

NB. pour gagner du temps, traitez les parties A, B et C directement sur l'énoncé et placez-le à l'intérieur de la copie qui vous a été remise

A. Structures de la langue (4 points – niveau B1)

1°) Usage des pronoms relatifs et des déterminants possessifs et démonstratifs (1,5 pt): corrigez 6 erreurs dans ce petit texte (une erreur correctement détectée rapporte 0,25 pt, une correction erronée coûte 0,15 pt)

Bertrand Meyer is a French computer scientist who developed ~~her~~ career in the USA and in Europe. He invented Eiffel who was designed as a contract-based object-oriented language. ~~These~~ was his major contribution to the development of object-oriented programming. The text proposed in this test is taken from one of ~~its~~ book who has been translated ~~to~~ many languages. ~~Her~~ current position is at ETH Zurich where he holds the chair of Software Engineering. He has also written another important book ~~that~~ presents the theory of programming languages.

2°) Données quantitatives (1,5 pt): écrivez les informations notées numériquement en toutes lettres, comme lorsque vous les prononcez à voix haute:

.....) Bertrand Meyer was born in 1950 (.....). He has published in 2006 (.....)

.....) a revised version of his book on object-oriented programming. As of 12/31/2012 (.....)

.....) he had published 348 (.....) articles, reports and books . He recently received

.....) €2.5 m (.....) from the European Union to develop a new project.

.....) $\frac{1}{4} \cdot 107,811 = 26,952.75$ (.....)

.....)

3°) Comparatifs et superlatifs (1 pt) : corrigez 4 erreurs dans le texte qui suit:

(une erreur correctement détectée rapporte 0,25 pt, une correction erronée coûte 0,15 pt)

Europe. Eiffel has not been as successful ~~than~~ Java

and ~~robustex~~ approach than what most other

ement mechanism which is much ~~more~~ strong than

ed back up to the master program.

Meyer is one of the more famous software engineering expert in E

but its contract-based approach was recognised as a more elegant a

languages were offering. Eiffel also includes an exception manag

old-fashioned error reporting techniques based on error codes pass

B. Décomposition et prononciation des mots (3 points – niveau B1)

Indiquer la catégorie (N=nom, V=verbe, A=adjectif, AV=adverbe) et la prononciation en notation API des mots suivants du texte (après les avoir éventuellement décomposés en écrivant les préfixes et suffixes EN MAJUSCULES et en parenthésant au besoin les étapes de la décomposition)

catégorie finale : mot = décomposition des préfixes et suffixes => /prononciation déduite/

be, A pour adjectif et AV pour adverbe

s au programme de travail seront évaluées ; sur l'exemple donné

-AL => /'gʌvən'mentəl/

..... => /...../

..... => /...../

..... => /...../

..... => /...../

en (comme dans «play»).

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so characteristic of their trade.

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notez les catégories avec N pour nom, V pour ver

NB : seules les règles de prononciation indiquée

ci-dessous ce serait la réduction du suffixe -AL :

A : governmental = N: (V : govern) + -MENT) +

..... reusable =

..... : underestimated =

..... : capturing =

..... : unsuccessfully =

Dans l'extrait qui suit, cerchez précisément 4 occurrences de la diphtongue /eɪ/ (chaque cerclage correct rapporte 0,25 pt, chaque erreur coûte 0,15 pt)

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synchronizing.... Experienced programmers know this feeling of déjà vu which is

C. Compréhension écrite élémentaire (4 points – niveau B1)

Les justifications doivent être de très courts extraits du texte judicieusement

a) Quel est le principal problème que veut soulever l'auteur dans cet extrait ?

- Le manque de maturité technique de la notion de module réutilisable
- la répugnance des programmeurs à utiliser des logiciels écrits par d'autres
- la difficulté d'adapter le logiciel aux composants électroniques
- l'irréalisme économique de vouloir réutiliser du logiciel

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b) Faux Vrai

☒ ☐ Le coût du logiciel n'était pas un souci pour les militaires

.....

c) Faux Vrai

☐ ☒ Le développement du logiciel était vu comme une cause de dépassement de budget et de délai

.....

d) donnez deux synonymes en anglais de : « weave » :

e) Faux Vrai

- ☐ ☒ Le principal problème du logiciel n'est pas de définir les bons algorithmes de base
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f) Faux Vrai

- ☒ ☐ Il suffit de gagner un tout petit peu de temps pour adopter des composants réutilisables
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g) Faux Vrai

- ☐ ☒ Les programmeurs n'écrivent jamais exactement le même programme deux fois
-

h) donnez un synonyme en anglais de « moot » :

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D. Reformulation et synthèse (3 points – niveau B2)

Answer each question in English in 5 to 10 lines ; carefully summarise and rephrase, and don't just copy-paste whole sentences from the original text: any select citation should be short and explicit (enclosed within quotation marks)

1°) In what sense is programming repetitive?

