

EXAMEN FINAL D'ANGLAIS

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I - Remplir à l'aide d'un comparatif/superlatif approprié que vous devrez souvent trouver vous-même selon le contexte. (4 pts)

Thanks to progress people in developed countries have approximately five hours free time per week than they had 30 years ago: we perform housework, we have children, and we are retiring

Shouldn't we feel stressed today then? It doesn't seem to be the case. We are (busy) ever before.

If you find yourself too overwhelmed, (easy) thing you can do is to take a moment to just breathe and focus on the present. My (good) advice is to switch off your phone and forget about leisure "obligations".

II - Remplir à l'aide d'un pronom relatif où c'est nécessaire. (0,5 x 10 / 5 pts)

Downshifting

Downshiffters are people adopt long-term voluntary simplicity in their life. In terms of demographics, there are no specific features identify downshiffters: they are blue-collar workers and white-collar workers are most likely in their thirties, forties or fifties, although they may be younger or older. They take action to change their own lives others complain and expect their employer or government to do something.

The reason they accept less money through fewer hours worked is to slow down at work in order to "upshift" in other areas of their lives they consider more important. Their quest is a lifestyle purpose is a perfect work-life balance.

Cutting back on expenses, you can do living simply, allows you to live on less income and consequently work fewer hours. Moving to the countryside, you can grow your own fruit and vegetables, isn't an obligation. You can start downshifting you are!

III - Remplir en mettant les verbes entre parenthèse au temps et à la voix (active/passive) appropriés et en faisant attention à l'ordre des mots pour les questions. (20 pts)

Workplace after Covid-19: things (get back) to normal?

The COVID-19 pandemic (shine) a light on the heroic efforts of nurses, doctors, healthcare workers but also other “essential” workers, who (work) non-stop and on the front lines since its beginning. Hopefully, their contributions (recognised and award).

At the same time, millions of employees (force) to start working from home.

A survey which (conduct) in 2,000 office workers in ten countries and published in November (find) that while about one in three employees (want) to continue working from home after the pandemic, about the same number of employees also want to maintain access to a workplace.

Residential rents (decline) in large cities as people move away from the urban centres to smaller towns, thanks to remote working.

A great number of workers (return) to work already, often in unsafe and unhealthy work environments, and the millions more (lose) their jobs.

Psychological issues facing long-term teleworkers (emerge) due to isolation, anxiety and stress.

COVID-19 (accelerate) the adoption of AI and automation, e-commerce and virtual transactions across industries.

As for business travel, those concerned (think) today:
“I (not/get) on an airplane ever again just for a one-hour meeting.”
There (probably be) a stigma around large gatherings like international conferences for an indeterminate amount of time.

One thing is sure: with the rise of remote work we (see) modernisation of traditional work arrangements.

What about you? What (change) in your life or what changes (expect) in your professional future?

..... (you/ believe) that the pandemic, despite its many horrors, could be a catalyst for a better world of work?

IV - Compléter ce texte avec une forme correcte de chaque auxiliaire modal ci-dessous en soulignant les éléments qui vous permettent de justifier votre choix. (0,5 x 20 / 10 pts)

Vous avez la possibilité de choisir parmi ces auxiliaires modaux :

HAVE TO – MUST – CAN – MAY – NEED TO – WILL

The world of work is changing. We undoubtedly adapt to new changes, and we adapt because we have no choice.

Millennials and new generations definitely be quite different from previous generations in their way of working. They be more interested in the values of the company, skill gain and flexibility.

The company keep its mission and values at the forefront, and so it find new ways of managing the performance and engagement of its employees. For example, this be through giving them the freedom and flexibility to experiment with new ideas, and introducing new social events to encourage cohesion.

Remuneration and bonuses are also expected to evolve to appeal to a modern workforce. For many businesses this include benefits such as healthy-living schemes, remote working and charitable donations or time off for volunteerism.

If this be achieved, then businesses be able to help their employees to work in the way that best suits the latter.

V - Complétez avec *the, Ø, a* ou *an*.

(0,25 x 16 / 4 pts)

.....Businessmen/businessmen travel a lot, and businesswoman that I know is not an exception. Mrs Smith is businesswoman who uses regularly two devices: international smartphone and laptop that she carries in briefcase. She thinks that hotels in capital cities are very expensive, especially in United states and Netherlands.

Fortunately, she usually stays in suburbs where hotels are affordable. With COVID and lockdown companies had to slow down business trips, and hotels and restaurants where she used to go went bankrupt.

VI – Complétez avec le quantifieur adéquat.

(0,5 x 7 / 3,5 pts)

1. We don't know companies in Dubaï which have cash flow problems.
2. We can't make business plans when the CEO is absent.
3. Contrary to England, in France there is V.A.T. on sea fishing.
4. Nowadays there are firms which don't have offices. They have problems of rent or open space but it is more difficult to organize co-working.

VII – Compléter les phrases avec un conditionnel approprié dans cette conversation entre des collègues. (0,5 x 15 / 7,5 pts)

Sabrina: I really want to get a promotion but I'm too scared to ask the boss. If only I (be) more courageous, (probably/obtain) what I wanted.

