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1 General Marking Principles

1.1 Crossing out:

- (a) If a candidate changes his/her mind over an answer and crosses out an attempt, award a mark if the final attempt is correct.
- **(b)** If a candidate crosses out an answer to a whole question but makes no second attempt at it, mark the crossed out work.

1.2 For Questions 2 and 3, if the candidate has written an answer in the space provided for that purpose, you should ignore anything written anywhere else, unless:

- (a) there is an indication from the candidate that other material should be considered.
- (b) the candidate has continued their answer outside the space provided.
- (c) there is no answer in the space provided.

1.3 Annotation used in the Mark Scheme:

- (a) tc = 'tout court' and means that on its own the material is not sufficient to score the mark.
- (b) BOD = benefit of the doubt and is used to indicate that the Examiner has considered the answer/that part of the answer and judged it to be more correct than incorrect: the benefit of the doubt is given to the candidate and the mark is awarded.

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1.4 No response and '0' marks

There is a NR (No Response) option in **RM Assessor**.

Award NR (No Response):

If there is nothing written at all in the answer space or

If there is only a comment which does not in any way relate to the question being asked (e.g. 'can't do' or 'don't know') or

If there is only a mark which isn't an attempt at the question (e.g. a dash, a question mark).

Award 0:

If there is any attempt that earns no credit. This could, for example, include the candidate copying all or some of the question, or any working that does not earn any marks, whether crossed out or not.

- **1.5 Optional questions**: You must mark all questions attempted by the candidate. Where a question has not been attempted then NR must be entered. (For Question 3 only, after marking the question(s) the candidate has answered, NR is populated automatically when you click on 'Complete'.) Where the candidate attempts more than one of the alternatives in Question 3, RM Assessor will automatically only aggregate the candidate's best result.
- **1.6** Spellings recognised by the Académie Française will be accepted.

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| Question | Answer | Marks |
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Question 1

Candidates are required to list 8 items in French. Read all of the items that the candidate has listed and award marks as follows:

- (i) Select the most correct items up to a maximum of 5. Award 1 mark for each correct item up to a maximum of 5. Stop ticking once 5 items have been rewarded.
- (ii) On Question 1, award marks for items wherever the candidate has written them.
- (iii) If the candidate offers more than one word per line, award a mark for each acceptable item (e.g. where a candidate has linked two words as in gâteau au chocolat / gâteau chocolat = 1 tick; however gâteau et chocolat / gâteau, chocolat (candidate intends these as two items) = 2 ticks).
- (iv) The pictures provided on the question paper are only suggestions.
- (v) Mark for communication. Tolerate inaccuracies, provided the message is clear. Ignore any definite / indefinite article, possessive adjective, etc. Ignore any verbs.
- (vi) If spelling is questionable, start by referring to the detailed mark scheme. Refer to the bullet points below if no decision on the spelling you have encountered is recorded there.
 - 'If in doubt, sound it out': if you read what the candidate has written, does it sound like the correct answer?
 - Look-alike test: does what the candidate has written look like the correct answer, e.g. one letter missing but no other word created.
 - If the first part of the word is correct, small errors in what comes next are less likely to impede communication (unless they suggest another meaning).
 - Where letters are transposed, the word is likely to communicate (unless another word has been created).
- (vii) Once marking proper starts, if there are five clearly acceptable items, award marks wherever these are in the list. This approach may allow questionable versions to be ignored.
- (viii) Refuse all nouns which are repeated and which do not have a separate meaning:
 - gâteau, gâteau au chocolat: award one mark to each item
 - gâteau au chocolat, gâteau à la crème: award one mark to each item
 - gâteau, gâteau au chocolat, chocolat: award one mark to each item
 - gâteau, grand gâteau: award one mark for the first gâteau
- (ix) Reject misspelt words which suggest a word with a quite different meaning. Where nouns are usually plural, accept the singular and vice versa.

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| Question | | | Answer | | Mark |
|----------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--|------|
| 1 | Vous êtes en vacances da | ans une ville en France. Où | allez-vous ? Faites une list | e, en français, de 8 endroits. | |
| | | OO NOT ACCEPT PARC D'A | TTRACTIONS – IT IS THE E | XAMPLE | |
| | ACCEPT | ACCEPT | ACCEPT | REFUSE | |
| | | | parc acuatique | parc tc | |
| | bibliothèque | | | | |
| | cathédrale | basilique, église | catedral, catedrale | iglese | |
| | château | | | | |
| | cirque | | | | |
| | gare | station, métro | | | |
| | magasins / centre commercial | boutique | magazin, centre commerciel | shopping, courses magasine, mall, magazine | |
| | marché | | | | |
| | musée | | mussée | | |
| | palais | | | palace | |
| | place | | | | |
| | plage | mer | | plague | |
| | port | | | porte | |
| | théâtre | | téâtre | | |

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| Question | Answer | Marks |
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Question 2

Candidates are required to answer the question. Read the whole answer and award marks as follows:

- Communication: award a mark out of 10, according to the instructions in 2.1.
- Language: award a mark out of 5, according to the instructions in 2.2.

