can do on the river are controlled by the police. _____
- 9) ... two artists worked near the river. _____
- 10) ... there are many elements to the construction of the beach. _____

