

**ATS 2008 Anglais**  
**Part I**

Durée: 1 h

Epreuve commune à tous les candidats

**I. Grammar & Vocabulary**

- 1) I haven't seen you for quite \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
a) long b) a long c) such d) such a
- 2) I've never met \_\_\_\_\_ friendly people.  
a) so b) many c) such d) such a
- 3) Have you heard the \_\_\_\_\_ news?  
a) last b) later c) latter d) latest
- 4) The \_\_\_\_\_ hit sector is the oil industry.  
a) hardest b) harder c) most hardly d) most
- 5) Which of these two cars is \_\_\_\_\_ one?  
a) the fastest b) the faster c) faster d) fastest
- 6) There were \_\_\_\_\_ people than we thought.  
a) less b) least c) few d) fewer
- 7) Only \_\_\_\_\_ people know his secret.  
a) a few b) few c) many d) so many
- 8) The \_\_\_\_\_ questions are easy.  
a) two first b) both c) first two d) either
- 9) \_\_\_\_\_ of us had any luck.  
a) Some b) Any c) No one d) None
- 10) I don't like Mary : \_\_\_\_\_ I see her \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) the less/the better b) the least/the best  
c) less/better d) least/best
- 11) \_\_\_\_\_ he wants, is his money back.  
a) That b) Which c) Whatever d) What
- 12) "All \_\_\_\_\_ glitters is not gold".  
a) what b) which c) 0 d) that
- 13) I'll do \_\_\_\_\_ you say.  
a) whatever b) whenever c) however d) whoever
- 14) You are a bit of \_\_\_\_\_ .  
a) clown b) a clown c) the clown d) clowns

- 15) He doesn't have \_\_\_\_\_ of humor.  
a) sense b) the sense c) some sense d) a sense
- 16) It is \_\_\_\_\_ difficult question that I can't answer it.  
a) a such b) such a c) too d) some
- 17) Everybody will take off \_\_\_\_\_ shoes.  
a) them b) the c) their d) theirs
- 18) Have you heard \_\_\_\_\_ news?  
a) today's b) the today's c) today d) the today
- 19) Here \_\_\_\_\_ the 8 o' clock news.  
a) are b) will be c) is d) were
- 20) I am looking forward \_\_\_\_\_ meeting you.  
a) for b) 0 c) at d) to
- 21) Would you mind \_\_\_\_\_ the door for me, please?  
a) to open b) opening c) open d) to opening
- 22) Do you know how \_\_\_\_\_ the fuse?  
a) to replace b) replace c) replacing d) is replaced
- 23) You aren't \_\_\_\_\_ to smoke here.  
a) enabled b) allowed c) permit d) involved
- 24) How long ago \_\_\_\_\_ her?  
a) did you see b) have you seen c) will you see d) you saw
- 25) It's the first time I \_\_\_\_\_ this, it's incredible!  
a) see b) saw c) have seen d) did see
- 26) Remind me \_\_\_\_\_ him next week.  
a) calling b) call c) of calling d) to call
- 27) I don't remember \_\_\_\_\_ this before.  
a) reading b) to read c) of reading d) read
- 28) I wish you \_\_\_\_\_ me ... it's too late now!  
a) had told b) would tell c) told d) tell
- 29) This song reminds me \_\_\_\_\_ the holidays.  
a) 0 b) of c) about d) from
- 30) Remember \_\_\_\_\_ your camera for the wedding!  
a) bringing b) you bring c) of bringing d) to bring

- 31) If I \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ it.  
a) had known/would have done b) have known/would do c) knew/did d) have known/have done
- 32) \_\_\_\_\_ he had lost the first set, he won the match.  
a) Whereas b) Since c) Although d) However
- 33) \_\_\_\_\_ John, Peter is clever.  
a) Alike b) Unlike c) As d) Contrary
- 34) Let's go, \_\_\_\_\_?  
a) don't we b) do we c) shall we d) are we
- 35) Mary and \_\_\_\_\_ got married last year.  
a) me b) I c) myself d) mine
- 36) I won't go \_\_\_\_\_ you go.  
a) unless b) unlike c) whereas d) however
- 37) I prefer tea \_\_\_\_\_ coffee.  
a) than b) that c) to d) with
- 38) That man there is a friend \_\_\_\_\_ .  
a) of mine b) of me c) of myself d) to mine
- 39) He is not very good \_\_\_\_\_ English.  
a) on b) to c) with d) at
- 40) My car will be ready \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday.  
a) in b) at c) by d) last
- 41) I don't think it will rain, you \_\_\_\_\_ take your umbrella.  
a) needn't b) have a need to c) don't need d) needed to
- 42) I'll do it when I \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
a) will have b) have c) would have d) had
- 43) He broke \_\_\_\_\_ arm last week.  
a) the b) one c) his d) a
- 44) I haven't seen you \_\_\_\_\_ ages, do you \_\_\_\_\_ smoke?  
a) for/still b) for/yet c) since/still d) for/always
- 45) Why not \_\_\_\_\_ now?  
a) going b) to go c) go d) have gone