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| Question | Answer | Marks |
|----------|---|-------|
| 2 | Mon école | 15 |
| | 2.1: Award a mark out of 10 for Communication | |
| | (i) Place the appropriate 'numbered' tick as close as possible to each relevant communication point in the body of the answer. | |
| | (ii) Award ticks flexibly across the tasks for each piece of relevant information conveyed, up to a maximum of 10. HOWEVER, each of the tasks must be covered to get the 10 communication marks: If 1 of the tasks is missing, the maximum communication mark is 9. If 2 of the tasks are missing, the maximum communication mark is 8 (and so on). | |
| | (iii) Add up the ticks to give a mark out of 10 for Communication. | |
| | (iv) For COMMUNICATION Look for a verb (finite or infinitive) before awarding a mark. Lists without a verb will not score. See Appendix II for rules on how to decide whether a verb is accurate enough to convey meaning. For language other than verbs, use 'rules' in Question 1: look alike, sound alike, etc. Misplaced adjectives, negatives and adverbs will not usually compromise communication. | |
| | (v) <u>LISTS</u> = a maximum of 3 marks for communication: lists of 1–3 items = 1 mark; lists of 4 items = 2 marks; lists of 5–6 items = 3 marks • elle <u>a</u> les cheveux noirs avec de beaux yeux et une petite bouche (1 verb, therefore treat as list of 3 items) • elle <u>a</u> les cheveux noirs, <u>est</u> de taille moyenne, et elle <u>est</u> jolie (3 verbs therefore each piece of information can score a separate communication mark) | |
| | (vi) Only reward each piece of information once, e.g. <i>elle est super</i> cannot score both as description and reason for liking <i>(elle est super</i> et <i>sa musique est super</i> can both be rewarded as they each contain a different extra detail. | |
| | (vii) Do not penalise factual errors. | |
| | (viii) What the candidate writes may not follow the order of the tasks on the question paper – this is fine. | |

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| Question | | Answer | Marks |
|----------|------------|---|-------|
| | Tick | | |
| | √ 1 | Le matin, après votre arrivée à l'école, qu'est-ce que vous faites (par exemple : matières ? activités ? amis ?) | |
| | | REWARD: any statement relating to meeting friends / talking to teachers / preparing lesson / particular lessons | |
| | | Refuse all information about morning routine at home | |
| | | je parle à mes amis sur les devoirs je mange une pomme nous jouons au foot à sept heures je vais à ma première classe j'étudie / je fais les sciences | |
| | | j'ai six cours par jour = 0 | |
| | √2 | Où et à quelle heure est-ce que vous prenez le déjeuner ? | |
| | | REWARD: any statement relating to time and place they eat | |
| | | je mange à 11 heures l'heure du déjeuner est midi | |
| | | je mange une pomme = 0 je prends le déjeuner à 12.30 pm = 0 | |

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| Question | | Answer | Marks |
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| | √3 | Dites ce que vous aimez et n'aimez pas à l'école. Pourquoi/pourquoi pas ? | |
| | | REWARD: any statement relating to likes /dislikes lessons, uniform, routine, canteen, teachers, building, facilities | |
| | | j'aime le déjeuner à l'école parce que je parle avec mes amies = 2 je déteste les maths parce que c'est très difficile = 2 j'aime toutes les matières parce que je suis un bon étudiant = 2 | |
| | | le prof d'anglais est sympa | |
| | | j'adore mon école parce que j'aime les profs = 1 parce que mes amies sont très heureuses = 1 parce que j'apprends beaucoup = 1 | |
| | | la nourriture est chère = 1 les professeurs sont strictes = 1 | |
| | | j'adore / j'aime mon école = 0 | |
| | √4 | À l'avenir, voudriez-vous être professeur ? Expliquez pourquoi/pourquoi pas. | |
| | | REWARD: any statement relating to future career and reasons | |
| | | je ne voudrais pas être professeur parce que je déteste l'école = 2 | |
| | | c'est un travail difficile / ce n'est pas bien payé | |
| | | l'éducation est la chose la plus importante dans la vie | |
| | | je détesterais devenir professeur je préfère être écrivain | |
| | | Expect correct future/conditional for 5 for Language | |

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| Question | | Answer | Mark |
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| | 2.2: A | Award a mark out of 5 for Language | |
| | | d a mark out of 5 for Language*, according to the Grade descriptors in the table below (see <i>Note on using mark mes with Grade descriptors</i> (Appendix I)). | |
| | Grad | e descriptors for Language (Question 2) | |
| | 5 | Straightforward vocabulary and structure. The style of writing is basic, but reasonably coherent. Use of a limited range of verbs, generally successful. More accuracy than inaccuracy. | |
| | 4 | Basic vocabulary and structure. Some awareness of verb usage, but inconsistent. The writing is sufficiently accurate for meaning to be conveyed. | |
| | 3 | Very basic vocabulary and structure. Little awareness of verb usage (e.g. infinitives regularly used instead of finite verbs). Despite regular errors, the writing often conveys some meaning. | |
| | 2 | A few phrases or short sentences are accurate enough to be comprehensible. Very simple sentence structure. | |
| | 1 | Disjointed words or short phrases, one or two of them accurate enough to be comprehensible. | |
| | 0 | One or two disjointed words or short phrases may be recognisable. | |
| | *Cons | sider the whole answer when awarding mark for Language | |
| | | Total for Communication: 10 ma Total for Language: 5 ma Total for Question 2: 15 ma | rks |

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| Question | Answer | Marks |
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Question 3

Candidates answer 1 question from a choice of 3. Read the whole answer and award marks as follows:

- Communication: award a mark out of 10, according to the instructions in 3.1.
- Language: award a mark out of 8 for Verbs, according to the instructions in 3.2. award a mark out of 12 for Other linguistic features, according to the instructions in 3.3.

For question-specific guidance, see later in this mark scheme.

3.1: Award a mark out of 10 for Communication

- (i) There are 5 relevant communication points per question, each worth a maximum of 2 marks.
- (ii) For each relevant communication point, use the appropriate numbered tick and place up to 2 of these ticks as close as possible to each relevant communication point (in the body of the answer).

| 2 ticks | 2 ticks Message clearly communicated. Minor errors (adjective endings, use of prepositions etc.) are tolerated. | | |
|---------|---|--|--|
| 1 tick | Communication of some meaning is achieved, but the message may be ambiguous or incomplete. | | |
| 0 ticks | Nothing of worth communicated. | | |

- (iii) Look for a verb (finite or infinitive) before awarding a mark for communication. See Appendix II for rules on how to decide whether a verb is accurate enough to convey meaning.
- (iv) Add up the ticks to give a mark out of 10 for Communication.

