

LANGUE VIVANTE : ANGLAIS

Durée : 1 heure

Avertissement : *l'usage de tout système électronique ou informatique est interdit pour cette épreuve.*

L'épreuve comprend trois parties :

I – Compréhension de l'oral (6 points)

Durée recommandée : 15 minutes

Lecture des énoncés : 3 minutes

1° diffusion : 3 minutes

Temps de réponse : 5 minutes

2° diffusion : 3 minutes

Relecture, corrections éventuelles : 3 minutes

Ecoutez l'enregistrement et reportez toutes vos réponses sur votre copie.

- *respectez l'ordre des questions ;*
- *reportez les numéros et les lettres ;*
- *réécrivez intégralement la phrase à corriger de l'exercice B.*

A. Choose the right answer in each group.

1. The recording deals with

- a. the environmental consequences of building more and more skyscrapers in cities.
- b. the shadows cast by the Empire State Building over Central Park.
- c. the fact that the skyscrapers around Central Park cast shadows over the park.
- d. the reasons why many New Yorkers think buildings skyscrapers is good for the economy.

2. Warren St John took the reporter to Central Park and recalled the day when

- a. he first noticed that a building was casting shadow over the park.
- b. he first took his daughter to the playground in the southern section of the park.
- c. it started getting chilly in New York for the first time of the season.
- d. he walked a mile to get to the building.

3. Currently the tallest building south of Central Park is

- a. the highest among one hundred and fifty seven buildings.
- b. one and fifty seven miles away from the playground.
- c. one fifty seven feet higher than the others.
- d. called One57.

4. According to the speaker at a committee meeting the apartments are

- a. the primary homes of foreign investors.
- b. sold to billionaires who live in New York.
- c. the secondary homes of foreign investors.
- d. the secondary homes of American developers.

5. According to Gary Barnett, president of Extell development,

- a. the shadows cast by the high buildings do not last for more than ten minutes.
- b. the shadows have a negative effect on the fauna and flora of the park.
- c. the negative effect on the fauna and flora is very brief.
- d. the buildings have a positive effect on people's health.

6. According to Gary Barnett, building these skyscrapers

- a. causes many people to lose their jobs.
- b. leads to the creation of jobs in retail and construction.
- c. leads to the creation of minimum-wage jobs.
- d. will not help New Yorkers build a better life.

B. Correct the two words in each sentence that do not correspond to what you heard.

- a. There are about 1000 apartments in those buildings while 400 000 people enjoy the park.
- b. Some people are standing in the shade and having a snack.

C. Say whether the answers are right or wrong. Justify your answer by quoting the interview.

- a. When the journalist looked at the trees in the park, she could see that older buildings did not affect the life of the trees.
- b. The shadows of the trees fall on the skyscrapers.

II – Compréhension de l'écrit (6 points)

Perk Up: Facebook and Apple Now Pay for Women to Freeze Eggs

Two Silicon Valley giants now offer women a game-changing perk: Apple and Facebook will pay for employees to freeze their eggs. The firms appear to be the first major employers to offer this coverage for non-medical reasons. By offering this benefit, companies are investing in women and supporting them in carving out the lives they want. When successful, egg freezing enables women to put their fertility on ice, so to speak, until they're ready to become parents. But the procedure comes at a steep price: Costs typically add up to at least \$10,000 for every round, plus \$500 or more annually for storage. With notoriously male-dominated Silicon Valley firms competing to attract top female talent, the coverage may give Apple and Facebook a leg up among the many women who devote key childbearing years to building careers. Egg freezing has even been described as a key to "leveling the playing field" between men and women: Without the crushing pressure of a ticking biological clock, women have more freedom in making life choices, say advocates.

Companies may be concerned about the public relations implications of the benefit – in the most cynical light, egg-freezing coverage could be viewed as a ploy to entice women to sell their souls to their employer, sacrificing childbearing years for the promise of promotion. "The attitude toward egg freezing is very different," and more positive, than just a few years ago, said Christy Jones, founder of Extend Fertility, a company that offers and promotes egg freezing across the country. Women are making the proactive decision to freeze their eggs at a younger age, and the choice is "more one of empowerment than 'this is my last chance'."

Will the perk pay off for companies? The benefit will likely encourage women to stay with their employer longer, cutting down on recruiting and hiring costs. But the emotional and cultural payoff may be more valuable, said Jones: offering this benefit "can help women be more productive human beings."

NBC News, October 14th, 2014.

Answer the question about the article with your own words in 70 words \pm 10%.

According to the article, what are the several advantages companies find in giving women the opportunity to freeze their eggs?

III – Expression écrite (8 points)

Answer the following question in 120 words \pm 10%.

The possibility of freezing their eggs gives women more freedom. Discuss.

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