

# Centre Tamoul d'Enseignement en France

## Examen d'aptitude 2019



## Épreuve d'Anglais

*Niveau : 2nde – Durée : 2h*

### Consigne :

1. Les cartables et les effets personnels devront être placés au-devant ou à l'arrière de la salle d'examen
2. La durée de l'épreuve est de 2h.
3. À la fin de l'examen, aucun retard de rendu ne sera toléré
4. Les calculatrices sont autorisées
5. Les téléphones portables devront être éteints
6. Le sujet comporte 4 pages (page de garde non comprise)
7. Le sujet doit être rendu avec les copies
8. Le sujet doit être lu recto-verso

### Cadre réservé à l'administration :

N° d'identification : \_\_\_\_\_



## TEXTE

Dear Mma Ramotswe,

I read about you in the newspaper and about how you opened this big new agency down there in town. I am very proud for Botswana<sup>1</sup> that we now have a person like you in this country.

I am the teacher at the small school at Katsana<sup>1</sup> Village, thirty miles from Gaborone<sup>1</sup>, which is near the place where I was born. I went to Teachers' College many years ago and I passed with a double distinction. My wife and I have two daughters and we have a son of eleven. This boy to which I am referring had recently vanished and has not been seen for two months.

We went to the police. They made a big search and asked questions everywhere. Nobody knew anything about our son. I took time off from school and searched the land around our village. We have some *kopjes*<sup>2</sup> not too far away and there are boulders and caves over there. O went into each of those caves and looked into every crevice. But there was no sign of my son.

He was a boy who like to wander, because he had a strong interest in nature. He was always collecting rocks and things like that. He knew a lot about the bush and he would never get into danger from stupidity. There are no leopards in these parts anymore and we are too far away from the Kalahari for lions to come.

I went everywhere, calling, calling, but my son never answered me. I looked in every well of every farmer and village nearby and asked them to check the water. But there was no sign of him.

How can a boy vanish off the face of the Earth like this? If I were not a Christian, I would say that some evil spirit had lifted him up and carried him off. But I know that things like that do not really happen.

I am not a wealthy man. I cannot afford the services of a private detective, but I ask you, Mma, to help me in one small way. Please, when you are making your enquiries about other things, and talking to people who might know what goes on, please ask them if they have heard anything about a boy called Thobiso, aged eleven years and four months, who is the son of the teacher at Katsana Village. Please just ask them, and if you hear anything at all, please address a note to the undersigned, myself, the teacher.

In God's name, Ernest Molai Pakotati, Dip.Ed.

Alexander McCall Smith, *The n°1 Ladies' Detective Agency*, 1998.

<sup>1</sup>Situated in Africa

<sup>2</sup>*kopje* : a small hill



## I. GENERAL COMPREHENSION

Write down the right answer.

- |                           |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1) The text is            | 5) Thobiso is                |
| a. An article             | a. Ernest's son              |
| b. A letter               | b. Ernest's brother          |
| c. An e-mail              | c. Ernest's father           |
| 2) It was written by      | 6) Thobiso is                |
| a. A teacher              | a. At school                 |
| b. A detective            | b. On holidays               |
| c. A mayor                | c. Missing                   |
| 3) It was written to      | 7) The undersigned refers to |
| a. A teacher              | a. Ernest                    |
| b. A detective            | b. Mma                       |
| c. A mayor                | c. Thobiso                   |
| 4) It is about            |                              |
| a. a need for money       |                              |
| b. a need for information |                              |
| c. a need for education   |                              |

## II. DETAILED COMPREHENSION

### A. Right or Wrong? Answer and justify by quoting the text.

1. Ernest heard about Mma on the radio.
2. She has had a business in town for a long time.
3. The boy is not an only child.
4. Thobiso had spoken with Ernest three weeks before.
5. Ernest is not able to pay for help.
6. He'd like Mma to write if she gets any information.

### B. Pick out words or phrases which indicate that

1. The narrator admires Mma Ramotswe.
2. Ernest stopped working for a while in order to look for his son.
3. The boy was familiar with the local environment (*three quotations*).
4. Wild animals used to live there.

### C. What do the following words refer to?

- 1- (line 8) "My wife and **I**..."
- 2- (line 11) "**They** made a big search"
- 3- (line 21) "asked **them**..."
- 4- (line 22) "But there was no sign of **him**"



5- (line 26) "... I ask **you**..."

6- (line 30) "Please just ask **them**..."

**D. Find the synonyms in the texts for the following words and expressions:**

1. Succeeded
2. Disappeared
3. To verify
4. Rich
5. Investigations

### III. EXPRESSION

**Do both subjects (one and two)**

1. Thobiso comes home. Imagine the conversation. (100 words)
2. Do you like detective stories (films, books, series, etc.)? Why or why not? Use examples to justify. (150 words)

### IV. CADEAU

	<b>Infinitive</b>	<b>Past simple</b>	<b>Past participle</b>	<b>Français</b>
<b>1</b>	Arise			
<b>2</b>	Awake			
<b>3</b>	Be			
<b>4</b>	Bear			
<b>5</b>	Beat			
<b>6</b>	Become			
<b>7</b>	Beget			
<b>8</b>	Begin			
<b>9</b>	Behold			
<b>10</b>	Bend			