

EAE 0422 A

SUJET JURY

SUJET CANDIDAT N°

CODE SUJET : LLG

20

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

SUBJECT :

"Prepositions function as heads of phrases, and, as such, can take various dependents, both complements and modifiers. Prepositions take a range of complement types comparable to that of verbs".

R. Huddleston & G.K. Pullum, *A Student's introduction to English Grammar*, 2006, CUP, p.139.

Discuss.

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

Excerpt n°1

Two days earlier, he'd told me that he hadn't been out on a date in over a year, which meant that his silent worship of the B.P.M. now constituted the full extent of his love life.

P.Auster, The Brooklyn Follies, Picador, 2006.

Excerpt n°2

Forget for a moment the Right-wing bitching about Barack Obama. Set aside criticism of his banquet of promises. The overwhelming reality of his first quarter as the most powerful man on Earth is that many Americans regard him as something close to the Messiah.

The Daily Mail, 28/04/2009

Excerpt n°3

She was half my age and already married, which meant that romance was out of the question, but she was so splendid to look at, so gentle in her dealings with me, so ready to laugh at my less than funny jokes that I literally pined for her on her days off.

P.Auster, The Brooklyn Follies, Picador, 2006.

Excerpt n°4

Many Republicans hate Obama, just as their grandfathers hated Roosevelt. They want him to fail. For now, they thrash in impotence.

The Daily Mail, 28/04/2009

Excerpt n°5

Because I signed up to his website when reporting his campaign last year, I receive the same weekly email messages as 13 million U.S. voters, each one personalized: 'Dear Max, Come to our listening tour meeting at your local town hall. You'll get the chance to help write plans for Organizing America in 2009 and beyond.'

The Daily Mail, 28/04/2009

Excerpt n°6

Batman is the most down-to-earth of all the superheroes. He has no special powers from being born on a distant world or bitten by a radioactive spider. All that protects him from the Joker and other Gotham City villains are his wits and a physique shaped by years of training—combined with the vast fortune to reach his maximum potential and augment himself with Batmobiles, Batcables and other Bat-goodies, of course.

Scientific American, 14/07/2008

Excerpt n°7

Feds agree on how to remove wolves from ESA protection- The federal government is requiring Montana, Idaho and Wyoming to have plans in place for managing wolves after the animals are removed from endangered species protections.

Deseret News (Salt Lake City), May 24, 2007

Excerpt n°8

Sen. Richard Durbin portrayed McCain as a detached Washington insider, especially impervious to the current economic hardships facing many Americans. "He is completely out of touch with the reality of today's economy," said Durbin. "He's not in touch with people's lives, and his whole life shows that," said Rep. Rahm Emanuel, playing off one of the new ads that notes McCain's computer illiteracy. "He's removed from the day to day challenges."

The Washington Post, September 12, 2008

Excerpt n°9

Baby Manjhi was conceived when a Japanese couple paid a clinic in India to have the husband's sperm and an anonymous donor's egg implanted in the womb of an Indian surrogate. The plan worked. But a few months before Manjhi was born, the couple divorced. The intended Japanese mother decided she did not want the baby.

CNN, November 2, 2008

Excerpt n°10

A few days after Hurricane Katrina, President Bush stated that no one had anticipated a breach of New Orleans's levees.

National Review, March 27, 2006

Excerpt n°11

I'm totally with you, baby.

Today, NBC, 28/07/08

Excerpt n°12

"You've caused a stir." He skimmed the jacket from his shoulders. "I don't think it's me." A woman held up the newspaper and pointed to the picture. She waved, smiling. "Oh," Elena said, pleased. She waved back. "Your first taste of fame?" She thought of long ago, the New Mexico newspapers. But that had been more notoriety than fame, so dark and heavy she'd had to flee to escape it. "In a way," she said, then shifted her attention back to him. "But you're no stranger to it, are you?". "I am not usually recognized for myself," he said, "but for the wives I have unwisely collected."

Barbara O'Neal, *The lost recipe for happiness*, New York, 2009

Excerpt n°13

And I'm like, I don't know. Because, you know, we've got three girls and they stayed on set for long hours and they took direction from the director.

ABC, 10/02/2009

Excerpt n°14

She shoved him away and wiped her lips with the back of her hand as he laughed with sadistic humor. "You're so untried. It's a pity the innocence doesn't last for long. I really like it when they protest. No, all too soon you'll be begging for my touch."

K. Gray, *Seducer*, Kensington Pub., 2009

Excerpt n°15

It's a tough thing to grapple with a little bit, because, as of now, we don't know of a single human being that has benefited from stem cells that's been published in some way, reproduced in some way.

CNN Newsroom, 15/03/09

Excerpt n°16

Younger parents are, you know, are different with their children than the older generation parents of now. I'm an older parent, but I'm still a parent in a younger generation than the generation that I grew up in, obviously.

NPR, *FreshAir*. 15/06/09

Excerpt n°17

There is good reason to believe that American pressure has been the primary reason for India's decision to hold back for now. Pakistan made clear to the United States that it would relieve military pressure on the Taliban and al-Qaeda forces in the mountainous areas adjoining Afghanistan if America did not restrain its ally. The U.S., as so often in the past, gave in to Pakistan's threat of decreased cooperation.

Commentary, Vol. 127 Issue 2, Feb2009

Excerpt n°18

So how much of *The Hangover* is improvised?

A lot of it. That's why you hire a comic, so he can put his stamp on it. Todd would let us do things with the script. Like jerking off the baby. That scene was not originally in there. There was a prop doll, and I was just fooling around, waiting for a camera to get set up. I took the little doll's hand, and I was like, "Todd, look." And Todd said "we got to put that in the movie."

Esquire, Vol. 151, Issue 6, June 2009

Excerpt n°19

Ngqumbazi went back to her packing, turning her attention to the leopard furs. "Have those two settled their differences?"

"It doesn't matter. They'll be far away from each other, attacking from opposite sides while Tshingwayo leads the chest straight on." He picked up his iKlawa and two throwing spears and glanced around. "I must have left my isiHlangu outside." Ngqumbazi threw down the furs and ran to him, wrapping her arms around him. "I'll never see you again! I've heard there are thousands of British soldiers crossing the Tugela River!" He hugged her, feeling hot tears on his chest. "We'll win. You'll see". She pushed herself away.

Fantasy & Science Fiction, Vol. 110, Issue 4, 2006.

Excerpt n°20

"Umm Ruman is ill. Her womb is bleeding." Ali blinked at her as if he did not understand her words. Asma got the unnerving feeling again that he was not quite with her but was gazing at her from across some vast distance. And then he nodded, as if suddenly snapped back to the present moment. "I am sorry to hear that," he said softly. "I will inform the Prophet. He will pray for Umm Ruman and, if God wills, she will be healed."

K. Pasha, *Mother of the believers*, Washington Square Press, 2009