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| Question | Answer | Marks | l |
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3.2: Award a mark out of 8 for accurate use of Verbs

When awarding ticks for Verbs, please refer back to the question in order to establish which tense is appropriate for the response. **For question-specific guidance, see later in this mark scheme.**

- (i) Place a tick above the **first** occurrence of each correct verb, up to a maximum of 18 ticks (details of how to award ticks are provided below).
- (ii) Place the tick so that it does not obscure the accent/tilde.
- (iii) Convert the total number of ticks to a mark out of 8 using the Conversion table below.

Conversion table for accurate use of Verbs (Question 3)

| Number of ticks | Mark |
|-----------------|------|
| 18+ | 8 |
| 16,17 | 7 |
| 14,15 | 6 |
| 12,13 | 5 |
| 10,11 | 4 |
| 8,9 | 3 |
| 6,7 | 2 |
| 4,5 | 1 |
| 0,1,2,3 | 0 |

How to award ticks for accurate use of Verbs (Question 3):

- (a) Subject (noun or pronoun) + any finite verb
 - both subject and verb must be correct for the verb to score a tick
 - verb must be in the appropriate tense to score a tick
 - inaccuracies in the use of accents are ignored except in the case of -er verbs and être where there must be an accent on the past participle in a compound tense, and the absence of such an accent in the present tense
 - do not tick verbs contained in the 'letter etiquette': appropriate beginnings and endings to letters are considered for reward under Other linguistic features

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| Question | Answer | | |
|--|---|---|-----------|
| Tick | No tick | Note | |
| Je suis (✓) | | | |
| J'aime (✓) | Je aime (no tick) | «Je n'aime (✓) (pas) le camping» | |
| Je ne aime (✓) pas | | treat as misuse of negative, not misuse of verb: verb | is ticked |
| II est allé (✓) | Il est allée (no tick) | insist on correct agreement | |
| | Les proffesseurs sont (no tick) gentils | incorrect subject | |
| | Le voiture s'est approché (no tick) | incorrect subject | |
| Les nouveau professeurs sont (✓) gentils | | «Les professeurs» is the subject and is correctly spel incorrect adjective does not prevent the tick being aw | |
| Les invites sont arrivés (✓) | | missing accent on noun does not prevent tick being a | warded |
| | Les invités sont arrives (no tick) | past participle must have accent for tick to be awarde is tolerated | ed; grave |
| La site que j'ai adoré (✓) | | despite wrong gender of noun the verb is correct | |
| | La site que j'ai adorée | gender of noun wrong; «site» is not a feminine noun, therefore verb should not agree and is not ticked | |
| Le site j'ai adoré (✓) | | «que» clauses where the «que» is missing: tick the v absence of «que» into account when awarding mark linguistic features | |
| Mon frère a (✓) sept ans. Il y a (✓) 30 enfants dans sa classe | | for «il y a/avait», allow the impersonal use to count as extra | s an |

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| Question | Answer | Marks | |
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With direct and indirect object pronouns

| Tick | No tick | Note |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Je l'aime (✓) | | |
| Je le joue (✓) | Je se joue (no tick) | first example – «je joue» is correct despite incorrect object pronoun; second example – «jouer» is not a reflexive verb |
| Je lave (✓) les voitures | Je me lave (no tick) les voitures | «laver» should not be used reflexively in this statement |
| Je t'ai dit (✓) | | |
| J'ai te dit (✓) | | basic verb formation is correct |
| Je les ai achetés (✓) | Je les ai acheté (no tick) | past participle must agree in number and gender with preceding direct object for verb tick to be awarded |

With « y » and « en »

| Tick | No tick | Note |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---|
| J'y vais (✓) / Elle en achète (✓) | | |
| Je vais (✓) y en voiture | | correct «je vais» scores despite incorrect position of «y» |
| Elle achète (✓) en | | correct «elle achète» scores despite incorrect position of «en» |

Passive

| Tick | No tick | Note |
|------------------------------|---------|------|
| Elle a été attrapée (✓) | | |
| Les vélos ont été vendus (✓) | | |

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| Question | Answer | Marks | |
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Reflexive

| Tick | No tick | Note |
|--|-----------------------------|--|
| Elle s'est levée (✓) | Elle est se levée (no tick) | |
| Je me lave (✓) les mains | | |
| Je me suis réveillé (√) et j'ai réveillé (√) ma mère | | correct use of a reflexive and non-reflexive verb can both be credited |

Impersonal

| Tick | No tick | Note |
|-------------------|---------|---|
| C'est comique (✓) | | |
| II y a (✓) | | «Ilya» (✓) all right letters and in right order (by same rule «yatil» also gains a tick) «Il y a» does not score in expressions meaning 'ago' |
| Est-ce que (✓) | | |

With negative

| Tick | No tick | Note |
|-----------------------|---------|---|
| lls ne jouent pas (✓) | | tick is awarded for the correct verb; the negative is |
| lls ne pas jouent (✓) | | considered for reward in 'Other linguistic features' |
| Je ne aime (✓) pas | | |

