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

SUBJECT:

« Partons des données suivantes :

1. He’s been reading.
   * He’s read.
2. He’s been reading letters.
   ? He’s read.
3. He’s been reading the letter.
   He’s read the letter.
4. *He’s been reading two letters.
   He’s read two letters.

L’inversion d’acceptabilité qui se produit entre (1) et (4) pourrait donner des doutes sur la possibilité de choisir entre deux formes de parfait. On se demande si le verbe read est terminatif (4) ou non terminatif (1, 2), ou encore mixte (3). »


Discuss.

Candidates will use relevant excerpts from the following corpus to address the above topic.
Excerpt 1
Jonathan Krohn has just finished his homework. He has been reading three books on the Napoleonic wars and is fired up about the Russian conflict of 1812. So far, so precocious. But it's what happens next that really makes you pause. While other boys his age would be reaching for their Xbox 360s, iChatting on their laptops or slamming dunking in the playground, he is talking to the Guardian about his conservative principles.


Excerpt 2
As for Lara, who has been studying literature for five years now commented, "I have become a more conscious and critical reader. I often read sentences and think of wider contexts that we consider in school, like gender or identity. Something that I rarely did before starting to study literature, was actively thinking about what I read after I finished reading, but it has become part of the process and often makes reading even more interesting".


Excerpt 3
Shanika Ranasinghe has been hearing voices – auditory hallucinations - since she was five years old. Now 28, she speaks to ELLE about learning to cope and tackling the stigma often attached to voice-hearers.


Excerpt 4
For example, Mooseheart’s 11th annual Holiday Lights Show, which began Nov. 27, has been seeing three times the number of usual visitors, with 1,500 cars going through on Dec. 5 alone. The Rotary Club’s Festival of Lights at Phillips Park in Aurora, according to a source, has seen backups of three hours on weekends, prompting a cut-off to all access to the light show except for Smith Boulevard.

"Aurora’s Lehnertz Avenue ready to add some light to this unusually grim Christmas season", The Chicago Tribune, 2020, <www.chicagotribune.com>, last accessed in 2021

Excerpt 5
Touch the baby’s forehead with the pointing finger lying along the hairline, the ring finger along the eyebrow, the middle in between. If the three fingers feel hot, the baby has caught a cold, and will probably have a stuffed nose and coughing.

James Tin Yao So, Treatment of Disease with Acupuncture, 1987

Excerpt 6
Another story is that Chen is one of the nimblest guys ever to play the game, a national handball star before his accident. He is so good because of that history and because the thick grass of the infield has been stopping the ball dead, allowing him to isolate the beep and swoop in aggressively.

David Wanczyk, Beep: Inside the Unseen World of Baseball for the Blind, 2018

Excerpt 7
It has not been plain sailing. Yorkshire remain heavily in debt, although Graves insists they are now back on track, after buying the cricket side of Headingley from their rugby landlords. They had gone 11 seasons without a trophy, and were relegated again in 2011 – prompting an explosion from Graves, to the huge amusement of Lancastrians as it came on the same day they were winning the Championship.


Excerpt 8
He filled the tank with water from the tap, pouring it into the ingeniously designed opening which allowed fluids to enter and leave without letting in light. He then let the tank sit while he mixed the developing fluid with water in a graduated beaker.

Michael Thomas Ford, The Road Home, 2011

Excerpt 9
Jim Evarts at the Boat Doctors in Olcott said anglers have been catching salmon and brown trout off the two piers. The time of day and location depends on which way the wind is blowing.


Excerpt 10
"The sofa on which you were sitting is back to its real position. I mean to say that if one sits on it for a long time as you said it will remain pressed. But in this case it isn’t. So, you have not been sitting on it for a long time."

"But what if I have been standing for a long time and then sitting on this sofa for a short time."

“The Story Contest”, The Twelve Tales, 2014

Excerpt 11
Andrews has been filling three backpacks and after two and a half hours Amanda notices that Jim opens the inner door, letting in Mick and Nicky. They hand over their two backpacks, full of cash and take one each from Andrews, the third is given to Jim.

Paul A. Roberts, The Rage, 2013
Excerpt 12
If a man is ill and does not sneeze, those who come to him ask whether he has sneezed or not; if he has not sneezed, they murmur, “The disease is great!” If a child sneezes, they say to it, “Grow! it is a sign of health [...].”

Richard Merder Dorson, Peasant Customs and Savage Myths, 1968

Excerpt 13
Recently, we have been recognizing the remarkable professionals who came before us in leading both the Slater Memorial Museum and its spawn, the Norwich Art School. While the staff of the Slater Museum has been, traditionally, lean, from time to time, through special funding or reconfiguring positions, there has been an assistant or associate director.


Excerpt 14
For months, photojournalist Ariana Drehsler had been crossing the border between her home in San Diego and the Mexican city of Tijuana without incident. Drehsler was photographing asylum-seekers who had traveled to Tijuana, and she had never once been questioned by border officials for longer than a minute while re-entering the United States.


Excerpt 15
I sank to the bottom instantly and would have drowned in seconds except for my one little advantage – I breathed out of habit, not necessity.

John G. Hartness, The Black Knight Chronicles, 2012

Excerpt 16
You’ve been looking forward to this moment, God knows you’ve earned it. The chilled bottles have been winking at you from the fridge shelf since Wednesday night, but you have held off, fought off temptation, delayed the thirst-quenching gratification of the ‘TCSSCHH’ of the bottle opening and the nectar hitting your lips and partying on your palette until FRIDAY.

“Bottle Opener of Gratification”, The Snaffling Pig co., <www.snafflingpig.co.uk>, last accessed in 2021

Excerpt 17
Twenty years ago much of the Thames lay derelict and neglected. Now London’s historic riverscape is fast disappearing under exclusive developments and architectural setpieces. Are we loving the Thames to death?


Excerpt 18
Students should understand that; it is the people they are finding solutions for, not the standards that need to be met. The needs and feelings of individuals should form an important part of the environment design.


Excerpt 19
Speaking on BBC Radio 4’s Today programme on Thursday, Mr Livingstone said: “My job in the next eight months or so is to get to focus on what Boris actually believes in. He has been writing three columns a week for 20 years. I am halfway through them.”


Excerpt 20
Although he still felt weak from his wounds, Brown was determined to use every minute left him and wrote letters for hours each day.

Tony Horwitz, Midnight Rising: John Brown and the Raid That Sparked the Civil War, 2011

Excerpt 21
He became a man who was reaching his goal of being on a journey toward wholeness. Larry was gradually healing, recovering, and becoming whole again and it felt good! By keeping his mind focused on his goal of healing and recovery, he went from being a man focused on himself and his sorrow and the great pain he was feeling into a man who was now focused on gratitude [...].

Carmen Dinino Alsprach & Larry E. Simons, Journey to Wholeness: The Story, the Tools, the Choice, 2011

Excerpt 22
We have been spending our computing lessons over recent months revising and improving our coding skills using a program called Scratch. Everyone has been making three different games – Jump the Wall, The Maze Game and Race Track – each game requires the children to use different types of coding.