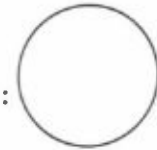


Examen 2023
pour l'admission en deuxième année de la formation gymnasiale

ANGLAIS (60 MINUTES)

Note :



Total des points : / 50 points

Numéro de candidat-e :

Nom :

Prénom :

Date de naissance :

Read the text below and do the exercises that follow.

Nathan Apodaca : boarding to fame

How a TikTok video changed a man's life

Two and a half years ago, Nathan Apodaca was working in a potato factory in Idaho, USA – but then his life changed with a single TikTok video. If you don't know who he is, you need to watch the viral video clip of himself longboarding to the 40-year-old Fleetwood Mac song "Dreams" and drinking a bottle of cranberry juice. In a year as difficult as 2020, the Covid pandemic had started in March, Nathan's video brightened up the internet. The day after the video had been released, the song "Dreams" re-entered the music charts and became famous again with a younger generation of listeners. By the end of the year, his video had been viewed more than 60 million times and had received more than 10 million likes on TikTok.

On the mid-October morning Nathan made the video, he was driving his old car to go to work as usual. Over the previous weeks he had had trouble with his car a few times, but he had always managed to get to work. But that morning his car broke down completely after only a few kilometers, which forced him to finish the journey to work on his longboard. While he was boarding to work along the road, the sun came up as Nathan was listening to "Dreams" by Fleetwood Mac. So, he started filming a videoclip of himself boarding and took a drink from his cranberry juice bottle.

He arrived at his local potato factory only a few minutes before the start of his workday. He said he even considered deleting the video clip, especially because phones are prohibited in the factory. But he decided to upload the clip onto TikTok. By the end

the morning, it already had 2 million views. Nathan thinks the reason why it was so successful is that it captures the American dream in a 25-second video clip: a beautiful sunrise and a cool guy drinking juice while surfing on an empty road. But on the other hand, it is also the story of an ordinary American worker whose old car breaks down and who quickly finds an original solution using his longboard to arrive at work on time.

Nathan already had a small following on TikTok with other video clips before his big hit, but that video completely changed his life. He received a new car from the cranberry juice company, planned to buy a new house with the extra money he got from TikTok and was thrilled by all the positive comments he received from all around the world. In the weeks that followed, some famous people, including the singer of Fleetwood Mac, sent him parodies of video clips where they were imitating him surfing on the longboard. Unfortunately, Nathan also received some hate comments by jealous people on social media who said they didn't understand why such a simple video could get so much success.

Despite his fame, Nathan says he wants to continue to work at his potato factory and hopes that he will be able to post new videos on TikTok. He says he is an ordinary man, he knows that his famous video will soon be forgotten and that his life will go back to routine. He simply wants to enjoy the little popular and financial success he had but thinks that his video was a piece of luck. Nathan says he would be very surprised if another his videos had so many viewers in the future.

A. Comprehension check - Read the article again and put the events (A-L) in the order in which they happened / 12 marks

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| A. Nathan almost deleted his video. | 1 ____ |
| B. Nathan listened to "Dreams" | 2 ____ |
| C. The Covid pandemic started. | 3 ____ |
| D. Famous people started imitating Nathan's video. | 4 ____ |
| E. Nathan took his longboard to go to work. | 5 ____ |
| F. Fleetwood Mac recorded a song called "Dreams". | 6 ____ |
| G. The video had 10 million likes on TikTok. | 7 ____ |
| H. Nathan drank some cranberry juice. | 8 ____ |
| I. The song "Dreams" became famous again. | 9 ____ |
| J. Nathan started filming his video. | 10 ____ |
| K. Nathan's car broke down. | 11 ____ |
| L. The sun came up. | 12 ____ |

B. Vocabulary

/ 11 marks

Match the key words in the box with the definitions. The words are from the article above.

⚠ There is one extra word/expression which you do not have to use!

parody | viral | consider | pandemic | journey | routine
factory | previous | brighten up | break down | charts | following

1. _____ stop functioning or stop working
2. _____ the act of travelling from one place to another
3. _____ circulated rapidly on the internet
4. _____ that happened before
5. _____ the usual way of doing things
6. _____ a building where people work on machines
7. _____ an infectious disease everywhere around the world
8. _____ a comic imitation
9. _____ people who support or admire someone or something
10. _____ to think carefully before taking a decision
11. _____ to make something more colourful, happier

C. Grammar

/ 15 marks

Change the following sentences into a) questions, b) negative sentences, c) sentences in the past.

1. Nathan reads a lot of positive messages on his social media accounts.
 - a) question: _____
 - b) negative: _____
 - c) past simple: _____
2. Nathan frequently uses TikTok for his videos.
 - a) question: _____
 - b) negative: _____
 - c) past simple: _____
3. Nathan has a lot of admirers on social media.
 - a) question: _____
 - b) negative: _____
 - c) past simple: _____
4. "Dreams" is a song by Fleetwood Mac.
 - a) question: _____
 - b) negative: _____
 - c) past simple: _____
5. Nathan can buy a house for his mother.
 - a) question: _____
 - b) negative: _____
 - c) past simple: _____

