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

**SUBJECT:**
Concerning prepositions of time, R. Quirk et al remark:

"At, on, and in as prepositions of 'time location' are to some extent parallel to the same items as positive prepositions of position, although in the time sphere, there are only two 'dimension-types', viz. 'point of time' and 'period of time'"


Discuss.

Candidates will use relevant excerpts from the following corpus in order to address the above topic.
Excerpt no 1
An advantage of this slender branch byway, which runs at a higher level than the main road, is the splendid panorama it affords of the encircling hills: across the valley the distant double-topped Frostrow merges in the long whaleback skyline of Rise Hill; at the head is Great Knoutberry Hill carrying the railway; rising to the left are the lower slopes of Whernside, succeeded by Great Coum beyond the gap of Deepdale, and finally Middleton Fell closes the horizon.


Excerpt no 2
Maggie glanced over at where Margaret and Rose were playing.


Excerpt no 3
At dinner one evening, we were congratulating him on getting the job and he mentioned this educational remit and that he had no idea what to do.


Excerpt no 4
If you are a community nurse, you will obviously not give all your clients with diabetes their morning insulin at the same time, but you may well attend to those needing insulin before going on to visit people with other needs.


Excerpt no 5
At the nub of the matter is the fact that the Southern EC member states tend to have laws relating to the protection of their national heritage which are centralising and confiscatory.


Excerpt no 6
The accent was superficially American, but beneath there seemed to lie some other tongue, threatening to emerge at the end of every sentence.


Excerpt no 7
The socialist order is in danger in Hungary because internal and external reactionary forces have launched a counter-offensive aimed at restoring capitalism,' warned the manifesto of the party's 'Marxist Unity Platform' which was read out at a mass rally in a Budapest stadium.


Excerpt no 8
Well, the answer is wrapped in a skein of social processes and, in the course of this book, I plan to unravel as many of them as possible.


Excerpt no 9
As Gains (from Toronto, but now living in Croydon) told me in an interview in 1980: ‘The only time Godfrey had the handcuffs off was when he was fighting another black man.


Excerpt no 10
You’re always throwing in my face that I’m going to get in trouble. I’m sure you know very well why I’m here, unless you’re living in another dimension.


Excerpt no 11
In July Mr Pettersson was convicted by a crown court in a split decision where the majority, consisting of lay assessors, unanimously voted in favour of a life sentence.

**Excerpt n°12**
But this implies that a single random increase in aggregate demand in the current period can set up a serially correlated movement or boom in real output over a number of subsequent periods.


**Excerpt n°13**
Song From The End Of The World is inspired by Dingle Bay, on Ireland's west coast, and makes reference to the god Pan and his recurring influence on that landscape.


**Excerpt n°14**
The two Kings held another conference on the border between Gisors and Trie on 21 January 1188.


**Excerpt n°15**
In conclusion, I am sorry if what I have said seems to be one more version of 'on the one hand' and on the other'.


**Excerpt n°16**
These expectations on both sides make the length of a doctor's appointment reasonably easy to predict.


**Excerpt n°17**
On another Parliamentary occasion, when it was alleged that cases of motor banditry were being grossly exaggerated in the press, reference was made to 'such trivial acts as the pulling down of shutters of an empty kiosk and stealing cigarettes and sweets' which were contrasted with what was called 'real crime'.


**Excerpt n°18**
An orthographic projection can be converted into a geometric perspective by inscribing the ground and roof plans on the bottom and top of the box respectively; and the left, right, fore and aft elevations on the vertical sides of the box.


**Excerpt n°19**
As children, we all got up to tricks like pinching a few apples or knocking on someone's door and running away — all rather harmless, but if our parents found out, we would be in for a good hiding, a cut on the backside.

*BNC, Oral history project, Scotland: interview (Leisure). Recorded with 2 participants.*

**Excerpt n°20**
"Erm on the basis that er we were, when we were setting the, the targets, the time was set by the work study personnel erm and then the operator was able to obtain a trial run on the time given er and if at the end of the work, he was satisfied that he had made the target bonus, or near enough, or if he was satisfied that, given a little extra opportunity to go back onto that job should it come back again in the near future, then he would see clearly that he could make at least fifty percent, which was the target bonus, and probably more."

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