



Consignes : 1. L'usage de la calculatrice programmable est interdit
3. Le téléphone est interdit dans les salles

2. Le silence est obligatoire

Durée de l'épreuve : 3 heures30

I. Compétence Interprétative (30 pts.)

Reading Comprehension

A- After reading the text carefully, answer the questions below in complete sentences. (20 pts.)

No matter who you are or where you come from, one thing is certain: you are acquainted with the mosquito although you probably wish you weren't. Mosquitoes are everywhere. They can be found all over the world, and they come in more than 2,500 species. Somewhere, at some time, you have surely met at least one.

No one loves the mosquito. But unfortunately the mosquito may decide that she loves you. She? Yes, she. Did you know that only the female mosquito bites? Well, it's true. And it's not because she's unfriendly; she needs blood to reproduce.

Do you know how the female mosquito decides whom to bite? She's quite selective, and she chooses her victims carefully. First, she uses sensors to find her victim. These sensors are located on her two antennae and her three pairs of legs. With these sensors, she tests your body moistures, body warmth, and chemical substances in your sweat. If she likes what she finds, she bites. But if you don't appeal to her, she'll reject you for someone more appetizing. The next time a mosquito bites you, just remember that you were chosen you're special.

If the mosquito likes you, she settles onto your flesh very gently, and she breaks your skin with her proboscis tip. Proboscis tip? What's that? It's a kind of mouth and it sticks out just below the mosquito's eyes. It contains six sharp instruments called stylets. She stabs all six stylets into your skin at once, and if she hits a blood vessel, she'll get a full dinner in about a minute. All this usually takes place so quickly and quietly that you may not have suspected anything was happening.

Why does a mosquito bite itch? The itch is not really from the bite. It's from the saliva the mosquito mixes with your blood to keep it from clotting as she sucks it up her proboscis tip. By the time the itching begins, she has gone.

And then what happens? Well, after her delicious dinner, the mosquito is tired. She just wants to find a place to rest. Heavy with your blood, she picks a spot on a leaf or wall or a stone to quietly lay her eggs. Just one drop of blood will produce hundreds of eggs.

Where is her mate? Well, their relationship is over, and he's no longer around. Their mating took place before she bit you. She will live one to two months and lay eggs four or five times during this time.

All mosquitoes, male and female, pass through their early stages of development in or near water. In fact, mosquito eggs will not hatch without water although the eggs can survive up to five years on dry land waiting for water. It is not surprising that heavy rains produce large numbers of mosquitoes.

But why? Why did nature bother to create mosquitoes? Just to annoy us? Probably that wasn't the main reason. Male mosquitoes live on the nectar of flowers, and some scientists believe that they pollinate the flowers as they fly from one to the other. Of course, mosquitoes have to reproduce, and unfortunately that's where you and I come in. Like it or not, mosquitoes are here to stay. Ouch (slap) one just bit me!

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Questions

1. Why does the female mosquito bite?
2. Indicate different ways used by the female mosquito to choose her victims?
3. Where do mosquitoes grow before they are hatched?
4. How does the female mosquito react when she likes someone?
5. What do you have to remember when the female mosquito bites?

B- Summarize the text in five (5) complete sentences (5 pts.)

C- Match the words in column A with their meanings in column B. (5 pts.)

A	B
a) environment	1- a building where workers make products
b) factory	2- condition of not having a job
c) recreation	3- to increase in amount or power
d) to boost	4- anything done for relaxation in one's free time
e) unemployment	5- surroundings, usually referring to natural resources
	6- having a lot of companies / factories
	7- maker of products

II. Compétence Linguistique (30 pts.)

A- Complete the following sentences with the derived nouns from the verbs in (...). 10 pts.)

- 1- Sandra gets a strong _____ in this religion. (believe)
- 2- She definitely made a wise _____ at the bank. (choose)
- 3- An important _____ down poured the city yesterday. (rain)
- 4- Jennifer enjoys this _____ very much. (feel)
- 5- The sign on the road says: " _____ area". (endanger)

B- Choose the correct answer. (10 pts.)

1. She blamed on him _____
 a- for not say nothing b- for not to say anything c) for not saying anything
2. He makes _____
 a- ten thousands dollars a month b- ten thousand dollars per month c) ten thousand of dollars
3. I _____ go fishing when I was younger
 a- was used to b- am used to c) used to
4. He is the _____
 a- worst of both b- worse of the two c- worse of all
5. I wish you _____ in the future
 a- stopped complaining b- could stop complaining c- should stopped complaining

C- Complete the sentences by using the -ing form or the infinitive of the verbs in (...). (10 pts.)

- 1- I would like (apologize) _____ for (interrupt) _____ you.
- 2- The technician tried (clean) _____ the DVD, but the movie still wouldn't play.
- 3- The announcer regrets (tell) _____ us that tonight's performance has been canceled.
- 4- The network decided (hire) _____ two new employees.
- 5- Everybody looks forward to (be) _____ on vacation.

III. Compétence pragmatique (20 pts.)

Problem solving situation

Jennifer and Jenny are identical twin sisters. They are celebrating their 16th birthday, commonly called the sweet 16th birthday. Their father Jimmy offers them \$100 each. The girls decide to prepare hamburgers with natural juice at their birthday party. They also want to buy a rum cake.

- 1) Where should they go to buy the items?
- 2) What other items should they buy to welcome 30 guests?
- 3) Set a price and a proportion for each item (Ex: One and a half pound of steak: \$20).

IV. Compétence discursive et argumentative (20 pts.)

Free Writing

Write a 12-line-essay to express your thoughts about the following topic.

- 1- A French physician named Dr. Lucien Proolx stated: "Health remains the best gift one can ever be granted". Express your pros and cons upon this statement. Justify your opinion.