

FRENCH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

SECTION II

Total Time — Approximately 1 hour and 28 minutes

Part A

Time — Approximately 1 hour and 10 minutes

Task 1: Email Reply

You will write a reply to an email message. You have 15 minutes to read the message and write your reply.

Your reply should include a greeting and a closing and should respond to all the questions and requests in the message. In your reply, you should also ask for more details about something mentioned in the message. Also, you should use a formal form of address.

Vous allez répondre à un courrier électronique. Vous aurez 15 minutes pour lire le message et composer votre réponse.

Votre réponse doit commencer par une salutation et se terminer par une formule de politesse. Vous devez répondre à toutes les questions et à toutes les demandes du message. Dans votre réponse, vous devez demander des détails sur un sujet évoqué dans le courrier. Vous devez utiliser un registre de langue soutenu.

Time — 15 minutes

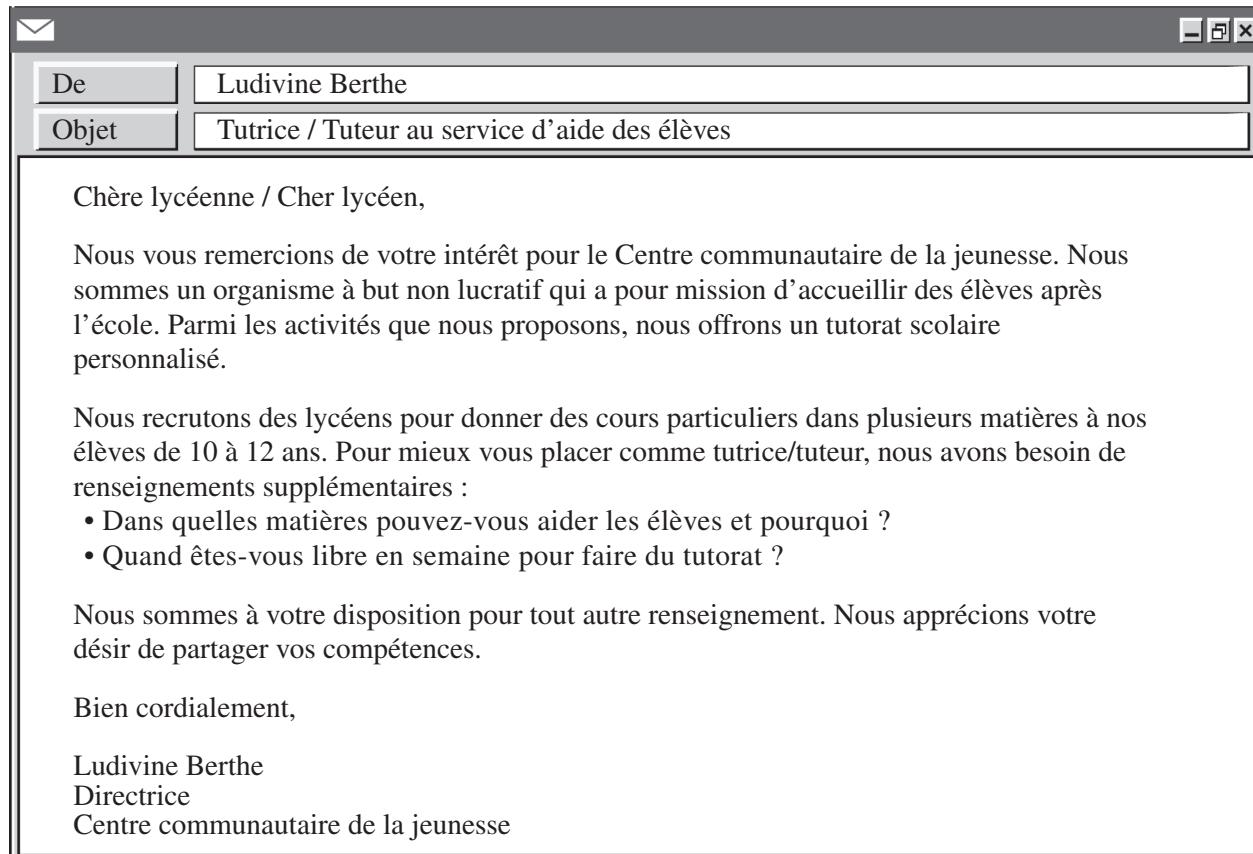
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Thème du cours : La vie contemporaine

Introduction

C'est un message électronique de Ludivine Berthe, directrice du Centre communautaire de la jeunesse à Genève, où vous passez un semestre. Vous recevez ce message parce que vous avez exprimé votre intérêt pour travailler dans un programme offert par le centre.



