



ANGLAIS

Threats to Our Safety and Security

1 “This generation enjoys unprecedented technological, scientific and financial resources... And
2 yet, it’s, possibly, the one that will lead to the breakdown.” Why are many informed people
3 concerned about our future and **that** of the earth? Consider just some of the challenges facing
4 us.

5 “Increasingly, the Internet is proving to be a dangerous place to visit. It is a haven for pedophiles,
6 bullies, trolls and hackers,” says the newspaper *The Australian*. “Identity theft is one of the fastest
7 growing crimes in the world... The Internet provides another outlet for one of the worst traits of
8 mankind - the capacity to be vicious and cruel.”

9 Besides, according to a recent Oxfam International report, the eight richest people own the same
10 amount of wealth as the poorer half of humanity. “Our broken economies,” said Oxfam, “are
11 funneling wealth to rich elite at the expense of the poorest in society, the majority of **whom** are
12 women”. Some fear that the growing inequality might trigger social unrest.

13 Another issue is related to people displacement. According to a 2018 United Nations Refugee
14 Agency report, **we** are now witnessing the highest levels of displacement on record. More than
15 68 million people have had to leave their homes, largely because of religious or political beliefs,
16 or their ethnic group or race. “Nearly one person is forcibly displaced every two seconds”, said
17 the report.

18 “Biodiversity is being lost at mass-extinction rates,” states *The Global Risks Report 2018*, and
19 “pollution of the air and sea has become an increasingly pressing hazard to human health”. Also,
20 insect numbers are in steep decline in some lands. Because insects pollinate plants, scientists
21 are now warning of a potential “ecological Armageddon.” Coral reefs are in trouble too. Scientists
22 estimate that about half of the world’s reefs have died in the past 30 years.

23 Are we able to make the changes needed for a safer and more secure world? Some feel that
24 education should be part of the answer.

Adapted from *Awake*, The Global Risks Report 2018, World Economic Forum.

Foot notes :

Coral reefs : récifs de corail

Funneling : vient du verbe ‘to funnel’ = aspirer

I- READING COMPREHENSION (08 marks)

A - Circle the best options to indicate your answers. (2 marks)

- 1. « **breakdown** » (line2) means:
 a - lowering **b**- improvement **c** - reduction **d** - failure
- 2. « **Bullies** » (line 4) means:
 a - intimidators **b** - regulators **c** - kidnappers **d** - claimers
- 3. « **trigger** » (line 11) means:
 a - help **b** - control **c** - engender **d** - reject
- 4. « **steep** » (line 18) means :
 a - direct **b** - normal **c** - correct **d** – rapid

B - Match the following general ideas with their corresponding paragraphs. The first one has been given as an example. (2 marks)

General ideas	Paragraphs
<i>Ex. Education : a possible solution</i>	<i>Paragraph n°6</i>
5. Financial disparity
6. Conflict and persecution
7. Cybercrime
8. Environmental threats

C All the following statements are false. Justify them with a short reference to the text. (1.5 marks)

- 9 - Internet is an insecure place for wrong doers.

- 10 - Nowadays, there are less displaced people than before.

- 11 - The threats to our environment are considerably declining.

D - Who or what do the following words refer to in the text? (1.5 marks)

- 12 - That (line 3):
- 13 - Whom (line 12):
- 14 -We (line 16):

Epreuve du 1^{er} groupe

A- Fill in each gap with only one word taken from the text. The paragraph containing the word is given in parentheses (1 mark)

Our modern world is enjoying progress in almost every field. However, this progress often results in insecurity and other problems. While¹⁵ (P2) are increasing in the world, ¹⁶ (P3) is unequally distributed. Moreover, people are either killed or¹⁷ (P4) because of conflicts. To make matters worse, scientists are alerting to the mounting phenomenon of¹⁸ (P5). In front of so many problems, the hope for solutions seems to depend on education.

II- LINGUISTIC COMPETENCE (07 marks)

B- Put the verbs in parentheses in the right tenses and forms. (1.5 mark)

Insecurity is spreading worldwide because of the fact that the progress of science and technology isn't well controlled. In recent years, people ¹⁹ **(to become)** more materialistic. Therefore, in their search for wealth and advantages, they are ready to resort to all means, even crime. Some of the practices of pedophiles, bullies, trolls and hackers which now ²⁰ **(to prevail)** on the net, are examples of threats and dangers facing the youth. In order to fight against cyber criminality, the civil society and people of all walks of life should²¹ **(to involve)**.

C- Reformulate the sentences using the words in brackets and without changing the original meaning. (1,5 mark)

22 - People leave their home and country because there is instability in their countries. **(As a result)**
.....

23 - Progress and development may be harmful if we do not consider them carefully. **(Unless)**
.....

24 -The environment is important in our lives; no one should lose sight of this. **(So.....that)**
.....

D- Match the meaning connotations listed with of each statement. (2 marks)

RECOMMENDATION – CONTRAST – IMPOSSIBILITY- PROSPECT – CONCERN - RESULT.

Statement	Meaning Connotation
Ex: Why are many informed people concerned about our future and that of the earth?	CONCERN
25 - While a few elite is getting hold of the earth resources, the mass of impoverished people is growing.	25-.....
26 - Today the speed of progress cannot be slowed down.	26-.....
27- Obviously, people had better be aware of the drawbacks of the situation.	27.....
28-In so doing, mankind will promote sustainable development.	28.....

Epreuve du 1^{er} groupe

E- Indicate the option from the parentheses that fits the sentence. (2 marks)

Nowadays, parents are really concerned (29: **on -of - over**) the different forms of threats (30: **whose – who - that**) are gaining ground in cyberspace. Evidently, (31: **nothing – anything - something**) needs to be done to change the course of things, (32: **nevertheless - unless - however**) we accept to see a new mode of wild lawlessness control our lives.

III. WRITING. (05 marks)

Choose only ONE topic and write a text of approximately 200 words (5 marks)

Topic 1: Two students have opposite views on the following statement: nowadays, it is impossible to live without the internet. Write their conversation

Topic 2: Your cousin who is the village has had very good results at school, and your father is sending him a smartphone as encouragement. Write an accompanying letter in which you explain some of the different things your cousin can do with a smartphone.

Topic 3: Educational authorities have recently forbidden students to take cellphones to exam centers. Write an article in which you argue for or against the measure, insisting on advantages or disadvantages.