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| Question | on Answer Mai | | |
| Sequence of tenses | | · | |
| Tick | No tick | Note | |
| Si j'avais (✓) le choix je voudrais (✓) | | | |
| Si j'ai eu (no tick) le choix je voudrais (✓) |) | if sequence is incorrect, both verbs cannot be rewarded | |
| Quand j'ai fini <i>(no tick)</i> de déjeuner (✓) je suis sorti (✓) | | in time clauses, the pluperfect must be used for the verb to rewarded. In other cases the perfect is acceptable | |
| Quand j'avais fini (✓) de déjeuner (✓) je suis sorti (✓) | | | |
| Single auxiliary with multiple past part | iciples | | |
| Tick | No tick | Note | |
| Nous avons chanté (✓) et dansé (✓) | | Nous avons chanté = tick; Nous avons dansé = tick | |
| Correct verb within meaningless state | ment | | |
| Tick | No tick | Note | |
| La journée est (✓) longue | La journée est (no tick) intelligente | do not reward correct verb in a meaningless statement | |
| (b) Imperative | | | |
| Tick | No tick | Note | |
| Viens (✓) | | | |
| Ne touche pas (✓) | | | |

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| Questio | Answer Answer | Marks |
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(c) Interrogative

| Tick | No tick | Note |
|--------------------------------|---------|---|
| Tu viens? (✓) / Tu viens. (✓) | | question mark not required for mark to be awarded |
| Est-ce que (✓) tu viens(?) (✓) | | |
| Comment ça va(?) (√) | | |

(d) Infinitive

| Tick | No tick | Note |
|---|-----------------------|---|
| Je veux (✓) sortir (✓) | | |
| Je veut (no tick) sortir (✓) | | award tick for any correct dependent infinitive, even if main verb is incorrect / in the wrong tense |
| Je veux (✓) sortier (<i>no tick</i>) | | |
| Il a commencé (√) à pleuvoir (√) | | |
| Il a commence (no tick) à pleuvoir (√) | | |
| Il a commencé (✓) de pleuvoir (no tick) | | |
| J'ai essayé (✓) de travailler (✓) | | |
| Il m'aide (no tick) à préparer le repas (✓) | | a past tense required by the task: main verb is, therefore, in the wrong tense, but dependent infinitive is correct and is ticked |
| Visiter (✓) d'autres pays est (✓) important | | |
| Sans hésiter (✓) | Sans hésité (no tick) | |
| Je veux (✓) sortir (✓) parce que je veux (no tick) aller (✓) aux magasins | | <i>je veux</i> can only score once, but different infinitives can each score if correct |
| Après être arrivé(e) (✓) il/(elle) a mangé (✓) un sandwich | | |
| Après être sorti il a commencé (✓) à pleuvoir (✓) | | the subject of the perfect infinitive is not the subject of the main verb |
| Après avoir mangé (✓) je suis sorti (✓) | | |

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| Question | | Answer | Marks | |
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| Ticking forms of the verb | in the future: is the future tense appro | priate to the task? | | |
| Tick | No tick | Note | | |
| Nous allons (✓) jouer (✓) a | au tennis | | | |
| Je vais (✓) regardé (no tic | k) un film | in all these cases the future tense is appropriate to t | | |
| Elle vas (<i>no tick</i>) arriver (✓) ce soir | | on the question paper so both the finite verb and the infinitive are ticked in the normal way | | |
| Je vais (no tick) aller (no ti | ick) en ville | task is: what did you do last weekend? Future tense appropriate therefore do not tick either verb | is not | |
| (e) Inversion | | | | |
| Tick | No tick | Note | | |
| «» a-t-il dit (√) | a-t-il dis (no tick) | accept both normal word order and inversion after d | irect | |
| «» il a dit (√) | | speech | | |
| Viens-tu (✓) / Viens tu (✓) | | | | |

(f) Participle (past or present)

| Tick | No tick | Note |
|---------------------|---------|------|
| En arrivant (✓) | | |
| Ayant fini (✓) | | |
| Une fois arrivé (√) | | |

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| Question | Answer | Marks | |
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(g) Reward only the first occurrence of a verb, e.g.

- J'aime (✓) la natation. J'aime (*no tick*) aussi le tennis
- J'aime (✓) la natation. Je n'aime (no tick) pas le tennis
- Dans ma région il y a (✓) des montagnes et des rivières. Il y a (no tick) aussi des...

However,

- Je préfère (\checkmark) la natation et mon frère préfère (\checkmark) le tennis 2 different persons of the verb
- Mon frère préfère (√) la natation et ma sœur préfère (no tick) le tennis both third person usage
- Elle est (✓) fâchée, ce n'est (no tick) pas amusant both third person usage
- Je me suis réveillé (✓) et j'ai réveillé (✓) ma mère: correct use of a reflexive and non-reflexive verb can **both** be credited
- Mon frère a (✓) sept ans. Il y a (✓) 30 enfants dans sa classe: with «il y a/avait» allow the impersonal use to be credited as an extra
 (the same applies to «est-ce que» and «il/elle est»)

3.3: Award a mark out of 12 for Other linguistic features

- (i) Award a mark out of 12 for Other linguistic features, according to the Grade descriptors in the table below (please see Note on using mark schemes with Grade descriptors (Appendix I)).
- (ii) Use the highlighter marking tool to highlight the first new use of any correct usage. Use the highlighter marking tool to underline a creditable attempt at a structure. This annotation is intended to help you arrive at an appropriate mark. Therefore, the kinds of things you highlight/underline will vary according to the quality of work, e.g. for a mark of 7/8 to be awarded the assumption is that 'spelling of common words, genders, adjectival agreements and basic prepositions are almost always correct' so annotation will focus on the degree of success with more complex language.
- (iii) Consider the extent to which the following are used correctly and appropriately when assessing the candidate's control of structures:
 - Subordinate clauses, including *car / parce que*, *qui* and *que* (relative pronouns), *ce qui* and *ce que*. Indirect or reported speech (*il a dit que*, *je pense que*). Time clauses with *quand*, *pendant que* etc. and *si* (= if)
 - Object pronouns (il m'a dit) and 'strong' pronouns (chez nous etc.)
 - Conjunctions other than et and linking words (e.g. cependant, malheureusement, toutefois)
 - Prepositions Time: depuis, pendant, pour, du... au... etc. / Place: en, dans etc.
 - Negatives
 - Adverbs
 - Adjectives, including possessives and demonstratives. Also comparatives and superlatives
 - Expressions of quantity
 - Partitive articles, especially *de* after negative, use of *du, de la, des*
 - Appropriate use of *politesses* in the letter.