- 46) I didn't do it \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) himself b) myself c) on its own d) only
- 47) Leave me \_\_\_\_\_ !  
a) alone b) lonely c) only d) myself
- 48) They met \_\_\_\_\_ in Paris.  
a) themselves b) on their own c) by themselves d) each other
- 49) I can't find my glasses, I \_\_\_\_\_ them at the hotel.  
a) must leave b) must have left c) could leave d) may leave
- 50) He drives very \_\_\_\_\_ .  
a) speedy b) speed c) fast d) quick

## II. Error recognition

Choose the "error" in each sentence (only one).

- 51) In order to rent a car, one must present a driving license as well as your credit card.  
A B C D
- 52) Not one in 100 patients exposed to radiation are likely to fall ill.  
A B C D
- 53) Please send me informations regarding rates, conditions and availability during the summer seasons.  
A B C D
- 54) When she was a little girl, my mother would often play the piano, watch the boats sail by and swimming in the sea.  
A B C D
- 55) The rest of the students will receive his transcripts by mail together with a translated version.  
A B C D
- 56) If you will buy two books at the regular price you will get a third one for free.  
A B C D
- 57) This chair has the same design but it is different shaped from that sofa.  
A B C D
- 58) Despite of the new ban on smoking in bars and restaurants a few people have tried to break the law.  
A B C D
- 59) However airfares have increased by 10%, people still prefer to travel by plane.  
A B C D
- 60) It is told that biotech foods are much safer than conventional foods  
A B C D

### III: Reading comprehension

Read the text carefully and fill in the blanks with the most appropriate word(s).

Why wood stoves can be carbon-neutral – for some of us

When we \_\_61\_\_ wood, we merely \_\_62\_\_ back into the atmosphere carbon that was taken up by the \_\_63\_\_ tree. If each tree that is felled and burnt is \_\_64\_\_ with a new tree ( and this is admittedly a big \_\_65\_\_), then this process contributes no net increase to atmospheric \_\_66\_\_ levels when averaged over decades.

For similar reasons, breathing is not regarded as contributing to our carbon footprint-even though six billion humans breathe out enormous \_\_67\_\_ of carbon dioxide because that carbon has its \_\_68\_\_ in the plants we eat, which are re-grown \_\_69\_\_ a year.

\_\_70\_\_ when we burn fossil fuels, we release back into the atmosphere carbon that was taken out over hundreds of millions of years. There is no \_\_71\_\_ mechanism for this \_\_72\_\_ on the timescales of human interest.

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Sir: Burning wood releases back the atmosphere CO<sub>2</sub> that was \_\_73\_\_ from it only \_\_74\_\_. Therefore it is theoretically possible to have a carbon-neutral situation if for every log burned another is grown somewhere in the \_\_75\_\_ though preferably as near to the stove as possible. \_\_76\_\_ it has recently been shown that in the case of biofuel grown as a replacement for petrol, there is not sufficient suitable land in the world for \_\_77\_\_ production of enough biofuels to service vehicles and other usage at its \_\_78\_\_ level. This leaves no land for further cultivation of wood – and I suspect that there would still not be enough land to \_\_79\_\_ wood so that most of us could use it, even if it were not in competition for space with other \_\_80\_\_.

Therefore wood-burning in developed countries must remain a useful but minority option.

Letters to the Editor ( ref. The Guardian, 29<sup>th</sup> Dec.2007)

61) a) cut b) light c) burn d) chop

62) a) release b) let c) drop d) exhaust

63) a) falling b) growing c) burning d) climbing

64) a) sold b) burnt c) replaced d) exhausted

65) a) no b) even c) surprise d) if

66) a) oxygen b) carbon dioxide c) hydrogen d) air

67) a) cubic metres b) quantity c) litres d) volumes

68) a) beginning b) end c) start d) origins

69) a) within b) between c) beyond d) during

70) a) In contrast b) Although c) Whereas d) Contrary

71) a) replaced b) replacement c) total d) modern

72) a) proceeding b) mechanism c) device d) process

73) a) replaced b) removed c) let d) dropped

74) a) during decades b) for decades c) for years d) decades ago

75) a) planet b) earth c) world d) soil

76) a) Whereas b) Despite c) In spite of d) However

77) a) sustainable b) eternal c) dependable d) reliable

78) a) past b) future c) current d) today's

79) a) burn b) produce c) manufacture d) product

80) a) biofuels b) trees c) goods d) oil