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## EPREUVE D'ANGLAIS

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**DURÉE : 30 minutes**  
**Coefficient 2**

**Lisez attentivement les consignes afin de vous placer dans les meilleures conditions de réussite de cette épreuve.**

**Vous devez traiter la totalité des 45 questions afin d'obtenir la note maximale.**

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Attention, il ne s'agit pas d'un examen mais bien d'un concours qui aboutit à un classement.

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**BAREME :**

**Pour chaque question, une seule réponse est correcte.** Afin d'éliminer les stratégies de réponses au hasard, **chaque réponse exacte est gratifiée de trois points**, tandis que **chaque réponse fausse est pénalisée par le retrait d'un point**. Une question non traitée n'apporte et ne retire aucun point.

**Part I- Grammar & Vocabulary**

1. In 2024, France \_\_\_\_\_ the Olympic and Paralympic Games.  
a. was held                      b. held                      c. has held                      d. had been holding
2. I'd \_\_\_\_\_ to hear your views on all of this.  
a. love                      b. loved                      c. to love                      d. lovingly
3. The growth of Over-the-Top and dedicated apps to share custom content and access live games whenever, \_\_\_\_\_, has only just begun.  
a. which                      b. anyhow                      c. without                      d. wherever
4. According to a recent study, fetuses in the womb \_\_\_\_\_ after their mothers ate kale but smiled after they ate carrots.  
a. scowled                      b. scowling                      c. are scowled                      d. are being scowled
5. Our English teacher is having some technical issues, please \_\_\_\_\_ with her.  
a. bare                      b. bear                      c. bier                      d. beer
6. Scientists have found 50 \_\_\_\_\_ reasons to study the brain of a fruit fly.  
a. of million                      b. millions                      c. millions of                      d. million
7. How might you \_\_\_\_\_ this feature in your curriculum?  
a. use                      b. to use                      c. have use                      d. using
8. David Baker, a US biochemist, was \_\_\_\_\_ for completing the almost impossible feat of building new kinds of protein.  
a. lored                      b. loaded                      c. lauded                      d. leaded
9. Adult barn swallows let their offspring \_\_\_\_\_ nests near their original nesting area.  
a. build                      b. builds                      c. building                      d. to build
10. Phishing attacks use email or social media platforms to trick employees into revealing \_\_\_\_\_ information like passwords.  
a. sensible                      b. sense                      c. sensitive                      d. sensing
11. I'm sorry I can't help you with that. I'm just the receptionist. IT problems are outside my \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. review                      b. preview                      c. overview                      d. purview
12. Last month Oracle, a software giant, \_\_\_\_\_ plans for a GW-scale data centre to be powered by three SMRs for which the firm has already secured permits.  
a. unveils                      b. will unveil                      c. unveiled                      d. has unveiled
13. Why does the lecturer \_\_\_\_\_ watching the programme?  
a. recommend                      b. recommends                      c. recommending                      d. recommended
14. The number of complaints from air passengers \_\_\_\_\_ sharply over the past two years, mainly due to problems with delays, cancelations and refunds.  
a. has risen                      b. raised                      c. have raised                      d. were rising
15. After the flood, our car became bogged \_\_\_\_\_ on the beach road.  
a. in                      b. off                      c. down                      d. out

