

**ÉPREUVES D'ADMISSIBILITE
EN INTERPRETATION DE CONFERENCE
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English comprehension

video 2 – QCM

Video 2: Mark Reckless, MP for Rochester and Strood, speaking in the House of Commons in the debate on the motion calling for military action against ISIL in Iraq, 26 September 2014

<https://youtu.be/tswMH01rK9Q>

1. Select the BEST sentence to paraphrase the speaker's opening statement.
 - a. This debate is modest.
 - b. This debate humbles us.
 - c. In this debate we need to avoid being over-ambitious.
 - d. In this debate we need to watch our words on the subject of humility.

2. Which ONE of the following statements is FALSE?
 - a. The army has been downsized.
 - b. The navy has been trimmed.
 - c. The air force has been pruned.
 - d. The military has been abased.

3. The military ambitions of the country's political leaders:
 - a. are on a par with the available military capability.
 - b. are out of step with the country's military resources.
 - c. have been adjusted over time to fit this new reality.
 - d. are logical, given the changes in military capacity.

4. According to the speaker, there is:
 - a. enthusiasm for America from right-wing parties.
 - b. solid backing for America from all voters.
 - c. broad support for America heard on both sides of the House of Commons.
 - d. lukewarm support for America from MPs on both the left and right.

5. Which ONE of the following ideas does the speaker express?
 - a. President Obama is doing the right thing and we must follow suit.
 - b. President Obama is doing the right thing for America but we must not copy.
 - c. We do not have the military might of America and so cannot compete.
 - d. America's military capacity is at least double the size of our own.

6. What was under debate in the House of Commons twelve months prior to this discussion on ISIL?
 - a. A motion to shell al-Assad's forces.
 - b. A government motion to approve military intervention in Syria.
 - c. Neither (a) nor (b).
 - d. Both (a) and (b).

7. What happened three years ago, in the words of the speaker?
 - a. 577 members of the House of Commons voted to intervene in Libya.
 - b. 557 members of the House of Commons voted to intervene in Libya.
 - c. The country's armed forces took military action in Libya.
 - d. The actions of the country's armed forces made things worse in Libya.

8. The speaker met a man a week or two prior to the speech named Peter. Identify the three elements missing from Peter's itinerary:
From Ethiopia to _____ to Libya to _____ to _____ to Paris to Calais.
 - a. Sahara - Italy - Boulogne.
 - b. Eritrea - Lampedusa - Italy.
 - c. Sudan - Lampedusa - Bologna.
 - d. Sudan - Sicily - Boulogne.

9. The reason, according to the speaker, for Sunni support for ISIL is:
- a. that some Sunnis prefer ISIL to persecution by the Shia regime.
 - b. that Sunnis do not identify with the government in power.
 - c. that the Iraqi government has never given Sunnis a fair deal.
 - d. all of the above
10. How does the speaker view the prospect of future military involvement in Iraq?
- a. It is a decision that needs to be taken with caution.
 - b. It would be a mistake, given that many MPs regret their 2003 vote to invade Iraq.
 - c. It is something that members of the House, from both the left and the right, should support.
 - d. all of the above