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SECTIONS : MATH. + SCIENCES EXP. + TECHNIQUE EPREUVE : ANGLAIS DUREE : 2 h COEF. : 1		

I - READING COMPREHENSION (14 marks)

① When Emma Fowler's musical talent began to blossom, her teachers naturally assumed she was honing her skills on a piano at home. In fact, she was practising every night on a simple electronic keyboard because a real piano was beyond her family's means. But that has not proved an obstacle to Emma – she has won a place at the Royal Academy of Music at the age of ten.

② Emma, who will take up her place in September, began weekly piano lessons five years ago and plays on her keyboard for about an hour a day. Her ability was first spotted by her music teacher. He said "we didn't know for a year that she didn't have a piano at home – from her playing you would never know. She has an innate talent, quite an exceptional gift. The most incredible thing is she has done it all practising on an electronic keyboard. She is thrust on a piano once a week for lessons and just does it." He explained that her keyboard isn't touch sensitive and she doesn't get the same feel from the keys as a real piano.

③ It was after Emma won a local music competition for the second year running that he persuaded her mother she should apply to the academy.

④ Christina Fowler, 50, is unemployed and struggles to pay for Emma's £ 75 - a - term lessons. The flat she and Emma share in Ely has no telephone or TV. But Mrs Fowler, who is French and moved to Britain with her only child Emma in 1996, said they entertain themselves by listening to or playing music. "It's been difficult and I just manage to balance the books – but Emma's music is the priority " she added. "I bought the keyboard five years ago when our financial circumstances were different. But it is getting old and worn out. You can hear the mechanism more than the music now." Emma's teacher said : " A piano that would be useable would cost £ 2,000 – but that's way beyond them."

⑤ Emma, who will travel to London each Saturday for her tutoring, said : "I am excited to be going. The academy looked really posh and about ten times bigger than my school and there were statues of composers everywhere."

⑥ She was one of only six young pianists chosen to join the Primary Academy, which caters for children aged 8 to 12. She auditioned by playing two pieces for a panel of judges. "This girl made a wonderful sound," said a spokesman for the academy, which has agreed to waive her fees for the first year.

The Daily Mail, July 18, 2001



Sections scientifiques (session de contrôle)

QUESTIONS

1 – Complete the following table with information about Emma. (4 marks)

Home country	Age	Skill	Reward

2 – Complete the paragraph below with words from the text. (4 marks)

Emma arrived in Britain when she was years old. She soon started lessons. At home, she practiced daily on her because her mother was and could not afford to pay £ 2,000 .

3 – For each of the following statements find one sentence in the text showing that it is false. (4 marks)

a – Emma’s family is large. (paragraph 4)

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b – Emma will pay for her lessons in London. (paragraph 6)

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c – Emma lives in a very comfortable flat . (paragraph 4)

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d – Emma’s mother does not care about music lessons. (paragraph 4)

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4 – What do the underlined words in the text refer to ? (2 marks)

a – “that” paragraph 1

b – “she” paragraph 3

II - LANGUAGE (16 marks)

1 – Circle the right option. (4.5 marks)

One thing you can be sure of : video games are here to stay for a while. Sooner or (**better – later – ever**) your children will discover them or more (**lately – luckily – likely**), they already have.

It's (**no – none – any**) mystery why. They are a remarkable combination of the two (**best – least – most**) powerful communication tools of the twentieth century – the computer and television. They have (**became – become – to become**) a \$ 5 billion - a - year industry. A Japanese (**society – association – company**) dominates the field. It expects to sell eight million game systems and (**less – more – fewer**) than 50 million game cartridges this year. Seventy percent will (**be sold – be bought – be buying**) by children under the age of 13. The games are challenging, entertaining and — (**unless – once – while**) you have mastered the control systems — fun !

2 – Match sentence parts 1- 5 in column A with a – f in column B to obtain coherent sentences. Be careful, there is one extra sentence part in column B. Write the corresponding letter in the box. (2.5 marks)

Column A	Column B
1. Population researchers predict that by the year 2020, men and women, 65 and older	a. similar statistics affect Japan and Europe.
2. According to new projections from the U.S. National Institute of Aging, by the year 2040, the average life expectancy	b. reach an average life expectancy of 92, up from 78.
3. The same study projects American women could	c. we'd better be planning for it.
4. That reminds one of the anecdote, "If I had known I'd live this long	d. will make up more than 44 percent of the U.S. population.
5. So, if people are going to live that long	e. I would have taken better care of myself.
	f. for American men could rise to as high as 87 years.

1 → ...	2 → ...	3 → ...	4 → ...	5 → ...
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3 – Fill in the blanks with words from the box below. There are 2 extra words. (4.5 marks)

most – However – rest – dull – remain – drier – threaten – whole – change – Moreover – likely .

A band of rain will move slowly east across the country., it will turn brighter and in Northern Ireland in the morning and over of Scotland, Wales and western England later on.

South-east England and East Anglia will brighten up after a and damp start to leave a dry day , although showery rain will later on.

The following week will mild across the country, With little or no at all, although showers are over Northern Ireland on Sunday.

4 – Provide the right tense or form of the words in brackets. (4.5 marks)

Until a few thousand years ago, Man was merely a hunter on the Earth. Not until the Neolithic period did he begin to settle down to agriculture. By (to tend)the soil he was able to increase his food supply. And he has continued to improve his (to practise) of agriculture until he has become able to produce (great) yields from the soil than it ever gave before. But as far as the seas are concerned, he is still almost (entire)a hunter. He catches fish but does little to encourage their (to grow) So far, his underwater hunting (to yield) him considerable supplies of (high) nutritious protein. But with the ever (to increase) world population, Man may soon need so much protein from the sea that its reserves (to be) in danger of running out.

III - WRITING (10 marks)

1 - Correct the underlined mistakes in the following paragraph. (3 marks)

A girl aged two drowned in a garden pond while visit a friend's house. The youngster, which was with her mother, was founded lying face down. The toddler had been spoted at 5.30p.m. on Saturday with neighbours . Paramedics are fighting desperately to revive her. The local police have not releasing the name of the girl yet.

Mistakes	Correction
1. visit	1.
2. which	2.
3. founded	3.
4. spotted	4.
5. with	5.
6. releasing	6.

