**DS1 - PSI - 2023**

**1 heure 30 minutes**

Mme DUNN

**L’emploi de tous documents (dictionnaires, imprimés, ...) et de tous appareils (traductrices, calculatrices électroniques, ...) est interdit dans cette épreuve.**

Cette épreuve est commune aux candidats des filières MP, PC, PSI.

L’épreuve de langue vivante est constituée, d’un THÈME, et d’un EXERCICE d’EXPRESSION ÉCRITE qui consiste à répondre à deux questions.

- Le thème est noté sur 8.

- La première question est notée sur 4. - La deuxième question est notée sur 8.

La réponse à la première question devra comporter 80 mots plus ou moins 10%. La réponse à la deuxième question devra comporter 180 mots plus ou moins 10%. Dans les deux questions de l’exercice d’expression écrite, le candidat indiquera lui-même le nombre de mots employés dans sa réponse. **Le non respect des limites indiquées sera sanctionné.**

**Pour faciliter la correction de l’épreuve, les candidats écriront leur texte toutes les deux lignes.**

***Expression écrite***

**Trump Isn’t Bluffing**

“We pledge to you that we will root out the Communists, Marxists, fascists, and the radical-left thugs that live like vermin” Donald Trump said in a campaign speech that was ostensibly honoring Veterans Day.

What immediately leaps out here is the word *vermin*, with its echoes of Hitler and Mussolini. But Trump’s inflammatory language can overshadow and distract from the substance of what he’s saying—in this case, appearing to promise a purge or repression of those who disagree with him politically.

This sort of language isn’t entirely new. Trump spoke in Manichaean terms throughout his first campaign and term. Over time, the shock of Trump’s rhetoric has worn off, making it easy to miss the fact that his message has grown even darker.

Trump himself has changed, too—the old Trump seemed to be running for office partly for fun and partly in service of his signature views, such as opposition to immigration and support for protectionism. Today’s Trump is different. His fury over his 2020 election defeat, the legal cases against him, and a desire for revenge against political opponents have come to eclipse everything else.

He has repeatedly threatened and intimidated judges, witnesses, prosecutors, and even the family of prosecutors involved in the cases against him, going so far as to say that his legal opponents will be consigned to mental asylums if he’s reelected. And he’s vowed to arrest and indict President Joe Biden and other political opponents for no apparent reason other than that they oppose him.

The fact that Trump’s ideas have become more authoritarian is not yet fully appreciated. One reason is people have heard Trump say outlandish things for so long that they can’t identify what’s new, or they’ve become numb. Another is venue: once Trump left the White House and stopped tweeting, his vitriol became less noticeable to anyone who didn’t attend his rallies, seek out videos of them, or join Trump’s own Truth Social network.

Even when a comment is so extreme that it does break into the mainstream, what happens next is predictable. The first time Trump says something, people react with shock and compare him to Hitler. The second time, people say Trump is at it again. By the third time, it becomes background noise—an appalling but familiar part of the Trump shtick.

This is just the sort of “normalization” that Trump’s critics warned against from the start, but it’s also a natural human response to repeated exposure. The result is that Trump has been able to acclimate the nation to authoritarianism by introducing it early and often.

**By David A. Graham, *The Atlantic*, December 7, 2023**

1. **How have people become used to Trump, according to the article? (80 words, +/- 10%)**
2. **Is the US in danger of a Trump “normalization” in your opinion? (180 words, +/- 10%)**
3. **Written comprehension**

Some of you have a terrible handwriting. For the anecdote, and this is really a true story, one of my former students got a 0 in one of his competitive exams, on a subject he had a very good mastery of. He of course claimed his paper to see what happened. The justification was that the person correcting could not read his hand writing, which was totally justified! Food for thought, I hope ;-)

Note à droite = langue // note à gauche = contenu

**Proposition de corrigé**

According to the article, people have become used to Donald Trump’s vernacular despite his shocking, Manichean and polarizing language.

At first, Americans were appalled and reacted, but then due to repetition and exposure, Trump’s slurs progressively became background noise. Thus, people have stopped paying attention and even became numb to the fact his discourse is now revengeful and more extreme.

Furthermore, Trump’s language “normalization” is less noticeable since he has less attention from his non-followers, which could be cause for concern as he has become more authoritarian.

(87 words)

1. **Written expression**

Donald Trump’s critics are worried that a “normalization” – aka that people are used to his style – might be underway in the USA. Should this be feared?

Granted, Trump is a popular figure in certain American spheres. The polls show that Trump, despite his absence in the Republican debates for the primaries, is the uncontested front-runner in the 2024 race. More worrying, they claim that Trump would win with a slight advance over Joe Biden, if both were to be confronted in the upcoming general election.

Nonetheless, most Americans are likely not to get used to Trump given all the trials he is facing, amongst others, the case over the Capitol storming on January 6th 2021, an indictment for trying to meddle with the 2020 election, and a sex-scandal involving stripper Stormy Daniels. This makes him hardly an example for the masses.

Furthermore, states like Colorado are trying to make Trump become ineligible. Thus, the judicial system in the USA seems to be rather alert and willing to fight against any form of acceptation of Trump’s brutality.

Hence, though Trump is still earning much media attention, part of the USA is reluctant to consider his behaviour as normal.

(198 words)

Wishing you all a great Holiday season ;-)