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**Concours Nationaux d'Entrée aux Cycles de Formation  
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Epreuve de: **ANGLAIS** (Suggested keys)

**PART ONE Reading Comprehension (30 marks)**

**I- 1/ What type of text is it? (2marks)**

*(c) informative*

**2/ Justification: rates, figures, dates, cause and effect ...**

**II-Select the two statements which DO NOT RELATE to the text: (2marks)**

- *(2) Food prices have gone sky high in the USA because of the economic downturn*
- *(3) The number of students with a low academic performance is on the rise in the U.S*

**III- Mention the different parts that helped to reach this finding about the deteriorating social status of a growing number of Americans (2marks)**

- 1- *Analysis by the N.Y. Times of data from the Department of Agriculture*
- 2- *University researchers and economists*
- 3- *Department of Education Officials*
- 4- *Experts/ specialists*

**IV- Say whether the statements are true or false and justify from the text (4marks)**

- 1- *(False) Children in a four-member household with income up to \$'41,348 qualify for a subsidized lunch priced at 40 cents.*
- 2- *(True) The surge had happened so quickly that people like myself ... are struggling to keep up with it.*

**V- Give four examples from the text showing how the economic crisis affected the American society (Use your own words) (4 marks)**

- 1- *A great number of Americans lost their job/ mass layoffs*
- 2- *An increase in the number of students who signed up for free or subsidized meals*
- 3- *More and more families tightened up their spending to save money*
- 4- *Even middle class people knew impoverishment/ Middle class people's standard of living was quite affected*

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VI- Pick out a sentence showing that middle class parents feel ashamed and degraded as they were forced to enroll their children for subsidized or free meals at school. (1mark)

*Many of these formerly middle-income parents have pleaded with school officials to keep their enrollment a secret*

VII- Choose the correct alternative (a, b or c) so that the statements become relevant to the text. (2marks)

1-The increase in the number of schoolchildren qualifying for the subsidized or free meals:

(a) Gives an idea about the rate of poverty in the American society

2-Providing free or subsidized school meals:

(b) Is in no way a new program resulting only from the most recent economic crisis

VIII- Complete the following summary with reference to the text (5marks)

Millions of American *schoolchildren* are receiving *free or low cost meals* for the first time as their parents, many of whom were once solidly middle class, have lost *their jobs and therefore their salaries* during the *economic crisis*, qualifying their children for *school food programs*.

IX- Look for words in the text having nearly the same meaning as: (4marks)

1- *hardship*

2- *formerly*

3- *enroll*

4- *eligible*

X- What do the underlined words in the text refer to? (4marks)

1- *four-year increases of 25 percent or more*

2- *people who were never eligible before/ people who never had a need*

3- *taxes*

4- *1970*

**PART TWO LANGUAGE ( 30 marks)**

**I- Select the correct alternative (10 marks)**

1	<i>crippled</i>	6	<i>infringement</i>
2	<i>launched</i>	7	<i>ignoring</i>
3	<i>closure</i>	8	<i>remove</i>
4	<i>freely</i>	9	<i>fees</i>
5	<i>charged</i>	10	<i>overload</i>

**II- Use the right tense or form (10 marks)**

1	<i>were injured</i>	6	<i>had to</i>
2	<i>took</i>	7	<i>treated</i>
3	<i>protesters</i>	8	<i>provincial</i>
4	<i>were blocking</i>	9	<i>momentarily</i>
5	<i>injuries</i>	10	<i>is</i>

**III- Fill in the blanks by using the appropriate linkers from the list. ( 5 marks)**

1	<i>also</i>	3	<i>However</i>
2	<i>such as</i>	4	<i>Since</i>
	5	<i>Furthermore</i>	

**IV- Express differently starting as mentioned in the answer sheet (5 marks)**

- 1- Although *he is extremely wealthy, he doesn't give any donations to charity.*
- 2- The Fukushima nuclear plant was swamped by a *quake-generated* tsunami.
- 3- Unless *you work hard, you will not succeed.*
- 4- You needn't *have gone to a doctor.*
- 5- If *I had seen the red lights, I would have stopped.*

**PART THREE Writing Tasks (20 marks)**

**I- Put the following words in order to obtain coherent sentences (2 marks)**

1/ *Radioactive waste remains dangerous for hundreds of years.*

2/ *Television is thought to be doing irreparable harm.*

**II- Find and correct the 6 mistakes in the paragraph (3 marks)**

Mistake	Correction	Mistake	Correction
1- their	1- <i>there</i>	4- unable	4- <i>enable</i>
2- allowed	2- <i>allowing</i>	5- others	5- <i>other</i>
3- a such	3- <i>such a</i>	6- on	6- <i>at</i>

**III- Essay (15 marks)**

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