

**Compréhension écrite**  
**“The Cotswolds”**  
**Lycee Saint Martin**  
**Test d’entrée en section européenne.**

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**Reportez immédiatement le numéro d’anonymat qui se trouve sur sticker sur votre table.**

**En fin de troisième vous avez décidé de passer un séjour d’été en Angleterre.  
Vous serez reçu pendant quinze jours dans une école de langue qui établit ses quartiers d’été dans la prestigieuse « Royal Agricultural College », CIRENCESTER, ville située dans le Cotswold District.**

**Cette épreuve de compréhension écrite vous permettra de découvrir à l’avance la région dans laquelle vous allez séjourner.**

**Cette épreuve sera notée sur 20 points.**

**Vous répondez directement sur ce document.**

**1) Read this text...**

Discovering the Cotswolds : true English countryside...

Considered by many to be one of the most beautiful areas in England, the Cotswolds, with its unique stone-built heritage, gently rolling hills and broad valleys, is an ideal destination for the discerning visitor.

Explore historic market towns and discover small charming villages dotted across the landscape, each with an interesting church and perhaps a country pub, each season throwing a different light on a changing scene.

During your stay in the Cotswolds you will find plenty of places to visit and sites to enjoy, in markets towns and quiet villages and hamlets. Our many attractions include museums and galleries, historic houses, gardens and wildlife parks.

**2) Classify the underlined elements of the text in the table below**

Activities	Environment
1)	1)
2)	2)
3)	3)

**3) Observe the two groups of pictures**



**GROUP 1** ↑



**GROUP 2** ↑

Which series of pictures correspond to the Cotswolds? (tick the box )

Group 1

Group 2

Justify your answer (with a full sentence)

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**4) Read the description of six villages found in a tourist guide-book.**

**BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER** : the “Venice of the Costwolds”, one of the most popular destinations. Lovely low bridges across the River Windrush in a town filled with shops and traditional tea rooms.

**CHIPPING CAMPDEM** : Long, flowing main street with beautifully preserved historic buildings including Town hall and Market Hall.

**FAIRFORD** : On a beautiful stretch on the River Coln. Superb Church of St Mary with remarkable stained glass windows.

**MORETON-IN-MARSH** : Spacious market town planned in the 13th Century. The tradition continues with its largest open-air street market every Tuesday.

**PAINSWICK** : “The Queen of the Cotswolds”. A perfect little hillside gem with steep streets and traditional houses.

**TEWKESBURY** : Handsome town. Magnificent and gigantic Norman Abbey dating from 1090, a big garden all around and narrow alleyways.



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Here are five pictures from the costwolds... From which village are they?

Fill in the table below for only three villages



Nb of picture	Name of Village	Justify with keywords

**5) Discovering the Royal College of Agriculture.**



1 The first college of agriculture in the English-speaking world, the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, is set in the heart of the Cotswold country side.

Students of the College have the use of high-quality study and accommodation facilities and a wide range of social and sporting opportunities. The main building, in the style of an Oxford college, has been a seat of learning for agriculture for students for 156 years.

5 Internationally recognised as a centre of excellence in training students in agriculture and the land-based industries, the College attracts students from all around the world. Some come from as far as Malaysia, Zimbabwe, New Zealand and South America. Whatever their country of origin, in recent years graduates have enjoyed excellent career prospects.

The college is also a successful farmer, with four separate farms. The college acts as an adviser on farming and estate management to many private, corporate and public bodies in England and Wales.

10 In addition to the farms, the College also has links with a wide range of rural organisations. It is an important tenet of the College to be combined with caring land management to conserve the environment for future generations.

The College expects high standards from students, but personal development is another important aspect of an education at the Royal...

Our students have enjoyed an outstanding year for media attention including The Independent, The Guardian and The Mail on Sunday newspapers, as well as live television and radio coverage with the BBC.

**a) True or false : Tick the box**

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|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| The College is made of many buildings.                              | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| It is a recent place  | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| The students learn agriculture only                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| The students come from all over the world.                          | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| The college's staff is interested in students' school results only. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| Some foreign media got interested in the College.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |

**B) How do you understand the following expression from the text? Tick the box**

(only one possible good answer)

- "Land-based industries" (l 5) :
- Industries placed in the countryside
  - Industries placed all over the world
  - Industries in relation with the agricultural world
- "a wide range of rural organisations" (l 10)
- Many organisations
  - Some organisations
  - Very few organisations
- "high standards from students" (l 12)
- Niveaux
  - Actions
  - Normes
- "an outstanding year" (l 13)
- Récent
  - Exceptionnel
  - Horrible

**c) For each of the following sentences, find in the text an equivalent one and recopy it.**

A lot of students have succeeded in getting good jobs

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The College helps various agricultural activities in the United Kingdom

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The College also wants to promote the protection of nature.

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