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| Question | Answer | Marks | | | | | | | |
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| Grade des | Grade descriptors for Other linguistic features (Question 3) | | | | | | | | |
| 11–12 | Uses a wide range of structures effectively; produces longer, fluent sentences with ease. Highly accurate at this level, though not necessarily faultless. Makes effective use of a wide range of vocabulary fully appropriate to the task. | | | | | | | | |
| 9–10 | Attempts a range of structures with a good degree of success. More complex language usually error-free^^. Uses a variety of relevant vocabulary at this level. | | | | | | | | |
| 7–8 | In control of simple structures. Varied success with more complex structures. Accuracy is fairly consistent throughout*. Errors may occur when more ambitious language is attempted. Has sufficient vocabulary to add some interest to the writing. | | | | | | | | |
| 5–6 | Attempts more than basic structures. On balance, the work is more accurate than inaccurate. Straightforward vocabulary relevant to the task. | | | | | | | | |
| 3–4 | Reliant on basic structures. Some examples of correct language. Meaning usually conveyed. Basic vocabulary. | | | | | | | | |
| 1–2 | A few phrases or short sentences are accurate enough to be comprehensible. Very simple sentence structure. | | | | | | | | |
| 0 | One or two disjointed words or short phrases may be recognisable. | | | | | | | | |

^{^^}subordinate clauses, linking words, object pronouns, comparative adjectives/adverbs, strong negatives usually error free.

Total for Communication: 10 marks

Total for Verbs: 8 marks

Total for Other linguistic features: 12 marks

Total for Question 3: 30 marks

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^{*}spelling of common words, genders, adjectival agreements and basic prepositions are almost always correct.

| Question | | Answer | | Marks |
|----------|------|--|------|-------|
| 3(a) | | il pendant les vacances | | 30 |
| | Tick | Accept | Mark | |
| | √1 | Dites pourquoi vous avez décidé de chercher un travail pour les vacances. | 2 | |
| | | j'ai décidé de chercher un travail parce que je veux acheter un ordinateur j'ai besoin d'argent | | |
| | √2 | Décrivez le propriétaire du camping. il est gentil il est grand elle a 40 ans elle a les cheveux noirs | 2 | |
| | √3 | Pensez-vous qu'il était sympa ? Pourquoi/Pourquoi pas ? il m'a expliqué ce que je dois faire elle m'a donné des détails du travail elle m'a aidé il a souri nous avons parlé de musique, nous avons les mêmes goûts | 2 | |

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| Question | | Answer | | Marks |
|----------|----|---|---|-------|
| | √4 | Donnez des détails sur le travail que vous voudriez faire pendant les vacances. | 2 | |
| | | Place | | |
| | | je voudrais travailler dans un parc naturel | | |
| | | je vais travailler dans le restaurant | | |
| | | jo valo da vallio lo roctadi alli | | |
| | | Routine | | |
| | | je vais travailler de 8h à 18h / tous les jours | | |
| | | je dois faire la publicité | | |
| | | | | |
| | | Job | | |
| | | je vais jouer avec les enfants | | |
| | | je voudrais aider les gens | | |
| | | nous jouerons au foot | | |
| | √5 | Expliquez pourquoi vous êtes un(e) bon(ne) candidat(e) pour ce poste. | 2 | |
| | | Experience | | |
| | | j'ai déjà travaillé dans un camping | | |
| | | | | |
| | | Character | | |
| | | je suis sympa / intelligente / responsable etc. | | |
| | | j'aime aider les gens | | |
| | | | | |
| | | Interests | | |
| | | j'adore faire du camping | | |
| | | j'aime les animaux | | |

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| 3.2: Award a mark | out of 8 for accurate use of Verbs – see generic guidance above | |
|---------------------|---|--|
| Communication point | For Verbs, accept: | |
| 1 | Past | |
| 2 | Appropriate tense | |
| 3 | Past | |
| 4 | Present/conditional | |
| 5 | Present | |

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| Question | | Answer | | Marks |
|----------|------------|--|------|-------|
| 3(b) | Être en fo | | | 30 |
| | | d a mark out of 10 for Communication – see generic guidance above | | |
| | Tick | Accept | Mark | |
| | √1 | Décrivez quelles activités vous avez faites récemment pour rester en forme. | 2 | |
| | √2 | j'ai fait de la natation et j'ai fait du ski = max 2 j'ai fait de la natation et j'ai joué au foot = 2 + 2 (two different messages) je suis allé courir avec ma mère j'ai évité les frites et les gâteaux mon ami et moi avons joué au foot | 2 | |
| | | je mange un repas équilibré = 1 je ne mange pas de bonbons / je ne bois pas de boissons gazeuses = 1 | | |
| | √3 | Pensez-vous que les jeunes de nos jours sont actifs ou paresseux ? Pourquoi ? les jeunes passent trop de temps devant la télé ils ont trop de travail / ils étudient beaucoup ils n'ont pas beaucoup de temps libre ils préfèrent jouer à des jeux vidéos | 2 | |
| | √4 | À votre avis, est-ce que vous faites assez de sport à l'école ? Donnez vos raisons. | 2 | |
| | √4 | +, - | 2 | |

