

Sujet pour entraînement à l'examen de rattrapage anglais N1 Semestre 2

PART 1 - WRITTEN COMPREHENSION (7 pts)

A- READ THE TEXT

JEANS

§1 Today jeans are the most popular pieces of clothing in the world. Everybody wears them, from the rural farmer to the urban lawyer and from teenagers to models. But why are jeans so popular? There are many answers. For some people they look cool, for others jeans are simply comfortable.

§2 Jeans were first designed as durable trousers for farm workers and miners in the states of the American west. A Nevada tailor¹, Jacob Davis, had the idea of using copper bolts² at the corner of the pockets to make them stronger. They became³ popular instantly and many people bought them.

§3 Davis had a great product that many people wanted to buy, but he didn't have the money to patent⁴ it. He asked Levi Strauss to help him. The two men worked together and started making jeans with denim⁵, because it was more comfortable and flexible.

§4 At first only workers wore⁶ jeans, especially in factories⁷. In the eastern part of the US people didn't wear jeans. They were associated with rural people and the working class.

§5 James Dean and Marlon Brando made them popular in movies and everyone wanted to wear them. Jeans became a symbol of the youth rebellion during the 1950s and 1960s. College students started to wear them as a protest against the Vietnam War and the establishment. The new trousers were banned⁸ in American schools and sometimes in theatres and cinemas. But with time, jeans became more acceptable and today people wear them as casual⁹ clothes but also at formal events.

§6 People also wore jeans because they made everybody equal. What is more, they were cheap, and they were strong. They had practical advantages too. They didn't need to be often washed or ironed¹⁰. This was important because more and more women worked and had less time for housework.

§7 Today jeans are an essential part of our lives.

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| 1. <u>taylor</u> : tailleur | - | 2. <u>copper bolts</u> : des rivets en cuivre | - | 3. <u>became</u> : prétérit du verbe become = devenir | - |
| 4. <u>to patent</u> : faire breveter | - | 5. <u>denim</u> : tissu de coton épais et résistant qui sert à fabriquer les jeans | - | | |
| 6. <u>wore</u> : preterit du verbe porter = wear | - | 7. <u>factories</u> : usines | - | 8. <u>banned</u> : interdits | - |
| 9. <u>casual</u> : décontractés | - | 10. <u>ironed</u> : repassés | | | |

B- ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TEXT

1. Are the sentences TRUE (T) or FALSE (F)? Justify with a short passage from the text. (5 pts)

a) Levi Strauss was the first to invent the concept of jeans. T / F

Justify: _____

b) Initially, jeans were not popular in cities. T / F

Justify: _____

c) In the middle of the 20th century, jeans became a symbol of revolt for young adults. T / F

Justify: _____

d) Today everybody wears jeans but they are not tolerated in official contexts. T / F

Justify: _____

e) Jeans became a symbol of equality. T / F

Justify: _____

2- Cite 4 reasons why people love jeans. (2 pts)

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PART 2 - GRAMMAR & STRUCTURES (27 pts)

1 - Circle the correct QUANTIFIER to complete the text. (2 pts)

There aren't **MUCH / MANY** ¹ good shops in my town so I usually go shopping in London. There are hundreds of shops there and I can find **MUCH / A LOT OF** ² different clothes. **SOME / MUCH** ³ shops close late, it's convenient. Compared to London, there isn't **MUCH / MANY** ⁴ choice in my town.

2 - Put the adjectives (in brackets) in the COMPARATIVE or SUPERLATIVE form. (5 pts)

Rappel: Today jeans are **the most popular** clothing item. > superlative

Jeans are **more popular than** suits. > comparative

a) I think online shopping is _____ traditional shopping. (easy)

b) What is _____ : jeans or leggings? (comfortable)

c) Who is _____ fashion designer you know? (famous)

d) When you walk, trainers are _____ heels*. (good) *chaussures à talon

e) What is _____ fashion trend at the moment? (bad)

3 – Conjugate the verbs (in brackets) in the PRESENT SIMPLE (I do) or the PRESENT BE+ING (I'm doing). (7 pts)

At the moment, I'm reading⁰ (read) an interesting book about the history of jeans.

My friends are in London for the weekend. They _____¹ (visit) monuments and museums. I am certain they _____² (take) fantastic photos.

At the moment, there is an exhibition on jeans at the Fashion and Textile Museum.

I usually _____³ (wear) jeans because they are comfortable, but today I _____⁴ (wear) a suit because I have a job interview. I _____⁵ (want) to work as a fashion photographer. My best friend _____⁶ (not / like) fashion. She _____⁷ (think) it's a waste of time and money.

4 - Choose the appropriate verb and conjugate it. (4 pts)

pay	-	save	-	spend	-	waste
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- a) My sister is a fashion addict. She goes shopping every weekend and she _____ a fortune on clothes and shoes.
- b) At the moment, I am _____ money to buy a new camera.
- c) In a shop: "Can I _____ by credit card?" *Yes, of course.*
- d) In France, we _____ a lot of food.

5 - Alex is a fashion addict. He buys too many clothes and now he is penniless. Give him two pieces of advice to save money. Use SHOULD + VERB. (2 pts)

- a) _____

- b) _____

6 - Complete the sentences with the correct form of BE in the PAST FORM. Use the negative form when necessary. (2 pts)

(Rappel: BE a deux formes au passé, une pour le singulier et une pour le pluriel)

- a) George Washington was the first president of the USA. It wasn't Abraham Lincoln.
- b) The 2012 Olympics _____ in London. They _____ in Paris.
- c) Elvis Prestley _____ British. He _____ American.

7 - Conjugate the verbs in the past tense to complete this biography. Pay attention to irregular verbs. (5 pts)

Levi Strauss _____¹ (*be born*) in Bavaria on February 26, 1829. He _____² (*have*) three older brothers and three older sisters. Two years after his father succumbed⁰ (*succumb*) to tuberculosis in 1846, Levi Strauss and his sisters _____³ (*go*) to live in New York.

He _____⁴ (*move*) to San Francisco in 1853 to make his fortune during the Gold Rush. Then, he _____⁵ (*start*) a company called "Levi Strauss & Co." and he _____⁶ (*become*) the business partner of Jacob Davis, the inventor of jeans.

He _____⁷ (*be*) a very successful businessman and _____⁸ (*make*) a fortune.

Levi Strauss _____⁹ (*not / have*) any children so his nephews _____¹⁰ (*inherit*) his considerable fortune.

PART 3 - WRITTEN EXPRESSION (6 pts)

Choose 1 topic and write about 100 words.

- > Write 2 or 3 coherent paragraphs with linking words (*and, but, because, so,...*)
- > Use quantifiers (*some, any, many, a lot of, ...*)
- > Use the appropriate tenses and verb forms (*present simple, present be+ing, the past tense*)
- > If you use the present tense, use adverbs of frequency (*usually, often, sometimes, never, ...*) and expressions (*every day, once a week, ...*)
- > Use modal verbs (*can, could, should + verb*)

TOPIC A Do you have a healthy diet? Use the questions to write a coherent text. What sort of food do you usually eat? Why? Are you allergic to some foods? How often do you go to the restaurant? Do you waste a lot of food?	TOPIC B What sort of shopper are you? Write about your shopping habits. Use the questions to write a coherent text. Where do you usually shop? (<i>in traditional shops, on the Internet,...</i>) and why? How often do you go shopping? What do you buy in general? (<i>clothes, books...</i>) Do you like shopping? Why (not)?
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