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La leçon se déroule en anglais. Elle est suivie d'un entretien en français.

SUBJECT :

« Many place prepositions have abstract meanings which are clearly related, through metaphorical connection, to their locative uses. » (R. Quirk, *A Comprehensive Grammar of the English Language*, 1985, p. 685)

Discuss.

Candidates will use relevant excerpts from the following corpus to address the above topic.

Excerpt n°1

Dr Barth Green, a doctor involved in the relief effort in Port-au-Prince, warned that his patients needed to get to better hospitals. "We have 100 critically ill patients who will die in the next day or two if we don't medevac them," said Green, chairman of the University of Miami's Global Institute for Community Health and Development.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/>, January 31, 2010

Excerpt n°2

At a temporary field hospital at Haiti's international airport, set up with donations to Green's institute, two men had already died of tetanus. Doctors said five-year-old Betina Joseph faced a similar fate within 24 hours unless she is evacuated to a US hospital where she can be put on a respirator.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/>, January 31, 2010

Excerpt n°3

The girl – infected with tetanus through a two-inch cut on her thigh – weakly shooed a fly buzzing around her face as her mother comforted her, apparently unaware that getting the girl out could mean life or death.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/>, January 31, 2010

Excerpt n°4

Florida officials said yesterday that they were not aware of any hospital in Florida refusing to take in the patients. However, in a letter on Tuesday to the health and human services secretary, Kathleen Sebelius, the Republican governor said "Florida's healthcare system is quickly reaching saturation, especially in the area of high level trauma care".

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/>, January 31, 2010

Excerpt n°5

In a statement yesterday, Crist said Florida had not stopped helping earthquake victims, noting at least 60 Haitian orphans arrived on Friday night at Miami international airport.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/>, January 31, 2010

Excerpt n°6

Lavenda says Sanofi officials are baffled at the vaccine's loss of muscle. "It's a mystery," he says. "We can't remember a time when flu vaccine lost potency."

<http://www.usatoday.com/>, December 15, 2009

Excerpt n°7

Information on where exactly flu vaccination will be available on a state-by-state basis will be up this week at www.flu.gov.

<http://www.usatoday.com/>, October 13, 2009

Excerpt n°8

She said many parents "desperately want to do what's right. ... But too often, the realities of modern life make it feel like the deck is stacked against them."

They're tight on money and time, she said. Their communities lack markets that sell fresh produce. The physical-education and recreation programs have been cut back at their schools.

<http://www.usatoday.com/>, January 20, 2010

Excerpt n°9

Obama's speech today at the U.S. Conference of Mayors is a curtain raiser on a project she'll unveil in the coming weeks that will put federal resources on the problem. Our colleague Nanci Hellmich was at the first lady's speech and gives readers some good background on the problem in this story.

<http://www.usatoday.com/>, January 20, 2010

Excerpt n°10

"Obesity is also one of the biggest threats to the American economy," Obama said. "If we continue on our current path, in 10 years, nearly 50% of all Americans will be obese -- not just overweight. Think about how much we'll be spending on health care."

<http://www.usatoday.com>, January 20, 2010

Excerpt n°11

Gordon Brown was forced to defend his record on military equipment again today as David Cameron accused the government of fighting "two wars on a peacetime budget".

<http://www.guardian.co.uk>, March 10, 2010

Excerpt n°12

The heated exchanges began when Cameron cited yesterday's inquest into the deaths of four soldiers in Afghanistan in 2008.

The inquest into the deaths of Corporal Sarah Bryant, 26, the first female casualty in Afghanistan, and three special forces comrades heard a string of criticisms over their equipment and training.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk>, March 10, 2010

Excerpt n°13

Cameron asked Brown to apologise on behalf of defence minister Quentin Davies for linking their deaths to the commander's choice of vehicle.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk>, March 10, 2010

Excerpt n°14

We have now 3,000 mine detector machines on the ground for our troops. That will double over the next few months.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk>, March 10, 2010

Excerpt n°15

The request for British help in stockpiling sufficient condoms for the expected influx of thousands of football supporters in three months' time was made during President Jacob Zuma's recent visit to the UK to meet the Queen.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk>, March 10, 2010

Excerpt n°16

While Price has been working tirelessly at getting her message across, the thinking women – the writers and journalists – who should have been putting the counter case have been indulging in a variety of "guilty pleasures" – from ogling young men (Germaine Greer in *The Boy*) to drooling over frocks (Linda Grant in *The Thoughtful Dresser*).

<http://www.guardian.co.uk>, March 3, 2010

Excerpt n°17

I'm sorry to say that we *are* culpable. Thinking women have turned their backs on feminism.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk>, March 3, 2010

Excerpt n°18

The Madonna-ised woman views femininity as a tool for getting what she wants, whatever that may be. In this moment, it is more or less compulsory for intelligent women to reveal a passion for baking cupcakes. The domestic goddess is a pose, not a reversion to old-style femininity. Now that "attitude" is out and old-fashioned feminine virtues are "in", so Madonna-ised woman is ready to reveal that cake-making is her number one "guilty pleasure".

<http://www.guardian.co.uk>, March 3, 2010