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Durée : une heure / Coefficient 1

Feuille de réponses : QCM de langue / Anglais

Cet examen comporte deux parties :

**I. Compréhension d'un texte écrit** (utilisez la grille de réponses au verso) / 20

*1 point pour chaque réponse juste*

*0 point pour chaque 'non réponse' et pour chaque réponse fausse.*

Voici la manière d'indiquer votre réponse : 1

**Nota bene** : Vos réponses au QCM de cet examen doivent être portées sur la grille de réponses ; une fois fini l'examen, glissez celle-ci à l'intérieur de la copie d'examen où vous aurez préalablement inscrit votre nom etc. dans le coin supérieur droit prévu à cet effet que vous devez cacheter.

**II. Expression écrite** (utilisez la copie d'examen) / 20

Inscrivez votre numéro de candidat ici : \_\_\_\_\_

**1<sup>ère</sup> Partie :**            / 20

**2<sup>ème</sup> Partie:**            / 20

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**Note générale :**            /20

Observations :

## 1ère partie : Compréhension d'un texte écrit

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### Would Clinton-Warren Be a Winning Ticket?

Lincoln Mitchell, *The Observer* (New York), April 17, 2015

With the Democratic primary unlikely to be competitive, attention will soon turn to Hillary Clinton's choice of a running mate. At first glance, it would seem that she would benefit from a running mate that is at least a decade younger than her, probably male and perhaps Latino. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Julian Castro would fit that description nicely. Senators Michael Bennet of Colorado and Tim Kaine of Virginia, while not Hispanic, would serve as qualified veeps.

One candidate who doesn't fit the ideal demographic, but who could bring a great deal to the ticket is Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren. At first glance, this notion seems like a non-starter. Warren is too far left, hails from one of the safest Democratic states in the country, and has shown little interest in running for higher office, specifically for president.

A closer look, however, suggests that a Clinton-Warren ticket, would not be a bad idea for either woman. Ms. Clinton, for her part, has recently had some very nice things to say about Ms. Warren, describing her in *Time* as somebody who "fights so hard for others to share in the American Dream because she lived it herself." For Ms. Warren, there would be no downside to being Ms. Clinton's running mate. She would not have to give up her seat in the Senate and could use the campaign to travel around the country spreading her economic message and build name recognition. Thus, even if Ms. Clinton lost, Ms. Warren could return to the Senate an even bigger national figure. If, however, Ms. Clinton won, Ms. Warren would be at the center of the administration and in a much better position to influence legislation than as a member of the minority party in the Senate.

Running with Ms. Warren would eliminate all discussion among progressive activists that Ms. Clinton is too conservative. That notion would simply no longer be plausible with Ms. Warren on the ticket. The choice would also send a very clear message: Ms. Clinton understands that many people decry inequality in the country and she will fight on behalf of our less prosperous neighbors.

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The gender issue is somewhat different from, but also related to issues of race. A Clinton-Warren ticket would do almost nothing to move white men into the Democratic column, but that group has been lost to the party for years and probably could not be any less enthusiastic about Ms. Clinton than they were for Barack Obama in 2008 and 2012. However, a Clinton-Warren ticket could be exciting enough to move an increasing number of white women to

the Democratic column. This is the constituency where Ms. Clinton is already uniquely poised to make gains from where Mr. Obama was in 2012. Adding Warren might make the appeal to those voters even stronger.

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Questions 1 to 10: In each case, choose the answer that corresponds most closely to the meaning of the text. Use the answer grid to indicate your choice by darkening the appropriate box.

1. The first sentence of the text implies that
  - a. before long, interest will probably focus on the Democratic vice-presidential candidate.
  - b. Hillary Clinton is unlikely to be competitive.
  - c. the Democratic primary will be very competitive.
  
2. Which of the following sentences most accurately summarizes the parameters behind the choice of Clinton's running mate?
  - a. The first to run and mate with Clinton would be young, male and preferably Latino.
  - b. On the surface of it, issues of age, gender and ethnicity would appear to count.
  - c. The nicest mate would be the current Secretary of Housing and Urban development.
  
