

## **UE B - Langues vivantes - Niveau B1 du CECR**

*Bachelor européen*

*UC B3 - Anglais écrit*

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Les réponses aux QCM doivent être reportées sur la fiche optique fournie

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UC B3 – ANGLAIS ÉCRIT

BAREME DE NOTATION

1/ Compréhension écrite : QCM*	24 points
2/ Connaissances lexicales et grammaticales : QCM*	72 points
3/ Courrier	24 points
TOTAL	120 points

**\*DETAIL DU BAREME DE NOTATION DU QCM**

**Pour chacune des questions, une seule réponse est possible**

Bonne réponse	3 points
Absence de réponse	0 point
Réponse erronée	0 point

# 1/ Compréhension écrite

## Texte de compréhension n°1

### **The pandemic is accelerating the end of cash—and leaving the most vulnerable behind**

Since the start of the pandemic, the UK has seen a sharp decline in the use of cash. The volume of cash withdrawn from ATMs has dropped by 60 % during the first national lockdown. More Britons are turning to contactless and digital payments during the Covid-19 crisis, with three quarters believing that the pandemic will reduce their future use of cash.

The use of debit cards as the primary mode of payment overtook cash in 2017—and Covid is accelerating the trend. A Bank of England survey found that in the previous six months, 42 per cent of people had visited a store that did not accept cash, a significant increase from 15 per cent last January. Two main reasons for using less cash: retailers not accepting it (44 per cent) and health concerns about handling it (35 per cent).

However, if the UK isn't careful, it will "sleepwalk" into a cashless society and leave behind the eight million people who still rely on cash, simply because cash is still one of the best ways to budget. The government's guidance on using contactless risks excluding some of the most vulnerable members of society, leaving those dependent on cash even more isolated. The elderly often use cash to simplify their day-to-day budgeting. But they are not the only people who rely on it. Domestic abuse and homelessness charities also say the people they work with often use cash to survive—all the more important as abuse cases rise with lockdowns.

<https://www.prospectmagazine.co.uk/politics/pandemic-accelerating-end-of-cash-cashless-debit-card-atm-money>

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#### **1. What happened to the amount of cash withdrawn from the ATM machines during the first lockdown?**

- a. it increased by 60%
- b. it rose by 60%
- c. it went up by 60%
- d. it declined by 60%

#### **2. How many people believe that because of pandemic their future use of cash will be reduced?**

- a. 60%
- b. 75%
- c. no one
- d. everyone

#### **3. What was the leading payment option in 2017?**

- a. cash
- b. debit cards
- c. credit cards
- d. bank account

#### **4. What groups of people rely on cash the most?**

- a. the elderly and homeless
- b. homeless and charities
- c. the elderly and domestic abuse victims
- d. the elderly, domestic abuse victims, homeless

### China's aging population will be a 'big shock' to the global supply chain, says economist

An ANZ economist warned on Wednesday that China's aging population will have a big impact on the world as the global supply chain is highly reliant on the world's second-largest economy. China's once-a-decade census released on Tuesday showed the population of the mainland grew to 1.41 billion people as of Nov. 1, 2020. That was the slowest growth rate since the 1950s.

The trend of the old age dependency is going to rise. This is a warning not only for China, but also across the whole world, as China is the core of the supply chain. Over the next few years, China will be losing 70 million of its workforce, so this is a big shock to the global supply chain. Moreover, another possible impact would be on financial markets, as China's high savings rate has been supporting global markets. China has one of the world's highest savings rates among individuals. Many retail investors are investing their extra cash or the money is being held in pension funds.

Experts have said that China's aging problem goes beyond its one-child policy and that other changes are needed to boost growth. China should continue to sustain growth through technological development, go for high tech, go for transformation of the whole supply chain, in order to support the economic growth on a sustainable basis.

<https://www.cnbc.com/2021/05/13/chinas-aging-population-could-be-a-big-shock-to-global-supply-chain.html>

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#### 5. How often does China conduct a census?

