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### TAXI DRIVERS KNOW BEST ...

Driving a London taxi is an extremely serious business for which you need a very special type of **knowledge**...

5 Black taxis are seen all over the world as a symbol of London. But it's not just their **shape** that makes them unique, it's the drivers themselves – all black-cab drivers have to pass a special exam.

This exam, known as The Knowledge, is far from easy. Cabbies have to know where to find 25,000 streets within a 10 - km **radius** from Charing Cross station, and be able to describe the shortest way between two points for 400 different routes.

10 Apprentice taxi drivers traditionally learn The Knowledge by riding round the capital on motor scooters with a map. **On average**, it takes five years before they are licensed to drive a cab but it can take as much as ten.

Not surprisingly, more than two thirds **drop out** before they have qualified. They also, apparently, have enlarged **brains**. According to a study by the University of London, the size of the hippocampi, the area of the brain which controls memory, is bigger in taxi drivers.

15 This may explain why London cabbies are famous for their strong opinions on politics, football and the royal family.

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Knowledge: connaissance  
Shape: forme  
Radius : rayon  
On average : en moyenne  
Drop out : abandonner  
Brain : cerveau

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NOM : .....			Prénom : .....	

**1 - Complétez les phrases avec des éléments du texte.**

**2,5 points**

The text is about the famous ..... in ..... Their  
..... are very special: they have to pass an .....  
called .....

**2 - Les phrases suivantes comportent chacune une ou plusieurs erreurs de sens.  
Recopiez les après les avoir corrigées.**

**6 points**

a) Only their shape makes London taxis unique.

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b) The exam taxi drivers have to take is not difficult.

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c) Experienced taxi drivers traditionally learn The Knowledge by running round London.

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d) More than a fifth leave before qualification.

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e) Taxi drivers have a bad memory.

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**3 - En français, citez deux exigences requises pour l'obtention du diplôme.**

**2 points**

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**4 - Trouvez dans le texte les contraires des mots suivants :**

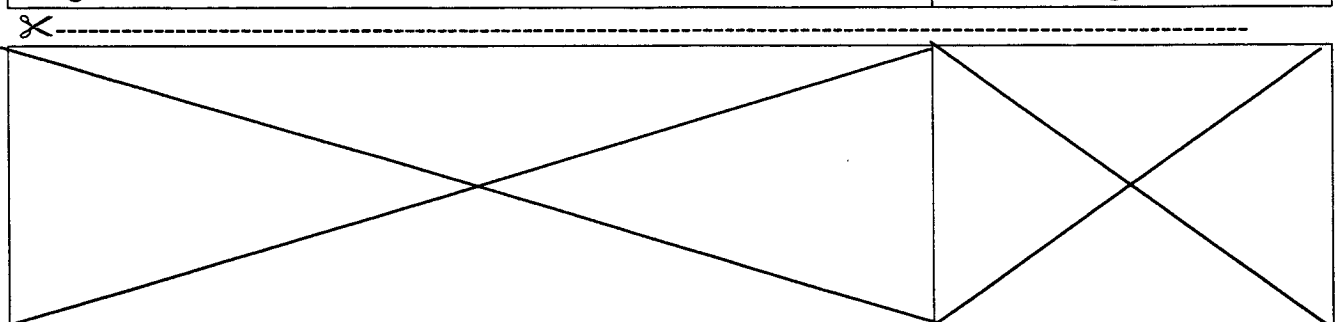
**1,5 point**

a) Similar : .....

b) longest : .....

c) after: .....

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**5 - Complétez avec l'un des mots suivants :**

**2 points**

at / between / by / for / from / on /

- a) He lives 20 miles ..... Charing Cross station.
- b) You can get there ..... bus.
- c) Hurry up! The bus won't wait ..... us.
- d) She has a strong opinion ..... fashion.

**6 - Remettez les mots dans l'ordre pour formuler une phrase cohérente.**

**2 points**

- a) he / when / driver/ did / taxi / a / become/ ?/
- b) exam / work / you / your / hard / to / have/ to / pass/ . /

**7 - Expression.**

**4 points**

Dans l'interview suivante d'un chauffeur de taxi londonien , les questions ont été effacées. Retrouvez les.

- a) ..... ?  
- I passed The Knowledge ten years ago.
- b) ..... ?  
- Yes, I do, I enjoy meeting people and being my own boss.
- c) ..... ?  
- I earn about £2,000 a month.
- d) ..... ?  
- I go to Italy every summer for my holiday.

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