

ANGLAIS

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OREGON'S HEALTHCARE LOTTERY

1. In what is believed to be the first such move, a US State is running a lottery in which the prize is health insurance. With some 45 million Americans uninsured, how to pay for medical treatment is a big issue in this year's presidential election. Now, officials in Oregon say they have come up with a fair way of providing coverage for some of those who cannot afford it.

2. In her comfortable home in Portland, Oregon, Louanne Moldovan sifts through a pile of papers. They are unpaid medical bills, stretching back a year, arising from treatment for Crohn's disease, the chronic intestinal condition she suffers from. She thinks she owes nearly \$15,000 in all.

3. Louanne says she is looking for full-time employment but, she adds, her earnings through freelance work will not buy enough health insurance for the treatment she needs. For her the state healthcare lottery offers an uneasy solution. "It's a symbol of how degraded our system is in this country, that we are resorting to a lottery" she tells me. "It's pathetic and repugnant at the same time.....but it's a necessity because I don't earn thousands each month".

4. Louanne is not alone in trying her luck. More than 90,000 people in Oregon are vying for a maximum of 10,000 places in the state's healthcare plan. Yet it is a drop in the ocean. There are some 600,000 uninsured in Oregon.

5. At the "Outside In" community clinic in downtown Portland, doctors see 7,000 different patients a year, 90% of whom have no health insurance. The clinic's director, John Duke, says the lottery provides hope for the few who are picked but is indicative of a wider problem. "I think it is a pretty sad state of the health care system in Oregon and in the nation as a whole" he says. "I think the system is falling apart and it needs some radical deep change. This is a small Band-Aid. I think the best it can do is draw attention to the problem and maybe bring change in that way".

6. The question of how to pay for medical treatment is increasingly a function of the country's wider economic worries and is an important campaign issue for presidential hopefuls. In the Oregon lottery, two women sort, staple and stamp their way through a large pile of application forms. These are the first 3,000 names randomly selected by computer. They could be the lucky ones, but first their eligibility must be verified with bureaucratic precision. Some of the 3,000 will turn out to be ineligible for a variety of reasons. But the lottery will continue drawing out names until the 10,000 places are all filled up.

7. Louanne Moldovan's name was not in that first batch. Back in her suburban Portland home, she shows me the bathroom cabinet full of the medicines she has taken over the years. Everything needs to be paid for. For now, the pills and the bills continue to pile up, but there is always next month's lottery draw.....

Extracted from BBC News

I. Version. (6 points).

Traduire en français les paragraphes 1 et 6.

II. Vocabulaire/grammaire (4 points).

- a) What is meant by « Outside In » (para. 5)?
- b) Look at the remarks of John Duke in para. 5. Please put these remarks into clearer English.
- c) What do you think Louanne Moldovan means by an "uneasy solution" (para. 3)?
- d) Explain why 10,000/600,000 is "a drop in the ocean" (para. 4).

Essay (10 points).

How to pay for medical treatment is described as a "big issue" in this year's US presidential campaign. From your assessment of the above text, why is this so, and if you were running for president, what would be your campaign slogan? How would you justify this slogan? (Write 180 words in English +/- 20%).