- a. once in five years
- b. once in three years
- c. once in ten years
- d. once in seven years

#### 6. L 6 « ... as China is the core of the supply chain ... » what does this sentence mean?

- a. China is the most populated country in the world
- b. China is an essential part the manufacture and sales process
- c. China is a peripheral country for production and distribution process
- d. China is an essential part of adding value to the final product process

#### 7. What money are the retail investors investing?

- a. additional cash saved for a rainy day or child support
- b. extra cash or alimony
- c. additional cash or money invested in real estate
- d. extra cash or money held in retirement funds

#### 8. How can technological development, transformation of the supply chain and high tech help the country?

- a. They will support economic growth
- b. They will torment economic growth
- c. They will dismiss economic growth
- d. They will hinder economic growth

## 2/ Connaissances lexicales et grammaticales

9. Don't worry, the situation is \_\_\_\_\_ control!
- under
  - in
  - over
  - on
10. If the bank decides to give you the money, be ready to pay back the loan within the indicated time. Which word is the synonym of the underlined word?
- lose
  - steal
  - reject
  - lend
11. Dear Mr. Burke, I am writing to you \_\_\_\_\_ the ad I have seen on your website.
- in order to
  - even though
  - by means of
  - with regard to
12. Elon Musk launched his old Tesla Roadster into space \_\_\_\_\_ February 6, 2018
- on
  - in
  - at
  - the
13. In a few weeks the entire class of 7-graders is scheduled to have their flu jabs. What's the closest meaning to the underlined word?
- results
  - vaccinations
  - tests
  - books
14. My new gig consists of creating new projects for Google. What's the closest meaning to the underlined word?
- dream
  - opportunity
  - idea
  - job
15. Mike ran out \_\_\_\_\_ luck this time by getting a huge speeding ticket.
- of
  - from
  - with
  - to
16. I'll be back \_\_\_\_\_ to watch Grey's Anatomy
- in time
  - at time
  - on time
  - around time

**17. Michael Jordan had always had a special skill with basketball. Which word is the synonym of the underlined word?**

- a. license
- b. scholarship
- c. ability
- d. relationship

**18. Which sentence is correct?**

- a. the plane is my usual which takes was cancelled, so I had to book another flight
- b. being cancelled the plane which I usually take, so I had to book another flight
- c. the plane being cancelled which I usually take, so I had to book another flight
- d. the plane which I usually take was cancelled, so I had to book another flight

**19. Certain people resist COVID-19 vaccine. What is the best opposite meaning for the underlined word?**

- a. welcome
- b. fight
- c. avoid
- d. agree to

**20. The manager has to \_\_\_\_\_ the company's marketing strategy in order to get a Christmas bonus.**

- a. carry away
- b. carry out
- c. carry over
- d. carry off

**21. Covid-19 restrictions were finally lifted. \_\_\_\_\_, some people were still wearing masks.**

- a. even though
- b. in order to
- c. however
- d. despite

**22. Mr. Ellisor \_\_\_\_\_ for the Republican party if he could make it to the voting polls before 6 pm**

- a. will definitely vote
- b. would definitely vote
- c. could definitely vote
- d. could have definitely voted

**23. China's birth rates have been falling constantly \_\_\_\_\_ 4 years now**

- a. for
- b. since
- c. while
- d. before

**24. He \_\_\_\_\_ in many countries throughout his life, and now he can speak 8 different languages**

- a. lived
- b. lives
- c. had lived
- d. has lived

**25. Joe Biden has been \_\_\_\_\_ as America's 46th President in January 2021**

- a. swore in
- b. sworn in
- c. swored in
- d. swearing in

**26. She \_\_\_\_\_ Friends the Reunion when the phone rang**

- a. watches
- b. is watching
- c. watched
- d. was watching

**27. I got the tickets! I \_\_\_\_\_ Madonna perform live in NYC next summer!**

- a. will see
- b. am going to see
- c. would see
- d. am seeing

**28. He \_\_\_\_\_ in Miami, before he moved to New York.**

- a. has lived
- b. lived
- c. had lived
- d. lives

**29. These books belong to the Grants; they are \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a. theirs
- b. hers
- c. our
- d. their

**30. How \_\_\_\_\_ sugar is in one can of soda?**

- a. any
- b. much
- c. many
- d. some

**31. John can't speak at the moment because he \_\_\_\_\_ to the airport.**

- a. drove
- b. is driving
- c. was driving
- d. drives

**32. Emma's first month in Tokyo's school was quite difficult. When teachers spoke to her she \_\_\_\_\_ understand them.**

- a. can not
- b. could not
- c. may not
- d. must not

### 3/ Courrier

After spending a week at the campsite in the South of France during your summer vacation, you must write a complaint e-mail to the manager.

**You need to:**

- state the dates of your stay**
- explain the reasons for your complaint**
- mention that you brought the problems to the camp host's attention**
- report the camp host's unprofessional attitude**
- ask for a partial refund and specify the amount**

110 words minimum - 150 words maximum, your e-mail should be written in a polite form in sentences using professional vocabulary and not in note form. Basic e-mail format (to, from, etc.) does not count towards the word count.