Begin your response to this task at the top of a new page in the separate Free Response booklet and fill in the appropriate circle at the top of each page to indicate the task.

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Task 2: Argumentative Essay

You have 1 minute to read the directions for this task.

Vous aurez 1 minute pour lire les instructions de cette tâche.

You will write an argumentative essay to submit to a French writing contest. The essay topic is based on three accompanying sources, which present different viewpoints on the topic and include both print and audio material. First, you will have 6 minutes to read the essay topic and the printed material. Afterward, you will hear the audio material twice; you should take notes while you listen. Then, you will have 40 minutes to prepare and write your essay.

In your essay, clearly present and thoroughly defend your own position on the topic. Integrate viewpoints and information you find in all three sources to support your argument. As you refer to the sources, identify them appropriately. Also, organize your essay into clear paragraphs.

Vous allez écrire un essai argumentatif pour un concours d'écriture de langue française. Le sujet de l'essai est basé sur trois sources incluses, écrites et sonore, qui présentent différents points de vue sur le sujet. Vous aurez d'abord 6 minutes pour lire le sujet de l'essai ainsi que les documents écrits. Ensuite, vous écouterez le document sonore deux fois ; vous devriez prendre des notes pendant l'écoute. Enfin, vous aurez 40 minutes pour préparer et écrire votre essai.

Dans votre essai, vous présenterez et vous défendrez de la manière la plus complète votre point de vue sur le sujet. Vous soutiendrez votre argumentation en y intégrant des perspectives et des données tirées de chacune des trois sources. Il faudra indiquer de manière adéquate les sources auxquelles vous faites référence. Prenez soin également de structurer clairement votre essai à l'aide de paragraphes.

You will now begin this task.

Vous allez maintenant commencer cette tâche.

Time — Approximately 55 minutes

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Vous aurez 6 minutes pour lire le sujet de l'essai, la source numéro 1 et la source numéro 2.

Sujet de l'essai : Les transports publics devraient-ils être gratuits ?

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Question 1: Email Reply

5 points

General Scoring Note

When applying the scoring guidelines, the response does not need to meet every single criterion in a column. You should award the score according to the preponderance of evidence.

1 Poor	2 Weak	3 Fair	4 Good	5 Strong
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unsuccessfully attempts to maintain the exchange by providing a response that is inappropriate within the context of the task Provides little required information (responses to questions, request for details) Barely understandable, with frequent or significant errors that impede comprehensibility Very few vocabulary resources Little or no control of grammar, syntax, and usage Minimal or no attention to register; includes significantly inaccurate or no conventions for formal correspondence (e.g., greeting, closing) Very simple sentences or fragments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partially maintains the exchange with a response that is minimally appropriate within the context of the task Provides some required information (responses to questions, request for details) Partially understandable with errors that force interpretation and cause confusion for the reader Limited vocabulary and idiomatic language Limited control of grammar, syntax, and usage Use of register is generally inappropriate for the situation; includes some conventions for formal correspondence (e.g., greeting, closing) with inaccuracies Simple sentences and phrases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintains the exchange with a response that is somewhat appropriate but basic within the context of the task Provides most required information (responses to questions, request for details) Generally understandable, with errors that may impede comprehensibility Appropriate but basic vocabulary and idiomatic language Some control of grammar, syntax, and usage Use of register may be inappropriate for the situation with several shifts; partial control of conventions for formal correspondence (e.g., greeting, closing), although these may lack cultural appropriateness Simple and a few compound sentences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintains the exchange with a response that is generally appropriate within the context of the task Provides most required information (responses to questions, request for details) with some elaboration Fully understandable, with some errors that do not impede comprehensibility Varied and generally appropriate vocabulary and idiomatic language General control of grammar, syntax, and usage Generally consistent use of register appropriate for the situation, except for occasional shifts; basic control of cultural conventions appropriate for formal correspondence (e.g., greeting, closing) Simple, compound, and a few complex sentences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintains the exchange with a response that is clearly appropriate within the context of the task Provides required information (responses to questions, request for details) with frequent elaboration Fully understandable, with ease and clarity of expression; occasional errors do not impede comprehensibility Varied and appropriate vocabulary and idiomatic language Accuracy and variety in grammar, syntax, and usage, with few errors Mostly consistent use of register appropriate for the situation; control of cultural conventions appropriate for formal correspondence (e.g., greeting, closing), despite occasional errors Variety of simple and compound sentences, and some complex sentences

Score of 0: UNACCEPTABLE

- Mere restatement of language from the stimulus
- Completely irrelevant to the stimulus
- "I don't know," "I don't understand,"* or equivalent in any language
- Not in the language of the exam

NR: no response, pages are blank