3. Which of the following sentences best summarizes the first sentence of the second paragraph?
  - a. If Warren is not the ideal demographic, she can make a new and better deal.
  - b. Though Warren isn't a young male Latino, she could really be of use.
  - c. Although Warren isn't from the same ethnic group, she could bring in a lot of contributions.
  
4. Warren's \_\_\_\_\_ might hinder her joining Clinton.
  - a. lack of interest in the height of office
  - b. having left too much behind
  - c. not having had to prove herself in a real electoral fight so far
  
5. Ms. Clinton's statement in Time about Ms. Warren implies that the latter
  - a. was born with a silver spoon in her mouth.
  - b. is a self-made-woman.
  - c. would like to help others help themselves.
  
6. \_\_\_\_\_, there would be something in it for Warren to run with Clinton.
  - a. Should the Democrats win the primaries
  - b. Whether Hillary Clinton won the elections or not
  - c. either of the above

7. The author describes a Clinton-Warren ticket as \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. something that would enhance Clinton's capacity to distance herself from her husband
  - b. a win-win situation for Warren
  - c. a way for the Democrats to gain power in the Senate
8. By running with Warren, Clinton would
- a. come across as less of a moderate.
  - b. improve her position in the fight for inequality.
  - c. recognize that inequality is as rampant in the US as in less prosperous neighboring countries.
9. Briefly stated, the second sentence of the final paragraph states that
- a. the Democratic party lost white males four years ago.
  - b. a female ticket will have no more appeal to white Republican males than Obama did.
  - c. white males are likely to be enthusiastic about a Clinton-Warren ticket.
10. The final paragraph concludes saying that
- a. white women voters are the single constituency that Clinton gained from Obama.
  - b. Warren will put out a loud call to all white women voters.
  - c. whatever their party affiliations, white women may be tempted by a Clinton-Warren ticket.

*Questions 11 to 20: Each of these presents a sentence with a word or phrase underlined. Below each sentence there are three other words or phrases. Choose the word or phrase which would best maintain the original meaning of the sentence, if it were substituted in the context of the article in the place of the underlined word or phrase.*

*Use the answer grid to indicate your choice by darkening the appropriate box.*

11. Bennet and Kaine, while not Hispanic, would serve as qualified veeps.
- a. despite / partners
  - b. however / running-mates
  - c. though / vice-presidents
12. At first glance, the notion seems like a non-starter.
- a. no-brainer
  - b. lost cause
  - c. way to get off on the wrong foot

13. Ms Clinton, for her part, has had some nice things to say.
- a. On behalf of Ms. Clinton, she
  - b. For Ms. Clinton, she
  - c. As for Ms. Clinton, she
14. She would not have to give up her seat in the Senate.
- a. wouldn't be required to resign from
  - b. must not be required to resign from
  - c. could not be required to resign from
15. She could return to the Senate an even bigger national figure.
- a. as a much larger person in the nation
  - b. with even more renown nation-wide
  - c. with a much higher popularity rate in the country
16. That notion would no longer be plausible.
- a. not be credible any more
  - b. not heighten the probability any more
  - c. not be pleasing any more
17. The gender issue is somewhat different from race issues.
- a. something that is
  - b. quite a lot
  - c. to some extent
18. That group has been lost to the party for years.
- a. not voted for
  - b. been beyond
  - c. not found its way to
19. This is the constituency where Ms. Clinton is poised to make gains.
- a. circumscription
  - b. area
  - c. electorate

20. This is the constituency where Ms. Clinton is poised to make gains.

- a. going
- b. in a position
- c. certain

**2ème partie : Rédaction** (entre 140 et 160 mots)

Écrivez sur la copie d'examen.

Inscrivez le nombre de mots à la fin de votre rédaction.

*You are a Democrat supporter. In between 140 to 160 words, write an article for a student newspaper in which you explain why you think having two women on the ticket is NOT a good idea. Find a catchy and appropriate title for your article.*

*Do not sign it with your real name!*