

EPREUVE ECRITE D'ANGLAIS

Durée : 2 heures

Coefficient : 01

Text: Pupils and Cell phones

Cell phones are a popular means of communication. Nowadays, the majority of pupils possess cell phones. Schools and universities have different rules about cell phone use and possession during school hours. Most of them agree that they must be interdicted from schools or turned off during classes since they are source of distraction. But there is a permanent debate because in some situations they can be useful.

Cell phones can be helpful in case of emergency. They permit parents to contact their children directly when they are at school and vice versa. For example, if a pupil falls ill or is in danger, he can join someone immediately. Cell phones are also a useful time-keeping tool. For instance, they allow pupils who don't have a watch to check the time. This can permit them to be punctual to their lessons. In addition, cell phones have an alarm function to make sure they wake up on time each morning. Despite their multiple benefits, cell phones also have negative effects on pupils.

First, their usage can affect their sleep. Indeed, an excessive use of cell phones does not permit them to rest enough. They even sometimes take stimulating substances to be able to use their cell phones for a long time at night. This leads to fatigue and stress.

Second, in the classrooms, pupils are distracted from lessons because they are busy writing messages and playing electronic games. Finally, the ringing of cell phones disrupts everybody in the classroom.

**Adapted from "Use of Mobile Phones on a College Campus"
by Ashley Brooks.**

Vocabulary

To disrupt: *perturber*

QUESTIONS (Pupils and Cell phones)

I. COMPREHENSION (8 points)

A. Read the text and write the letter that is in front of the correct answer.
(Write only the number and the letter) (2pts)

- Most pupils have got
a. schools b. universities c. cellulars d. messages
- The majority of schools and universities want cell phones to be
a. used at schools c. promoted at schools
b. bought for schools d. forbidden from schools
- A cell phone is important for pupils when they want to
a. contact their parents. c. disturb classes
b. disrupt their sleep. d. be in danger
- An excessive use of cell phones by pupils.....
a. helps them to get good marks. c. prevents them from taking substances.
b. prevents them from resting well d. helps them sleep very well.

B. Read the text and decide if these statements are True (T) or False (F) (Write only the number and True or False) (2pts)

- Schools have the same measures concerning the use of cellular phones.
- Cell phones have some advantages for pupils.
- In case of emergency, a cell phone is useless.
- The excessive use of cell phones has a positive impact on pupils' health.

C. Read the text and answer the following questions in complete sentences (4pts)

- Why does the author say that cell phones are popular? (1pt)
- Give one (1) measure taken by schools and universities against the use of cell phones. (1pt)
- What are the disadvantages of cell phones for pupils? Give two (2). (2pts)

II. VOCABULARY (2 points)

A. Find in the text an antonym for each of the following words (1pt)

- Permitted (paragraph 1)
- Moderate (paragraph 3)

B. Find in the text a synonym for each of the following words. (1pt)

- To have (paragraph 1)
- advantages (paragraph 2)

III. GRAMMAR (6pts)

A. Complete the following sentences with "many" or "much". (1pt)

- Pupils have time to rest.
- Schools have taken rules.

B. Replace the underlined nouns by the correct personal pronouns. (1pt)

- Cell phones are important.
- I sent Ali a message.

- C. Put the nouns between brackets in the plural form. (1pt)
1. Adults have 32 (tooth).
 2. African (country) should promote technological development.
- D. Put the verbs between parentheses into the correct tenses. (1pt)
1. Listen! your phone (to ring).
 2. Last week, I (to spend) too much money.
- E. Turn these sentences into the passive voice. (1pt)
1. Frederic will buy a car.
 2. Dogs eat meat.
- F. Choose the letter that corresponds to the correct answer. (1pt)
1. Alima can carry this suitcase,
 - a. can't she?
 - b. can it?
 - c. can he?
 - d. can she?
 2. The boy father is tall comes from Bobo-Dioulasso.
 - a. who
 - b. whose
 - c. which
 - d. whom

IV. WRITING (4pts)

Can cell phones help pupils succeed at school?

Give three (3) reasons to justify your answer in 40-50 words.

(Use correct grammar and appropriate vocabulary to write your text.)