



ASSESSMENT and
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Unit 2 – Aspects of Society

Assessment Criteria

	% of AS	Total marks	Question	
			1/2	3
AO2 Response to written language	10	30	12	18
AO3 Knowledge of grammar	5	15	6	9
AO4 Knowledge of society	15	45	18	27
TOTAL	30	90	36	54

Questions 1/2	Reaction/Response (AO2)	Question 3
11-12	Good personal reaction to the topic and the particular question, usually well justified and illustrated.	15-18
8-10	Clear evidence of personal reaction, but not consistently maintained. Variable justification and illustration.	11-14
5-7	Some reaction is evident and some points made, but justification and illustration weak.	7-10
2-4	Limited reaction. No justification or illustration for points made.	3-6
0-1	Little or no critical reaction to the topic.	0-2

Questions 1/2	Knowledge of Grammar (AO3)	Question 3
5-6	The manipulation of most structures is good. There are still some inaccuracies, but these tend to occur in attempts at more complex structures.	8-9
4	The manipulation of basic structures is generally sound. There are attempts to use more complex structures, often successfully.	6-7
3	There is some awareness of structure but basic errors are still frequent. Communication is generally maintained.	4-5
2	The level of manipulation of structures and the number of errors make comprehension difficult.	2-3
0-1	Shows little or no grasp of grammatical structure. Errors are such that communication is seriously impaired.	0-1

Questions 1/2	Content/Knowledge of Society (AO4)	Question 3
15-18	Relevant points are clearly made with evidence of reading around the topic. The answer is focused on the question and offers ideas which are logically and coherently developed and do not depend on the pre-release material.	23-27
11-14	The answer is generally on the subject, with a number of points made relevant to the specific issues in the question and showing some independence from the pre-release material. The answer has a degree of coherence.	17-22
7-10	Some relevant points are made, ideas are not clearly organised. The answer generally lacks a clear focus, but some attempt is made to address the question. Relies heavily on the pre-release material.	11-16
3-6	The answer tends to address the topic area rather than the specific question. A limited number of points made, many of which are vague or irrelevant. Relies almost entirely on the pre-release material.	5-10
0-2	There is little or nothing of relevance either to the topic area or to the question set. A zero score will automatically result in zero for the question as a whole.	0-4

The following pages provide **an amplification** of the assessment criteria which is related directly to the questions on the question paper.

Question 1

En général, les différents groupes ethniques en France s'entendent bien. » Expliquez si vous êtes d'accord ou non avec cette observation en utilisant des exemples tirés de vos études.

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Reaction/Response (AO2) <i>These marks are awarded based on the degree to which the candidate tackles the question, argues a case and analyses the topic studied.</i>	
11-12	Good personal reaction to the topic and the particular question, usually well justified and illustrated. Examples well selected and explained. Good understanding of different ethnic groups in France. Highly analytical; a judgement reached.
8-10	Clear evidence of a reaction, but not consistently maintained. Variable justification and illustration. Examples well chosen, perhaps not well explained. An understanding of the main ethnic groups. Analysis dominates narrative.
5-7	Some reaction is evident and some points made, but justification and illustration weak. Difficult to see specific relevance of the examples chosen. Analysis mixed with narrative. A judgement attempted but rather obscure.
2-4	Limited reaction. No justification and very little illustration for points made. Poor examples. Predominantly a narrative response. No real judgement made.
0-1	Little or no critical reaction to the topic. A response without analysis.

Knowledge of Grammar (AO3) <i>These marks are awarded based on the degree to which the candidate uses structures and grammar as outlined in the specification.</i>	
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4	The manipulation of basic structures is generally sound. There are attempts to use more complex structures, often successfully.
3	There is some awareness of structure, but basic errors are still frequent. Communication is generally maintained.
2	The level of manipulation of structures and the number of errors make comprehension difficult.
0-1	Shows little or no grasp of grammatical structure. Errors are such that comprehension is seriously impaired.

Content/Knowledge of Society (AO4)	
<i>These marks are awarded based on the degree to which the candidate uses pertinent evidence from a study, in French, of the chosen topic.</i>	
15-18	Evidence is highly pertinent to the particular question and the topic. Varied sources (virtually all of French origin) far beyond the scope of the Preliminary Material are used. There are very many linguistic indicators that the topic has been studied in depth. The topic is clearly understood.
11-14	Evidence is pertinent to the particular question and the topic. Sources (mostly of French origin) beyond the scope of the Preliminary Material are used. There are linguistic indicators that the topic has been studied in depth. The topic is understood.
7-10	Evidence is sufficient. It may be selected solely from the Preliminary Material or not well chosen from other sources (probably not French). Linguistic indicators are evident. The topic has been partly understood; at times there are misconceptions. The answer is factually thin.
3-6	Some evidence is adequate, but most is poorly selected from few relevant sources (most likely not French; likely to be personal and anecdotal). Linguistic indicators are few. Understanding of the topic is severely restricted.
0-2	Evidence is mostly poor in quality. There are very few linguistic indicators. Material is poorly deployed. Understanding is almost entirely non-existent.

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Question 2

Que comprenez-vous par « la francophonie »? Donnez des exemples. Quels sont les avantages pour les habitants des pays francophones?

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11-12	Good personal reaction to the topic and the particular question, usually well justified and illustrated. Examples well selected and explained. Good understanding of both definitions of « francophonie ». Highly analytical. An understanding of the range of possible advantages.
8-10	Clear evidence of personal reaction, but not consistently maintained. Variable justification and illustration. Examples well chosen, perhaps not well explained. An understanding of « la francophonie ». Analysis dominates.
5-7	Some reaction is evident and some points made, but justification and illustration weak. Difficult to see specific relevance of the examples chosen. Analysis mixed with narrative. A judgement attempted but rather obscure.
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Question 3

Les médias ont des effets positifs et négatifs sur la société française. » Qu'en pensez-vous?

Vous pourriez considérer

i] la télévision ii] la radio iii] Internet iv] la presse v] la publicité

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11-14	Clear evidence of personal reaction, but not consistently maintained. Variable justification and illustration. Perhaps one area not sufficiently well tackled. Analysis dominates.
7-10	Some reaction is evident and some points made, but justification and illustration weak. Perhaps both areas not particularly well covered. Some difficulty in arriving at a judgement. Analysis mixed with narrative.
3-6	Limited reaction. Very little justification for or illustration of points made. Very clear difficulty in arriving at a judgement. Predominantly a narrative response.
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