

Evaluation : Driving on ice

Nom / Prénom :

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The Citroën Serre-Chevalier winter driving centre was founded in 1971. On his return from the Monte Carlo rally, Claude Laurent decided to transform the small snow-bound airstrip of Serre-Chevalier into a "sports field" for his rally driver friends. Driving on ice is far from easy, and requires training in a variety of special manoeuvres. Claude Laurent offers theoretical and technical training courses, lasting from half a day to three days, fully suited to the customer's requirements. There are two separate tracks : the first is used for beginners' classes, while the longer second track is reserved for the more experienced ice drivers.

Lessons are held in the morning in the small teaching chalet. Trainees take careful note as the instructor gives them a 45-minute lesson, with diagrams and videos, on the basic rules for driving on ice. He teaches them how to hold the steering wheel, where to place their feet, the vehicle's weight shift, road holding, trajectory, the correct levels of braking and acceleration, etc. After this first lesson, the trainees take the cars out onto the circuit to put the theory into practice. All cars are fitted with two-way radios, enabling the instructor to immediately correct any driving errors.

Finally, a timed circuit lets the instructors test each trainee on the notions acquired. In 20 years, the school has trained over 10,000 students in the pleasure of driving on ice.

A) Dites si la proposition suivante est vraie (right) ou fausse (wrong) :

The driving centre was created in 1971.

- Right
 Wrong
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B) Dites si la proposition suivante est vraie (right) ou fausse (wrong) :

The driving circuit was originally a place where airplanes landed.

- Right
 Wrong
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C) Dites si la proposition suivante est vraie (right) ou fausse (wrong) :

It only takes half a day to acquire all the driving-on-ice techniques.

- Right
 Wrong
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D) Dites si la proposition suivante est vraie (right) ou fausse (wrong) :

There is one large track used for beginners and more experienced drivers..

- Right
 Wrong

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E) Dites si la proposition suivante est vraie (right) ou fausse (wrong) :

Instructors use different pedagogical tools to teach the trainees.

- Right
 Wrong

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F) Dites si la proposition suivante est vraie (right) ou fausse (wrong) :

There is no test at the end of the training : trainees are just given a certificate.

- Right
 Wrong

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G) Parmi les propositions, indiquez la ou les réponses à la question suivante :

What decision did Claude Laurent take on his way home from the Monte Carlo rally in 1971 ?

- To change the airstrip of Serre-Chevalier into a sports field for children
 To change the airstrip into a track for ice driving
 To change the airstrip into a track for instructors

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H) Parmi les propositions, indiquez la ou les réponses à la question suivante :

How does it take to learn how to drive on ice at this school ?

- Half a day
- Three days
- Only one day

I) Parmi les propositions, indiquez la ou les réponses à la question suivante :

What does the theoretical training consist of ?

- reading books and taking notes
- listening to an instructor and taking notes
- learning the basic rules on a computer

J) Parmi les propositions, indiquez la ou les réponses à la question suivante :

How many trainees have already come to this school ?

- hundred and ten
- one thousand
- ten thousand