16. Have you ever been put on the spot with a simple, seemingly \_\_\_\_\_ question before?  
a. innocuous      b. offence      c. obnoxiously      d. annoyance
17. Research has found that Americans fear public speaking more than they \_\_\_\_\_ bugs, heights, needles, zombies, ghosts, etc.  
a. have      b. might      c. do      d. can
18. Not only do the new drugs act in the gut, \_\_\_\_\_ they also bind to receptors all over the body and in the brain.  
a. and      b. but      c. moreover      d. besides
19. We will send the replacements for the defective laptops to \_\_\_\_\_ customers by the end of the week.  
a. us      b. ourselves      c. ours      d. our
20. Some critics have \_\_\_\_\_ that AI shouldn't have been used to solve a 50-year-old problem: predicting proteins' complex structure.  
a. assigned      b. participated      c. examined      d. argued
21. POP Bakery is one of the \_\_\_\_\_ stores in Versailles that will deliver baked goods to meetings and conferences.  
a. any      b. few      c. less      d. some
22. The standard working day at Gloria Moria Company includes a one-hour \_\_\_\_\_ for lunch.  
a. break      b. menu      c. nutrition      d. outcome
23. Members became apprehensive when negotiations reached a \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. rejection      b. decline      c. standstill      d. position
24. A computer is an electronic device \_\_\_\_\_ information, or data. It has the ability to store, retrieve, and process data.  
a. manipulates      b. that manipulates      c. it manipulates      d. that it manipulates
25. What would happen if the polls \_\_\_\_\_ off again?  
a. were      b. is      c. will be      d. would be
26. In the West, \_\_\_\_\_ is prized as the ideal of beauty, because for so many it is hard-won.  
a. thin      b. thinness      c. thinly      d. thinnish
27. The attack \_\_\_\_\_ took place in the jungle camp eight months ago.  
a. has alleged      b. alleged      c. allegedly      d. alleging
28. With a \_\_\_\_\_ of HBM chips looming, America is pressing South Korea to restrict its exports of them to China.  
a. shortage      b. deficient      c. shortish      d. scarce
29. Hello ladies, \_\_\_\_\_ of you is the first in line?  
a. which      b. who      c. whom      d. whose
30. \_\_\_\_\_ real work was done in the class while the teacher was out.  
a. Not a      b. No      c. Not any      d. None

31. They explained that she could have the job, \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a. did she                      b. didn't they                      c. could she                      d. couldn't she
32. Why not \_\_\_\_\_ the appointment for Friday afternoon?  
 a. schedule                      b. scheduling                      c. you schedule                      d. do you schedule
33. If you don't mind, I \_\_\_\_\_ take an early break today.  
 a. would                      b. would like                      c. would love                      d. would rather
34. If you \_\_\_\_\_ to my suggestion, we wouldn't have lost all our savings.  
 a. listened                      b. were listening                      c. have listened                      d. had listened
35. \_\_\_\_\_ a lot has been written about the class differences in British society, they no longer mean as much as they used to.  
 a. As though                      b. Until                      c. Even though                      d. Despite

## **Part 2 – Reading Comprehension**

### **‘How many aura points did I lose?’ The new coolness currency has hints of Aristotle**

You can count calories, steps, streams of your favorite song – and now, you can assign a number to how cool you are. See: aura points, a way to calculate your rizz. (That's what the kids call charisma, and if you didn't know that, you just lost 100 aura points.)

Ask someone out and get a yes? That's 100 aura points for you. Still on Snapchat past the age of 19? Gross and suspect ... dock 1,000 aura points. Confidently answered a question in class, but got it wrong? You're in the red now.

Or so the TikToks that explain the idea go. According to the *Wall Street Journal's* report on the trend, posts on the app with the hashtag #aurapoints jumped 378% from May to June. "When you have a really, really, really good aura, I feel like that really translates from online to the other side of the phone," Hina Sabatine, a 27-year-old Los Angeles content creator, told the outlet. "Some people just have it."

Yes, the elusive "it" quality, first used to describe liberated silent screen icons such as Clara Bow and Evelyn Nesbit, gets a rebrand for the under-30s. Rack up aura points, and you're part of the cool kid club. Lose them at your peril.

On TikTok, young people share instances in which they earned, or lost, points. Winning aura points typically comes from acting in a breezy and unbothered but self-confident way. For example, you'll get points for moving on quickly from a breakup and not messily oversharing the dirty details with friends. But stay with a cheater, and that's minus 100 points – anyone who has aura would never put up with that.

It's not a very serious system. Still, some creators use it to help describe dramatic moments of growth. One woman said she gained aura points when she "stepped aside from my boyfriend's casket when his ex showed up so she could have closure too" – a moment of solidarity during an unimaginable time that indicates maturity, kindness and girl power.

