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

**SUBJECT:**

« The general definition of a preposition in traditional grammar is that it is a word that governs, and normally precedes, a noun or pronoun and which expresses the latter’s relation to another word » (R. Huddleston & G.K. Pullum, *The Cambridge Grammar of the English Language*, 2002, p. 598)

Discuss.

Candidates will use relevant excerpts from the following corpus to address the above topic.
Excerpt n°1
The review made 128 recommendations for improving understanding, practice, procedures and training into intra-familial abuse.
It also recommended improvements in sharing information, record-keeping and support for professionals.

http://www.usatoday.com, February 3, 2010

Excerpt n°2
Infants who died of SIDS had low levels of serotonin, a brain chemical that helps the brainstem regulate breathing, temperature, sleeping, waking and other automatic functions, according to an autopsy study in today's Journal of the American Medical Association.

http://www.usatoday.com, February 3, 2010

Excerpt n°3
Serotonin normally helps babies respond to high carbon-dioxide levels during sleep by helping them wake up and shift their head position to get fresh air, says senior author Hannah Kinney of Harvard Medical School and Children's Hospital Boston.

http://www.usatoday.com, February 3, 2010

Excerpt n°4
"This could have a huge impact," says Rachel Moon, a leading SIDS researcher at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, who wasn't involved in the new study.

http://www.usatoday.com, February 3, 2010

Excerpt n°5
The abstinence-only program was based on social psychology theories about what motivates behavior. It encouraged abstinence as a way to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

http://www.usatoday.com, February 2, 2010

Excerpt n°6
"It's unfair to compare this abstinence-only intervention to the typical abstinence-only-until-marriage program that young people in this country have been put through," she said. These typically portray sex and condom use in a more negative light, she said.

http://www.usatoday.com, February 2, 2010

Excerpt n°7
"We are particularly disappointed that the government, in choosing to interfere with the pay review body's recommendations, has not fully taken into account the financial pressures on junior doctors in their first years of postgraduate training – who have average debts of £22,000."

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

Excerpt n°8
Equality is gaining ground at homes across the USA, but the move toward parity leaves some mothers in a quandary; they're ready to share the workload with their partners, but to do that, they'll also have to come to terms with the loss of hierarchy at home.
"Women who want to create this sometimes don't appreciate the level at which they must let go," says Amy Vachon of Watertown, Mass.

http://www.usatoday.com, May 4, 2009

Excerpt n°9
Sufi Mohammed is in the custody of Pakistani security forces, and the road the convoy was traveling on was believed to have been cleared of militants, police officials said.


Excerpt n°10
He says planning a birthday party for their daughter starts with his wife's list of what has to be done — to which he agrees or disputes — before they decide how to divvy up the jobs.
Excerpt n°11
"I have certainly felt ambivalent about relinquishing control over what my daughter wears or eats. There are times when my husband dresses her in an outfit and I think, 'What is he doing?' I try to bite my tongue," she says. "The way your children look, a lot of mothers feel like it reflects on them.

http://www.usatoday.com, May 4, 2009

Excerpt n°12
"Ofsted is losing the confidence of schools, staff and parents by building an inspection system on constantly shifting sands."

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

Excerpt n°13
Gordon Brown drew the election battle lines around the economy today, announcing a freeze on public sector pay and declaring he had the strength of character to lead the country to recovery.

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

Excerpt n°14
Brown stressed the country was at a "crossroads" and faced "crucial decisions" in the months ahead.

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

Excerpt n°15
He said that the government remained committed to halving Britain's record £178bn deficit within four years and that the curbs on public sector pay would save more than £3bn by 2013-14.

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

Excerpt n°16
He said he had read the report from the inquest and it would go to the Ministry of Defence. "They've said they will look at every detail that is raised by the coroner and take whatever action is necessary." Three areas had to be looked at, he said.

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

Excerpt n°17
The interchange became increasingly bitter after Cameron was heckled from the Labour benches over the fact that the military chiefs he had cited as criticising Brown were "Tories". Banging his papers on the dispatch box, Cameron demanded an apology for this "disgraceful slur" on the former defence chiefs' patriotism and integrity.

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

Excerpt n°18
Local authorities in Lincolnshire and Sheffield today apologised to members of a family for failing to protect them from their father, who repeatedly raped and physically and sexually abused them over a period of 35 years.

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

Excerpt n°19
The Ulster Unionists said today they would not be "bullied" into backing a deal to complete the Northern Ireland peace process, amid intense pressure on the party from Washington and London to support a vote to devolve police and justice powers to Stormont. George Bush made a direct plea to David Cameron to exert pressure on the UUP, with which the Conservatives have agreed an electoral pact.

http://www.guardian.co.uk, March 9, 2010