



**Consignes :** 1. L'usage de la calculatrice programmable est formellement interdit.

2. Tout gadget électronique (Tél., tablette, iPad, montre intelligente) est formellement interdit dans la salle d'examen.

3. Le silence est obligatoire dans la salle, il crée de meilleures conditions de travail.

**Durée de l'épreuve : 2 heures**

### Climate change - Can we stop it?

Twenty years ago, people could perhaps imagine that climate change was not a real problem, because some scientists still had doubts. Today almost all the world's scientists agree: the world is getting hotter, and it is the fault of human beings. Our planet is going towards a climate catastrophe, but we can stop its worst effects. Indeed we must do everything possible to stop them.

In November 2021, world leaders (or most of them) met in Glasgow, in Scotland, for the COP26 summit. They made quite a few decisions, to try and stop the Earth getting too warm. Many countries promised to become "carbon neutral" before 2050. Some have promised to become "carbon neutral" even faster. World leaders agree that we have to stop using coal and oil to generate heat and electricity; we should use green energy sources instead known as "renewables".

Before the year 2100, all the energy that we use may perhaps come from renewable sources: the sun, the sea, the wind and rivers can produce more than enough energy for everyone on our planet, but we still have a long way to go. The green energy revolution has already begun, but the challenges are still enormous. "Going green" will cost an enormous amount of money, and use some kinds of technology that do not yet exist. Also there are some people who believe that it will be too expensive.

Although most people care about our planet and know that we have to act now to avoid a climate catastrophe, there are other people who have different priorities. There are people who just don't care, and there are people who care more about themselves than about the world around them. There are people and big companies that just want to make money, and are not interested in anything that gets in their way. Most importantly, there are politicians who are frightened of doing anything that other people will not like; they make promises, but they do not keep them.

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#### I. Compétence Interprétative (30 pts.)

**A- Read the text carefully answer the following questions. (20 pts.)**

- 1- Where did world leaders meet in November 2021?
- 2- Name two renewable sources mentioned in the text.
- 3- Why aren't some companies interested in caring about our planet?
- 4- What has been promised by the year 2050?
- 5- According to the author, who always makes promises and never keeps them?

**B- Summarize the text in five complete sentences (10 pts.)**

#### II. Compétence Linguistique (30 pts.)

**A. Choose the best answer among the possibilities below (10 pts.)**

1. Thomas \_\_\_\_\_ his vacation for several months.  
a) planning      b) has been planning      c) is planning      d) been planning for.
2. Roberto wasn't in class today, \_\_\_\_\_?  
a) was he      b) did he      c) wasn't he      d) has he
3. You didn't damage my car, \_\_\_\_\_?  
a) did you      b) has you      c) didn't you      d) were you
4. Edmond enjoys hiking and \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) to camp      b) fishing      c) to fish      d) to climb mountain
5. The new system is more productive and \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) cheap      b) cheaper      c) the cheapest      d) more cheap

**B- . Turn the following sentences into active or passive voice (10 pts.)**

- 1- I made this pie with onions and cheese.
- 2- Everyone considers her to be the best student in the class.
- 3- I was told the joke by my sister.
- 4- This room was decorated by my mother.
- 5- They will have built the new bridge by the end of the year.

**C- Select the right adjective that best suits in each sentence (10 pts.)**

1. I was (disappointing / disappointed) by the movie. I had expected it to be more interesting.
2. Are you (interesting / interested) in soccer?
3. It's sometimes (embarrassing / embarrassed) when you have to ask people for money.
4. I had never expected to get the job. I was really (surprising / surprised) when it was offered to me.
5. We were all (fascinating/fascinated) by the play.

**III. Compétence pragmatique et interpersonnelle (20 pts.)**

**Problem solving-situation**

A classmate of the opposite sex has the habit of leaning over your desk a bit too close to you for comfort. Sometimes, the classmate will place an arm around your shoulder or purposely touch you. You do not want to embarrass or anger your classmate. How would you react?

**Write a short paragraph to talk about your reaction.**

**IV. Compétence discursive et argumentative (20 pts.)**

**Choose one of the following topics and write a twelve-line paragraph about it.**

1. As far as you are concerned as a S4 student, what actions can you personally suggest to take in order to contribute to the reduction of the climate change effects? State your insight in a chronological pattern.
2. Why is it important for people to protect their environment? State your reasons with clear and supporting details.

**END OF EXAMINATION ...**