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| | √5 | Expliqu | ez ce que vous voudriez faire à l'avenir pour être plus en forme. | 2 | |
|----------|--|--------------|--|---|--|
| | | ie vais c | courir plus | | |
| | | | ouer au tennis | | |
| | je vais manger plus sain je mangerai moins de nourriture rapide | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | je voudra | ais essayer le ski | | |
| | | ie dois m | nanger moins = 1 | | |
| | | I Je dola II | nanger moins – r | | |
| | | | aire plus d'exercice = 1 | | |
| 3 | 3.2: Awa | je dois fa | | | |
| <u>3</u> | | je dois fa | aire plus d'exercice = 1 | | |
| <u>3</u> | Commu | je dois fa | out of 8 for accurate use of Verbs – see generic guidance above | | |
| 3 | Commu | je dois fa | out of 8 for accurate use of Verbs – see generic guidance above For Verbs, accept: | | |
| <u>3</u> | Commupoint | je dois fa | out of 8 for accurate use of Verbs – see generic guidance above For Verbs, accept: Past | | |
| <u>3</u> | Commupoint 1 2 | je dois fa | out of 8 for accurate use of Verbs – see generic guidance above For Verbs, accept: Past Past | | |

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| uestion | | Answer | | Mark | |
|---------|----------------|--|------|------|--|
| 3(c) | Un vélo volé ! | | | | |
| | | rd a mark out of 10 for Communication – see generic guidance above | | | |
| | Tick | Accept | Mark | | |
| | √1 | Dites ce que vous avez fait ensuite pour retrouver votre vélo. | 2 | | |
| | √2 | Insist on past tense | 2 | | |
| | | j'ai cherché mon vélo j'ai téléphoné à la police je suis allé au parc | | | |
| | | Award the marks for Communication flexibly across Task 1 and Task 2 | | | |
| | √3 | Expliquez comment vous avez passé le reste de vos vacances. | 2 | | |
| | | Insist on past tense | | | |
| | | j'ai visité le parc d'attractions avec mes amis je suis allé(e) à la plage avec ma famille j'ai fait des courses | | | |
| | √4 | Donnez vos réactions aux événements. | 2 | | |
| | | Insist on past tense | | | |
| | | j'étais heureux de retrouver mon vélo j'ai été choqué(e) | | | |
| | | je n'étais pas content | | | |
| | | Tick 4 may be awarded for an additional comment on the holiday. | | | |

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| uestion | | Answer | | Mark |
|---------|---|--|---|------|
| | √5 Étiez-vo | us content(e) de vos vacances ? Pourquoi ? | 2 | |
| | Insist or | n past tense | | |
| | | s pas content(e) de mes vacances is amusé(e) | | |
| | | | | |
| | | ay be awarded for an additional reaction to events. | | |
| | | ay be awarded for an additional reaction to events. out of 8 for accurate use of Verbs – see generic guidance above For Verbs, accept: | |] |
| | 3.2: Award a mark | out of 8 for accurate use of Verbs – see generic guidance above | | |
| | 3.2: Award a mark | out of 8 for accurate use of Verbs – see generic guidance above For Verbs, accept: | | |
| | 3.2: Award a mark Communication point | out of 8 for accurate use of Verbs – see generic guidance above For Verbs, accept: Past | | |
| | 3.2: Award a mark Communication point 1 2 | For Verbs, accept: Past Past | | |

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Appendix I

Note on using mark schemes with Grade descriptors

It is important that you award marks positively. In order to ensure that you reward achievement rather than penalise failure or omissions, you should start at the bottom of the mark scheme and work upwards through the descriptors when awarding marks.

You should adopt a 'best fit' approach. You must select the set of descriptors provided in the mark scheme that most closely describes the quality of the work being marked. As you work upwards through the mark scheme, you will eventually arrive at a set of descriptors that fits the candidate's performance. When you reach this point, you should always then check the descriptors in the band above to confirm whether or not there is just enough evidence to award a mark in the higher band.

For example, when marking Question 3 you may find that a candidate uses a variety of relevant vocabulary but has varied success with more complex structures. In such cases, you will need to award a mark that takes into account both the strengths and weaknesses of the piece of work.

To select the most appropriate mark within each set of descriptors, use the following guidance:

- If most of the descriptors fit the piece (and after you have considered the band above), award the top mark in the band.
- If there is just enough evidence (and you had perhaps been considering the band below), award the lowest mark in the band.

Note on irrelevant material

In the case of a deliberately evasive answer which consists entirely of irrelevant material exploited in defiance of the rubric, a score of 0 is given. This is extremely rare.

A genuine attempt to answer the question which fails due to a misunderstanding of the rubric will normally lose Communication marks but will score for Language. You should consult your Team Leader.

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Appendix II: Communication

Rules on how to decide whether a verb is accurate enough to convey meaning

Communication

- an attempt at a verb is required for any communication mark to be awarded
- for QUESTION 2, candidates score 1 or 0 marks for each piece of relevant information they communicate. For a sentence/phrase to be considered for the award of a mark for communication, the verb must meet or go beyond the criteria outlined in B.
- for QUESTION 3, candidates score 2, 1 or 0 marks for communicating each task. For the criteria the verb must fulfil in order for a sentence/phrase to be considered for the award of 2 marks for communication, see A below. For the criteria the verb must fulfil for a sentence/phrase to be considered for the award of 1 mark for communication, see B below.
- where a verb fits the criteria for C, the mark for communication is 0
- although some allowances are made for faulty verbs when awarding COMMUNICATION marks (see below), in order for a verb to score a LANGUAGE tick, it must be correct
- 'ticks' for communication are to be placed just above the end of the qualifying sentence/phrase