A recent graduate said that she "bawled" when her estranged father, whom she had not seen or spoken to in five years, showed up out of nowhere to her graduation ceremony to say that he loved her. "How many aura points did I lose?" she asked, sparking a discussion on absent fathers in the comment section.

For Julian Baggini, a philosopher and co-founder of the *Philosophers' Magazine* (and *Guardian* contributor), aura points fall in line with gen Z's reported love of astrology and other cosmic belief systems. "There is this kind of

zeitgeist surrounding karma and energy right now, which is why they phrase it in terms of aura,” he said. “It’s tongue-in-cheek, and it also seems to be a sort of weird contemporary honor code.”

Aura points might seem like a new TikTok phenomenon, but some philosophers say elements of the trend come from ancient history. “This is in line with what’s known as virtue ethics, which emerged from Aristotle and is popular in Greek and Roman philosophy,” said Ellie Anderson, an assistant professor of philosophy at Pomona College and co-host of the Overthink podcast. This theory on how to live a moral life places emphasis on the quality of a person’s character, rather than how well they follow rules or a higher power.

“This trend is about people thinking about whether or not their everyday life is matching up to an idea,” Anderson said. “It encourages us to speak with others about what we’re doing in life, and whether or not it’s good. Even though aura points track a cool factor, it doesn’t seem like it’s doing that in a purely superficial sense.”

Paul Blaschko, an assistant teaching professor of philosophy at the University of Notre Dame, compares aura points to moral credit, or the idea that every “good” action or decision a person makes can potentially **offset** future “bad” ones. “These concepts are a way of talking about status, of using a gamified system to make a particular judgment on someone’s action, and inviting people to critique you,” Blaschko added.

The philosopher Alain de Botton described “status anxiety” as “anxiety about what others think of us; about whether we’re judged a success or a failure, a winner or a loser”. Blaschko sees echoes of this in aura points. “We’re constantly asking this question about our own self-worth, and it’s mediated by how we think”.

Extracted from The Guardian - Mon 22 Jul 2024 by Alaina Demopoulos

**36. What is the new way to calculate your charisma?**

- a. It’s by counting aura points.
- b. It’s by counting calories and steps.
- c. It’s by streaming your favourite song.
- d. It’s by modifying your rizz.

**37. Which action would likely earn someone aura points?**

- a. Staying with a cheating partner
- b. Oversharing personal details after a breakup
- c. Moving on quickly from a breakup
- d. Using Snapchat regularly past age 19

**38. What historical concept is similar to the modern idea of aura points, as described in the article?**

- a. Talent contests
- b. The "it" quality
- c. Fortune-telling
- d. Superstition rituals

**39. What is a notable quality associated with gaining aura points on TikTok?**

- a. Being overly dramatic
- b. Posting frequently on social media
- c. Maintaining a relaxed and confident attitude
- d. Oversharing personal details

**40. In the article, what event led a recent graduate to question her aura points?**

- a. A reunion with her estranged mother
- b. Her father surprising her at her graduation
- c. A close friend attending her graduation
- d. An unexpected job offer

**41. According to Baggini, what does this trend 'fall in line' with?**

- a. Gen Z's belief and love of numerology
- b. Gen Z's reported love of astrology and other cosmic belief systems
- c. Gen Z's interest in Aristotle
- d. Gen Z's meditation practices

**42. How do aura points seem to connect to ancient history and philosophy?**

- a. They depict what utilitarianism is
- b. They show us what deontological ethics are.
- c. They are about the pursuit of pleasure.
- d. They are in line with virtue ethics.

**43. What does Professor Blaschko compare aura points to?**

- a. Status concepts
- b. Epistemic virtue
- c. Moral credit
- d. Divine command theory

**44. The word "offset" in paragraph 11 line 3 is closest in meaning to:**

- a. counterbalance
- b. incite
- c. enhance
- d. avert

**45. What is 'status anxiety' as described by Alain de Botton?**

- a. Worrying about achieving personal goals
- b. Fear of breaking social rules
- c. Concern about others' perceptions of our success or failure
- d. Anxiety over physical appearance

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