2°) What business model is envisaged for software products?

3°) In the final example given by Meyer, what do the parenthesized words written in uppercase represent?

E. Production écrite élémentaire (3 points – niveau B1 - 150 mots)

NB : les étudiants des niveaux 2 & 3 doivent traiter ce sujet en priorité car l'évaluation de cette production portera davantage sur le contenu que sur la correction de la langue

Describe problems you experienced when you tried to reuse a piece of software you had written before.

F. Production écrite avancée (3 points – niveau B2 – 250 mots)

NB : l'évaluation de cette production portera à la fois sur le contenu, le lexique et la syntaxe

B. Meyer wrote this text some 25 years ago. How do you perceive today's software reusability issues in relation to the different obstacles he mentioned? Have any solutions and/or new problems emerged in between?

3. APPROACHES OF REUSABILITY

“Why isn’t software more like hardware? Why must every new development start from scratch? There should be catalogs of software modules, as there are catalogs of VLSI devices: when we build a new system, we should be ordering components from

could write less software, and perhaps do
nobody invents the high costs, the

f. As early as 1968, in the now
software components”. Reusability,
this dream is to become reality.

e. Over and over again,
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every which is so characteristic of their trade.

following question — again assuming you develop software, or
thing: an element of some kind, say X, is given, as well as a set
or not x appears in T. The question is the following: How
or you, write some program fragment for table searching?
remarkable is that, most likely, this fragment will have been
de in some programming language, rather than by calling
areas of computer science: excellent books describe the
ed to code a searching algorithm any more, at least in standard
standard inverters: they buy them.

er to your customers software which is overly general and
cause they will not need a next job! If reuse is to succeed on a
velop reusable products and, within a company, to

ponents in the world are useless if nobody knows they exist

practical success of reusability techniques requires the
may be searched by appropriate keywords so that a potential
es a particular need. Network services must also be available,
ed components. A price structure must be found to allow users
acturers fairly in case of widespread and repeated use.

The “Not Invented Here” complex is well known. What it
d bring a significant advantage over home-brewed ones in
not be enough to convince programmers to use somebody

own. [...] Important as these questions are in the long term, it is a mistake, in my
current state of the technology. Organizational solutions to the reusability problem are
g from the appropriate basis. Today, however, the main roadblocks are technical: we simply do
module. [...]

ility become apparent if one takes a closer look at the nature of repetition in software

again, that although these are not exactly the same things. If they were, the solution would be easy, at least on paper; but in practice so many
y details may change as to render moot any simple-minded attempt at capturing the commonality. [...]

e themes. Such is the software engineer’s plight: time and time again composing a new variation that elaborates on the same basic

form of the code is going to look the same each time: start at some position in the

at position, each time checking whether the element found at the current position is
that is being sought, and, if not, moving to another position. The process terminates when either the element has been
or all the interesting positions of the table have been unsuccessfully probed. [...] The problem of coming up with a
software element for searching is apparent here. Even though the pattern is fixed, there remains a considerable amount
tion: what type of table elements you are dealing with (ELEMENT), how the initial position is selected
AL_POSITION), how you proceed from one position to the next (NEXT), and so forth.

these catalogs and combining them, rather than reinventing the wheel every time. We will
a useful job at that without we do get to develop, wouldn't there some of the problems that even
overruns, the lack of reliability) just go away? Why isn't it so?"

You have probably heard this kind of remark before; perhaps you have uttered them yourself.
famous NATO workshop on the software crisis, D. McIlroy was advocating “mass produced
as a dream, is not new. This chapter discusses some of the progress that must be achieved if

3.1 REPETITION IN PROGRAMMING

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3.1.1 A naive question

One good way to assess this situation is to honestly answer the fol
direct people who do. Consider the general problem of table search
T of similar elements, and the program should determine whether
many times over the past six months did you, or people working f
Chances are the answer will be one or more. But what is truly rem
written at the lowest reasonable level of abstraction, namely as co
existing routines. Yet table searching is one of the best researched
fundamental algorithms, and it would seem that nobody should ne
case – in the same way that electronic engineers do not design stan

3.1.2 Non-technical obstacles

Why then is reuse not more common?

Some of the obstacles are economic. If, as a contractor, you delive
reusable, you will not be able to get the next job from them — bec
large scale, incentives must be found to reward companies that de
programmers whose work exhibits good reusability.

There are also serious organizational issues. The best reusable con

if it takes a long time to obtain them, or if they cost too much. The
development of adequate databases of software components, which
user will find out quickly whether some existing component satisfie
allowing electronic ordering and immediate downloading of selecte
to try out components at a low price, but reward component manufa
Finally the psychological difficulties should not be underestimated.
means in practice for reusability is that reusable components shoul
terms of quality, ease of access and cost. A marginal advantage will

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not have the appropriate notion of

3.1.3 Change and constancy

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