A QUESTION 3 ONLY: where THE VERB IS APPROPRIATE IN THE MEANING IT CONVEYS AND THE TIME FRAME IS APPROPRIATE, 2 communication marks are awarded in the following cases.

| (i) | For 2 communication marks: accept a Present where a F | uture context is apparent | | |
|-------|---|---|--|--|
| | L'an prochain je voyage en France = 2 for communication. | (Je voyage receives a tick for verb) | | |
| (ii) | For 2 communication marks: accept the use of a Future when a Conditional would be correct and vice versa | | | |
| | | | | |
| (iii) | For 2 communication marks: accept a 'phonetic version' | of the correct time frame | | |
| | J'ai passer/passez les vacances = 2 for communication Les gens pense/pensait que = 2 for communication Il a commencé à joué = 2 for communication | (Il a commencé à joue = 1 for communication – joue is not phonetic) | | |

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| (iv) | For 2 communication marks: accept the use of any past tense when a past is required, even when a different past tense would be grammatically correct or appropriate | | |
|--------|---|---|--|
| | Allow Perfect, Imperfect, Pluperfect or Past Historic. Ignore inconsistency of the Perfect and Past Historic if it occurs | | |
| (v) | Use of <i>avoir</i> with a past participle when <i>être</i> is correct: award 2 communication marks | | |
| | J'ai resté en France = 2 marks for communication | However the use of <i>être</i> when <i>avoir</i> is correct= 1 communication mark, eg Je suis mangé la pomme (see B (iii)) | |
| (vi) | Errors of accent: award 2 communication marks (eg il va telephoner = 2; il commencais = 2; j'achete = 2), except in the following cases | | |
| | For 2 communication marks, insist on the accent on a past participle of <i>-er</i> verbs | Il a joue = 1 for communication (as an attempted perfect tense) Il joué = 1 for communication (as an attempted present tense) | |
| | For 2 communication marks insist on an accent when an adjective is also a past participle | If était fatigue = 1 for communication If être fatigue = 1 for communication If et fatigue = 1 for co | |
| | For 2 communication marks, tolerate a grave accent for an acute accent | II a jouè = 2 for communication | |
| (vii) | Errors of punctuation: award 2 communication marks in spite of errors of punctuation | | |
| | Jai fait = 2 for communication in spite of missing apostrophe | In addition jai fait scores a tick for the verb | |
| (viii) | Errors of elision: award 2 communication marks in spite of errors of elision | | |
| | Je aime / Je habite = 2 for communication in spite of missing elision | Je aime / Je habite: no tick for the verb as elision has not been made | |
| (ix) | Single consonant where there should be double and vice versa: award 2 communication marks | | |
| | J'appele / J'apelle / J'appelle ma mère au téléphone= 2 for communication | J'appelle ma mere au téléphone= tick for the verb | |

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| (x) | In complex sentences, reward communication based on the verb in the subordinate clause and reward according to the normal rules (it is the information in the subordinate clause which fulfils the task) | |
|--------|---|---|
| | Mon ami a dit qu'il avait mal au genou = 2 for communication (in addition both verbs can receive a tick) Mon ami annonce (wrong tense) qu'il avait mal au genou = 2 for communication (in addition second verb can receive a tick) | However, Mon ami a dit qu'il a mal au genou = 1 for communication (see B(viii)) (in addition first verb can receive a tick) Mon ami a dit qu'il mal au genou = 0 for communication (no verb in subordinate clause) (first verb can receive a tick) |
| | Je pensais que j'étais malade = 2 for communication (in addition both verbs receive a tick) | However: Je pensais qu'il pleut = 1 for communication (see B (viii)) Je pensais que j'avais malade = 0 for communication (see B (iv)) (In both cases, first verb can receive a tick) |
| (xi) | Use of a verb in the 'indicative' where a subjunctive would be expected: award 2 communication marks | |
| | II faut que j'aille chez ma grand-mère = 2 for communication (plus both verbs receive a tick) II faut que je vais chez ma grand-mère = 2 for communication (plus both verbs receive a tick) | |
| (xii) | Treat the verbs retourner, revenir and rentrer as synonyms: award 2 communication marks | |
| | | |
| (xiii) | «ne» omitted in a negative statement: award 2 communication marks | |
| | J'aime pas la biologie = 2 for communication (in addition, the verb receives a tick) | However Je n'aime la biologie = 1 for communication (see B (ix)) (verb receives a tick) |

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B <u>QUESTIONS 2 AND 3</u>: where <u>THE VERB IS APPROPRIATE IN THE MEANING IT CONVEYS</u> but is flawed in the following ways, the message is partially conveyed, and 1 communication mark will be awarded:

| (i) | The candidate has produced a correct spelling of an inappropriate form/part/tense of an appropriate verb: award 1 communication mark | |
|-----|---|--|
| | Task: where did you go on holiday. Candidate writes: Je passe les vacances en France Je passé les vacances en France Je passé les vacances en France Je vais passer les vacances en France Je suis passer les vacances en France J'irons en France Je allez en France J'aille en France Je vas en France All score 1 mark for communication | In all these cases, <i>passer</i> is an appropriate choice of verb in terms of meaning. The task ('where did you go on holiday') requires a past tense (or phonetic version of a past tense) for 2 communication marks to be awarded: these versions do not meet this requirement. However, in all these cases the candidate has produced an existing part/tense/form of what is an appropriate verb and therefore 1 communication mark is awarded Ticks are not scored for these verbs |
| | Task: how did you and your friends react? Candidate writes: Mes amis est contents J'été triste Ils avons pleure All score 1 mark for communication | |
| | Task: what do you want to eat for lunch. Candidate writes. Je veux mange un sandwich = 1 for communication | Je veux = tick for verb |

