

Epreuve d'anglais du B.E.P.
(toutes spécialités du secteur tertiaire)

TALK SHOWS AND GAME SHOWS: A CRAZY WORLD

People will do anything to get on television. Especially if they're American...

One evening last February, 23 million Americans watched a woman called Darva Conger marry a man called Rick Ruckwell, live on TV. Darva wore a white wedding dress, but it wasn't a very romantic moment: the couple had only met some minutes before.

Darva Conger was simply the winner (out of 50 contestants*) of the game show Who wants to marry a millionaire? Rick Ruckwell was the millionaire. A few days later, he was denounced as a fraud (and certainly no millionaire). It was a real scandal.

Another example is Survivor - 16 contestants are left on an inhospitable tropical island, and must find their food to survive. Several weeks later, the one who survives in this environment will receive \$1 million (FF7 million).

Americans reveal intimate details of their private lives.

The attraction of talk shows is that they are simple games: real people's lives are manipulated for entertainment*.

Talk shows exist in all countries, of course, but they are extreme in the USA. The present king of talk-show hosts* is Jerry Springer. His show has pushed back the limits of what is acceptable on TV. American talk shows encourage their contestants to get violent.

The audience* likes shocking confrontations. For Richard Dominick, producer of the Jerry Springer show, there is no limit: "If I could execute a criminal on TV, I would do it. I'd kill him on our show."

VOCABULAIRE :

a contestant = un participant

entertainment = le spectacle

a host (ici) = un animateur

the audience = le public

TRAVAIL A FAIRE PAR LE CANDIDAT

I) Retrouvez dans le texte les mots qui signifient : (1 point)

- 1) une robe de mariée
- 2) un imposteur (un tricheur)

II) Vrai ou faux? Justifiez toutes vos réponses en citant le texte. (4 points)

- 1) Rick Ruckwell was a real millionaire.
- 2) In Survivor, the contestants live on a pleasant island
- 3) Jerry Springer is a very famous host.
- 4) The producer, Richard Dominick, doesn't accept violence on TV.

III) Répondez en anglais aux questions suivantes. Faites des phrases complètes. (3 points)

- 1) Where did Darva Conger marry Rick Ruckwell?
- 2) Were Darva and Rick old friends?
- 3) In Survivor, what must the contestants do to survive?

IV) Traduisez en anglais le passage (3 points)

"Americans reveal intimate details [...] for entertainment".

Il n'est pas nécessaire de traduire en français l'expression "talk shows".

V) Recopiez puis complétez les phrases suivantes en employant un des articles suivants: A, AN, THE ou RIEN (article zéro). (2 points)

- 1) Richard Dominick is _____ TV producer.
- 2) The contestants are left on _____ island.
- 3) In _____ USA, people love watching _____ talk shows on TV.

VI) Recopiez les phrases suivantes puis mettez les verbes au temps voulu, en tenant compte du contexte. (3 points)

- 1) In February 2000, Darva Conger _____ (meet) Rick Ruckwell on TV.
- 2) Next month, the contestants _____ (win) \$1 million.
- 3) Every evening, millions of Americans _____ (watch) talk shows and game shows.

VII) Rédigez en anglais un paragraphe d'environ 50 mots sur le sujet suivant: (4 points)

Give your opinion about talk shows or game shows on TV.
Do you watch them? Do you like them?
What are your favourite TV programmes?
Justify your answers with precise examples.

CORRIGE

I) ($2 \times 0.5 \text{ pt} = 1$)

a wedding dress - a fraud

II) ($4 \times 1 = 4$)

1) F: "he was denounced as a fraud (and certainly no millionaire)"

2) F: "the contestants are left on an inhospitable and tropical island."

3) V: "the present king of talk show hosts is Jerry Springer"

4) F: "there is no limit (...) on our show."

III) ($3 \times 1 = 3$)

1) Darva and Rick married live on TV. 2) No, they weren't. They had only met some minutes before. 3) In Survivor, the contestants must find their food to survive.

IV) ($3 \times 1 = 3$)

Les Américains révèlent des détails intimes de leur vie privée. L'attrance pour les talk shows, c'est qu'ils sont de simples jeux: les vies de personnes réelles sont manipulées pour le spectacle.

V) ($4 \times 0.5 = 2$)

1) a - 2) an - 3) the - zéro

VI) ($3 \times 1 = 3$)

1) met - 2) will win - 3) watch

VII) (4 pts)

On tiendra compte du respect de la consigne (50 mots) et on privilégiera l'intelligibilité et la correction de la langue.