

THE GREAT INDOORS

GENERAL COMPREHENSION:

Les points de suspension sont acceptés si les bornes des citations sont clairement délimitées.

Les guillemets ne sont pas obligatoires.

Tick the correct answer: (1 point pour chacune des 2 premières questions. 2 points pour la 3ème)

1) **This text deals with** American people's fear of cold weather. American people's extensive use of air-conditioning. American people's allergy to air-conditioning. the dangers of changing temperatures

2) **The narrator** approves of American people's attitudes. is angry with American people. criticises American people's attitudes. is not surprised at American people's attitudes.

3) **The narrator is** English. Irish. American. French

Justify your answer to question three.

"The last time I was in my hometown of Des Moines, Iowa."

Accepter : "My hometown of Des Moines, Iowa."

Accepter une formulation personnelle,(il n'est pas demandé de citer le texte...) même si elle comporte des fautes de syntaxe.

1 point si American est coché, mais sans justification. Zéro si American est coché mais avec une citation erronée.

DETAILED COMPREHENSION:

A) True or False ? Justify your answer with brief quotations (1 point X 7)

1) The situation described in paragraph one takes place in fine weather.

True **False**

"I t was a glorious day" (accepter que la citation se prolonge jusqu'à "as good as a day can get")

2) On the day the narrator recalls, air-conditioning was necessary.

True **False**

"A climate inside identical to the climate already existing outside". (accepter que la citation commence à :"to create" et se prolonge jusqu'à " in the larger world outside").

3) Americans are no longer used to being- out of doors.

True **False**

Lignes 8 et 9, ou lignes 10 et 11. (Mais zéro si les 4 lignes sont citées.)

4) Americans mostly shop in street-markets.

True **False**

"They shop in enclosed malls."

5) In most American cities, shops are underground.

True **False**

"All the shops that used to be at level have moved up to the first floor."

(Accepter une citation réduite à : "the shops have moved up to the first floor").

6) The narrator has always lived in the same town.

True **False**

"The last time I was in my hometown."

7) The narrator had not planned to meet his old friend when he went to Des Moines.

True **False**

"I ran into an old friend."

B) What are the four occasions when American people are outdoors ? Quote from the text. (1 point X 4)

.1) on a picnic ; 2) for a day at the beach ; 3) when they go to a big amusement park ; 4) (winos and) office workers standing around having a smoke.

Donner 3 points si le passage de la ligne 9 et 10 est recopié sans séparation des 3 éléments de réponse.

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C) Tick the correct answer: (1 point X 4)

1) "**The bulk of their lives**" (L 11) means The early years of their lives. A few years in their lives. The most important part of their lives. Half their lives

2) "**An outsized motor-home**" (L.16) is A motor-home that is too small. A motor-home that is too big. A motor-home that has a normal size. A motor-home that has a strange aspect.

3) "**People having a smoke**" (L.26) means People making a fire. People smoking a cigarette. People analysing- smoke. People running- from a fire.

4) "**No muggers**" (L.32) means No storms. No wild animals. No hunters. No robbers.

D) Pick out a sentence showing that the narrator disapproves of the Americans, attitude

regarding the outdoors. (1 point)

"It occurred to me that where fresh air is concerned Americans have rather lost their minds, or sense or proportion, or something."

Accepter que la citation commence à "Where fresh air" ... et/ou s'arrête à "minds".)

E) Find in the text equivalents of the following words or expressions: (0.5 point X 8)

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| 1 Strange: odd | 5 A walking person : a pedestrian |
| 2 Closed : sealed (accepter windows up ou enclosed) | 6 A bridge : skywalks (singulier ou pluriel) ou flyovers (singulier ou pluriel) |
| 3 I got the idea: it occurred to me | 7 In the city centre : downtown |
| 4 Perfect: : Flawless. (Accepter Glorious ou splendid) | 8 Drunkards : winos |

N.B : Pour le N° 4, après discussion, la commission a accepté glorious et splendid, dans la mesure où flawless était jugé très dur à trouver, et aussi parce que nulle part dans le sujet il n'est dit que les mots suivent l'ordre du texte. Bonifier le fait d'avoir trouvé flawless en se montrant généreux dans l'expression écrite.

EXPRESSION

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

Si les expressions écrites ne font pas le nombre de mot demandés, noter au pro rata du nombre de mots.

Ne pas sanctionner des expressions écrites dépassant le nombre de mots demandés.

I) The narrator tries to convince his old friend to jog in the open air. Write their conversation expressing opinion and advice (80 words).

Respect de la consigne (dialogue et conseils donnés) : 1 point

Lexique adéquat, expressions attendues : 2 points

Grammaire : liens logiques : 2 points

Idées personnelles, exemples, anecdotes : 1 point

Pour la grammaire, ne pas seulement tenir compte des liens logiques, mais de la correction grammaticale en général.

En 80 mots, on ne peut attendre ni un grand nombre d'expressions du conseil, ni des anecdotes !! (Mais sanctionner les candidats qui ont "meublé" en abusant de formules style "glad to see you, nice day, isn't it !", etc.

2) Do you prefer outdoor or indoor activities? Explain your reasons (120 words).

Respect de la consigne : 1 point.

Lexique : 4 points

Grammaire : liens logique : 3 points.

Idées personnelles, exemples, anecdotes : 2points.

Pour la grammaire, ne pas seulement tenir compte des liens logiques, mais de la correction grammaticale en général.