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Competitive Entrance Examination into First Year HIGH STUDIES IN COMMERCE

1. TRANSLATE THE FOLLOWING TEXT INTO THE FRENCH LANGUAGE.

VERSION

Hoist One Last Glass! Can Britain still be Britain without its pubs?

Britons fear that one of their most beloved institutions is dying. Five pubs go out of business every day, leaving empty spaces in the communities they once served. For the first time in nearly 1,000 years, more than half of Britain's villages have gone dry. The pub has been the people's civic forum, their rallying center and their refuge from hard times. Now the soaring price of beer has cut consumption to the lowest since the Great Depression. Something essential to the national character is disappearing, perhaps forever. "Pubs are not just unique to Britain," says Neil Williams of the British Beer & Pubs Association. "They are absolutely central to the cultural and social life of the nation."

The idea of the 'public house' as both sanctuary and meeting place has deep roots in the British psyche. Pubs that still survive in rural areas continue to serve as the hub of local society. "A village without a pub is awful," says Graham Rose, sipping a pint under the oak beams of the 'local' he has patronized for decades. "What I love is that it's the one place where you can meet all kinds of people." His home village in Oxfordshire has seen two of its three pubs disappear in the past 15 years.

Newsweek, October 20, 2008

2. TRANSLATE THE FOLLOWING TEXT FROM FRENCH INTO ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

THÈME

1. Mes parents avaient approuvé notre mariage mais les siens, dont la fortune était énorme, s'y étaient opposés.
2. L'avion a dû atterrir il y a longtemps car les passagers ont déjà tous quitté l'aéroport.
3. Quand il verra les chiffres, il comprendra pourquoi on dit que la compagnie est de moins en moins rentable.
4. Voilà huit mois que nous vivons à l'étranger, nous commençons à avoir le mal du pays.
5. Faire changer vos pneus, quel qu'en soit le prix, serait beaucoup plus sûr.
6. Plus les pénalités seront draconiennes, moins les employeurs embaucheront des travailleurs clandestins.
7. En juillet dernier, les matières premières représentaient presque le tiers des coûts de production de cette entreprise.
8. Nous préférierions y aller en avion, mais en raison de la grève il nous faudra prendre le train.
9. Vos employés s'attendent à ce que vous les écoutiez de temps en temps, n'est-ce pas ?
10. Votre travail consiste à faire acheter nos produits par le client, que cela vous plaise ou non.

3. WRITE AN ESSAY OF AT LEAST 200 WORDS ON ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TOPICS.

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1. Modern technological devices have made life easy". Argue this statement, giving clear proofs/examples of the point of view you support.
2. What do you think about social network ?

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