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| | Task: what will you do next year. Candidate writes: L'an dernier je voyage en France = 1 for communication L'an dernier je vais voyager en France = 1 for communication L'année prochaine j'allait en ville = 1 for communication (if the task required a past tense, J'allait en ville tout court could score 2 for communication as a phonetic rendering of J'allais en ville) | je voyage verb is not rewarded as there is no future context (eg L'an prochain)je vais voyager scores 2 ticks for verbs (je vais, voyager) as the task requires a futurej'allait verb does not receive a tick |
|-------|---|---|
| | L'année prochaine j'aille en ville = 1 for communication (aller is an appropriate verb, aille is a form of the verb aller (subjunctive)) L'année prochaine j'irais visiter La Grèce = 1 | L'année prochaine j'aillait en ville = 0 for communication (aillait is not any part of the verb aller) |
| (ii) | The candidate has produced a phonetic spelling of an inappropriate form/part/tense of an appropriate verb: award 1 communication mark | |
| | Task is to say what s/he enjoyed doing on holiday. Candidate writes: <i>J'aim le tennis</i> = 1 for communication (phonetic version of the incorrect tense (<i>j'aime</i>) of an appropriate verb) | J'amie (le tennis) = 0 for communication (amie is not any form/part/tense of the verb aimer) |
| | Task is to say how s/he got home. Candidate writes: <i>Je prennez le bus</i> = 1 for communication (phonetic version of an incorrect part/tense (<i>Je prenez</i>) of an appropriate verb) | Je prendais le bus = 0 for communication (prendais is not any form/part/tense (nor a phonetic version thereof) of the verb prendre) |
| (iii) | Use of être as the auxiliary when avoir would be correct: award 1 communication mark (see also A (v)) | |
| | Je suis mangé la pomme = 1 | |
| | | |

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| (iv) | Use of être instead of avoir in some clearly defined idiomatic phrases: award 1 communication mark | |
|-------|--|--|
| | J'étais peur = 1 J'étais soif = 1 J'étais faim = 1 Elle était cinq ans = 1 | (no tick for the verb) |
| | | However Elle est les cheveux gris = 0 J'avais malade = 0 J'avais fatigué = 0 Note: J'étais fatigue = 0 (adj from pp must have accent) |
| (v) | Manger, nager, ranger etc. – 'e' missing from nous form and imperfect: award 1 communication mark | |
| | Je mangais des pommes = 1 (no tick for the verb) Nous nagons après l'école = 1 (no tick for the verb) | Je mang des pommes = 0 |
| (vi) | The following commonly seen inappropriate usages: award 1 communication mark | |
| | Accept for 1 mark il est beau for il fait beau j'ai écouté un bruit for j'ai entendu un bruit c'est chaud for il fait chaud j'ai fait une promenade à l'école for je suis allé à l'école à pied j'ai regardé un accident for j'ai vu un accident | Refuse j'ai regardé pour mon sac for j'ai cherché mon sac |
| (vii) | The following commonly seen mis-usages: award 1 communication mark | |
| | je s'appelle (Carole) il et (venu me voir) je return(e) etc. (accept returner for retourner) je se réveille | However, <i>II m'appelle (Carole)</i> when the candidate is trying to give his/her own name = 0 as nothing of worth is communicated J'habille / il lève / elle lave = 0 |

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| (viii) | In complex sentences, consider the verb in the subordinate clause when awarding the mark for communication and reward according to the normal rules (see also A(x)) | |
|--------|---|---|
| | Mon ami a dit qu'il a mal au genou = 1 for communication | il a mal au genou, contains an appropriate verb in the wrong time frame which is awarded 1 mark for communication (in addition, first verb receives a tick) |
| | Je pensais qu'il pleut = 1 for communication | The subordinate clause, <i>qu'il pleut</i> , contains an appropriate verb in the wrong time frame which is awarded 1 communication mark according to the usual rules) (in addition, first verb receives a tick) |
| (ix) | «pas», or equivalent, is omitted in a negative statement / misplaced negative = 1 for communication | |
| | Je n'aime la biologie = 1 for communication J'étais ne content pas = 1 for communication (verb receives a tick) | However <i>J'aime pas la biologie</i> = 2 for communication (in addition, the verb receives a tick) |

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C QUESTIONS 2 AND 3: award 0 communication marks in the following cases:

| (i) | No attempt at a verb = 0 for communication | | |
|-------|--|--|--|
| | je pied à l'ecole = 0 for communication je promenade mon chien = 0 for communication il pluie = 0 for communication | However, je travail à l'école (in response to Qu'est-ce que vous faites à l'école?) = 2 for communication because travail works phonetically | |
| (ii) | The verb attempted delivers a message different from the desired one = 0 for communication | | |
| | mon père a un prof for mon père est prof = 0 for communication j'ai travaillé en Australie for j'ai voyagé en Australie = 0 for communication il pleure for il pleut = 0 for communication | | |
| (iii) | The attempt at the verb is not a part/form of an appropriate verb or a phonetic rendition thereof = 0 for communication | | |
| | L'année prochaine j'aillait en ville = 0 for communication (aillait is not any part of the verb aller) Je prendais le bus = 0 for communication (prendais is not any part of the verb prendre) J'amie (le tennis) J'alle au cinema Je m'apple Carole | | |
| (iv) | There are two subjects = 0 for communication | | |
| | il j'aime = 0 for communication | | |
| (v) | Attempt at present tense is compromised by the inappropriate rendering of the personal pronoun = 0 for communication | | |
| | J'ai prend = 0 for communication J'ai me réveille = 0 for communication J'ai vais aller = 0 for communication | | |

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