

1st BAC- SAMPLE EXAM

GRAMMAR (50%)

To be completed by the students who failed their January exam

1. Put the verbs in the correct tense:

1. They (meet) in Paris this afternoon at 3:00.	
2. I'd rather he (tell) me right away!	
3. I wish we (be) on holiday right now!	
4. She will call us as soon as she (arrive) in London.	
5. Phil Knight (set up) Nike in the 1970s.	
6. You ever (be) to Austria?	
7. If he isn't careful he (lose) all his money.	
8. She (work) for fifteen years and still likes the job.	
9. If he had known that the traffic lights were red, he (stop).	
10. If I (know) how to speak German I would try to get a job here.	

2. Modals: Translate:

1. Le directeur a fait remplacer les caisses enregistreuses la semaine passée.
2. Il se peut que nos résultats nous empêchent de nous implanter sur ce nouveau marché.
3. On savait que cette campagne publicitaire était audacieuse et choquante.
4. Je ne retrouve pas le numéro de téléphone de mon conseiller en gestion. J'ai dû le perdre.
5. Il est impossible que le syndicat accepte de négocier avec la direction.

3. Rewrite the following sentences into reported speech:

1. 'I have already called you this morning' John said.
2. 'I wouldn't sign the contract if I were you, Dave' Lola said.
3. 'I won't do it until tomorrow when I have some time' Mike said.

4. Add a relative pronoun:

1. The candidate they chose for the job has a finance background.
2. The EU is an organisation policies change quite slowly.
3. The salesman, was very helpful, said the model was in stock.
4. I wanted to write a book would be different.
5. The meeting room, wasn't very large, became hot and stuffy.

5. Bare/ full infinitive or Gerund? Just write the verb (10):

1. Do you mind (come) back in half an hour?	
2. I can't stand people (interrupt) all the time. It's so rude.	
3. I'd love (get) away to the seaside for the weekend!	
4. Wages tend (rise) faster than inflation in Belgium.	
5. I meant (make) some more photocopies, but I didn't have the time.	

6. Translate the following sentences:

1. Le chiffre d'affaires de notre plus grand concurrent est deux fois plus élevé que le nôtre.
2. Macy's, dont nous avons parlé hier soir, est l'un des plus célèbres grands magasins de New York.
3. Votre situation financière est de plus en plus mauvaise. Vous devriez fusionner avec ce magasin en ligne dont les ventes ont récemment décollé.
4. Le climat économique actuel nous empêche d'investir en Asie. Les bénéfices par action risquent de chuter de manière spectaculaire ce trimestre.
5. Nous ne pouvons nous empêcher de penser que vous avez vraiment fait une grave erreur. Vous devriez vous habituer à réagir plus prudemment.

B. MARKET LEADER (50%)

1. Translate the underlined words or expressions into French:

There are <u>four times as many households</u> that visit discount stores as department stores.	1.
If you don't have any <u>trading history</u> , then banks won't want to lend you money.	2.

These wealthy individuals want to invest in high-risk, <u>high-return</u> businesses.	3.
From the beginning, Nike has been prepared <u>to take a gamble on</u> sporting bad boys like Andre Agassi.	4.
<u>Regardless how you feel</u> , refusing an invitation of any kind may give offence.	5.

2. Complete the sentences with the correct word or expression:

- 1) Short-term interest rates will later this year. (= become more stable, phrasal verb)
- 2) S..... is the rate at which people leave jobs and new people arrive. (2 words)
- 3) A is a shop or a person that sells goods cheaply, like Lidl, for instance.
- 4) I couldn't remember your phone number so I looked it up in the phone (= book or list of names, facts, etc. usually arranged in alphabetical order)
- 5) We fear that a rise in interest rates will plunge the country into an (= a recession – 2 words)

3. Define the following terms in two or three lines maximum:

Endorsement:

A business Angel:

Reading comprehension: Type of questions to answer after reading a text you have never read before:

1. True or False + give the line number

1. Sveriges Konsumentraad (= SV) is stopping its fight against advertising to children.
2. SV doesn't speak on behalf of other organisations.
3. SV wants the ban on advertising to children to operate in the whole of the European Union.

2. Find expressions in the article that mean:

1. newspapers, magazines, TV, radio, etc. considered together :
2. TV advertisements:

3. particular times of day of TV or radio programmes :

3. Choose the best alternatives to complete these statements:

1. Clear-cut evidence proves that something is a) uncertain, b) certain, c) unsure
2. A survey is a kind of a) map, b) opinion, c) research study
3. A ban on something means that it is a) encouraged, b) forbidden, c) ignored

4. What is the key message of the article? (2.5)

C. WRITING: example of topic: write 20 lines.

Metrot, a French Company, has recently been bought by the Cornerstone Group. Since then, productivity has fallen dramatically, and staff seems to be very unhappy with the current situation. Dan Johnson, Personnel Director of the Metrot section set up a reunion with Jacques Lafont, an important Union representative of the company, to settle the problem. Staff's main concerns is that since Cornerstone has bought the company, about sixty people have lost their jobs, apparently without any understandable reason. There's a rumour going round that Cornerstone wants to relocate the factories.

Write the dialogue between the two men and make sure the vocabulary they use is adapted to the situation.