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CONCOURS SUR ÉPREUVES
D'ADMISSION AU COURS DE L'ÉCOLE DE L'AIR
OPTION « SCIENCES »

ÉPREUVE DE LANGUE VIVANTE ÉTRANGÈRE
ANGLAIS

Durée : 2 heures

Coefficient : 7

L'attention des candidats est portée sur le fait que l'on tiendra compte du soin et de la rigueur apportée dans le travail.

Si, en cours d'épreuve, le candidat rencontre ce qui lui semble être une erreur d'énoncé, il la signale et continue sa composition.

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Ce sujet comporte 2 pages

SHOULD EVEREST BE CLOSED?

It has been described as the highest junkyard in the world, covered in discarded mountaineering detritus and suffering under thousands of tourists' boots every year. Environmental groups are to push for a radical solution: the temporary closure of the world's highest mountain.

Warnings that an ecological disaster is imminent in the area around the mountain have largely been ignored amid years of turmoil in Nepal. But conservationists think that growing political stability in the Himalayan kingdom means that the time has come and that the damage caused every year by thousands of climbers and tourists can no longer be ignored.

Campaigners warn that the price of tourism is discarded rubbish and medical waste and the colonization of the area by restaurants and internet cafes. PT Sherpa, (a spokesman for The Kathmandu Environmental Education Project), spelled out the strain being placed on the indigenous population. "Providing enough electricity and water for the small communities surrounding Everest and the other Himalayan mountains becomes very challenging when there are tens of thousands of additional tourists and climbers in the region competing for these same resources," he said. "Nepal is ravaged by water and air pollution caused by industrialization and increased tourism. Water supplies for local villages, delivered through irrigation systems in the mountains, are being critically depleted and urgent action needs to be taken."

This year a geological team, sponsored by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), found signs that the landscape of Mount Everest has changed significantly since Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay first conquered the peak in 1953. A primary cause is the warming global climate, but the research party concluded that the growing effect of tourism was also critically taxing the region surrounding the planet's tallest mountain.

The Observer, October 8, 2006

I - REPONDEZ AUX QUESTIONS SUIVANTES EN FRANCAIS.

- 1) Citez trois noms qui font référence aux personnes qui gravissent ou grimpent des montagnes.
- 2) Trouvez une définition du mot *sherpa* dans le texte.
- 3) Tirez des éléments du texte pour expliquer brièvement ce que signifie le mot *junkyard*.
- 4) Pourquoi ce problème a-t-il été ignoré depuis tant de temps ?
- 5) Quelles sont les conséquences du développement touristique sur la population locale ?
- 6) Réécrivez le texte suivant en remplaçant chaque lettre par un mot du texte.

According to A, Mount Everest, the world's B summit, located in the C mountains, in D, should be closed. They predict an E F due to the G caused by mountaineers and H leaving their I.

II - LES ENONCES SUIVANTS SONT-ILS VRAIS OU FAUX ? JUSTIFIEZ EN CITANT LE TEXTE.

- 1) Selon certains géologues, le tourisme est le principal facteur de changement dans la région.
- 2) Le Népal est seulement ravagé par la pollution de l'eau.
- 3) Le paysage du Mont Everest n'a jamais changé.
- 4) L'équipe de géologues et l'UNEP travaillent ensemble.

III - EXPRESSION ECRITE.

VOUS REDIGEREZ UNE EXPRESSION ECRITE EN ANGLAIS SUR UN DES DEUX SUJETS PROPOSES (entre 250/300 mots).

VOUS RESPECTEREZ LA SYNTAXE, LA GRAMMAIRE, LE VOCABULAIRE ET LES TEMPS.

- 1) Write the content of a leaflet handed out to tourists by environmentalists, in which they explain why Everest should be closed.
- 2) Do you think tourism should be restricted to preserve historical and natural sites?