George: But what (happen) if you (go) and (talk) about that promotion with him?

Sabrina: I don't know. What I know is that if I (be) promoted, I (earn) more money. And if I (have) more money, I (go) on a trip with my family. It has been a long time since we travelled.

George: I think you shouldn't worry about it. If you (not/be) worthy, he (not/keep) you.

Sabrina: You are certainly right. If I (have) some time today, I (ask) for an appointment.

George: Right! And remember: if you (act) with confidence, he (consider) that promotion without a doubt. He is a very understanding person, and your work is irreproachable.

Live to Work or Work to Live: Which Would You Choose?

By: Alan Schram

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5 I think at some point, we all have to come to a decision in our life about certain priorities in regard to our lifestyle and workplace... live to work, or work to live.

One of these, it seems, must always come before the other. We can either choose to live for our work, where our lifestyle, location, and family must conform to the demands of our job. Or, we can choose to set a way of life, and find an occupation that supports that life.

10 There are some of us who choose our career, or because of our career we have no other option. Others of us don't really care what we do, as long as it supports our life. Police and lawyers don't have much room outside of their work, and snowboarders and surfers are notorious for holding temporary jobs that allow them to spend more time riding waves of water or snow.

15 I don't think that one is better than the other, and I don't think that one has a better chance of attaining financial happiness. I do think, however, that whatever choice is made will drastically impact one's finances, as it alters one's priorities.

Live to Work

20 There's a certain type of personality that always seems to be driven. It doesn't matter whether they are running a multi-million-dollar multinational corporation, or the neighbourhood bake sale, they are internally motivated to get things done. Not only do they want to accomplish things, they want to do it quickly, efficiently, and on budget.

25 If this type of person is suddenly without a goal, completion date, or finish line, then they will find one and make it their next project. Often associated with the type A personality, this type of person can very easily become a workaholic whose very existence can be boiled down to their profession. They live to work.

Following your career might take you places that you normally wouldn't go. It may require that you move across town, or across the country, or even to Germany or New Zealand. It may ask you to work odd hours, or long hours. It may ask you to be away from your family for weeks, or months at a time.

30 However, this may have been something that you have been dreaming about since you were a child. It may be something that is a temporary but necessary step towards reaching your dream job, and so you make the sacrifice of living where you want, or raising your kids where you want, because that is what is required of you.

Work to Live

35 Another way to live is to find something in your life that you love more than anything and make sacrifices in order to have it. This can be anything from being a stay-at-home mom to travelling the world, to living in a ski resort or in Paris.

40 If your life's main priority is to stay at home and raise your kids in a good neighbourhood, then you won't mind staying at a lower paying job if it means you get to stay in the city that you want your children to grow up in.

45 It might not be the best choice financially, but it is the best choice for you because you are working only to support your life, not for the sake of working. If you want to travel the world, then you might decide to get a job planting trees or fighting fires. Difficult jobs that require incredible hard work and sacrifice over the short term – but they provide you with enough money in order to spend 6 months in Thailand.

Working the fast-food counter at the ski resort might not be your lifelong desire – but going riding for 150 days in one season might be, so you are working in order to support your chosen lifestyle.

50 **Which Path to Take?**

55 There's no one way that is better than the other. One might sound more "fun" than the other, but the other might provide more financial stability for the future. Ideally, we all can find that one job that fulfils every desire of our lives, one that perfectly balances your work with your life so that you can lead healthy and happy lives. There are few of us that are able to find that job, though many have tried and failed.

Some of us have the choice made for us. Listen to Pat Flynn's appearance on the MapleMoney Show, where he talked about getting laid off and how that landed him into the job and lifestyle of his dreams.

60 So, if you were forced to choose, which would come first? Would you give up your job for a better lifestyle? Would you give up your home's location for the chance at a better career? Which is more important to you – and do your finances agree with that decision?

COMPRÉHENSION ÉCRITE

NOTE : / 20

1. Tick the right answer.

(2 pts)

a) The text is

an article from a financial newspaper

a personal blog

an extract from a novel

b) The purpose of the article is to:

give advice about which lifestyle to choose

encourage the reader to change their current lifestyle

share the philosophy behind the two lifestyles

2. Say whether the following statements are right or wrong or not mentioned. Justify quoting from the text (except if “not mentioned”).

(1,5 x 4 = 6 pts)

RIGHT

WRONG

NOT MENTIONED

The author of the article Alan Schram

a) has a preference for “live to work” lifestyle

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RIGHT

WRONG

NOT MENTIONED

b) is critical of snowboarders and surfers.

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c) mentions Paris as a dream place to be.

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d) believes that once you have found your ideal job, you don't need to worry about the money.

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3. Find in the article the equivalents of the following words and expressions (indicate the line N° too). (6 pts)

- famous for something bad line
- radically/ seriously line
- determined to succeed/ motivated line
- unusual line
- reduced to essentials/ summarised line
- dismissed line

4. Describe in your own words what type A personality is like (you can write in French). (2 pts)

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5. Explain in your own words what happened to Pat Flynn (you can write in French). (2 pts)

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6. Explain the use of 2nd conditional at the end of the article (lines 59-61). (You can write in French). (2 pts)

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