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## Student 1 - Commentary

### A period of 20th century history from a French-speaking country/community

### Question 11(a)

## Analysez l'influence d'**une** personne sur la période que vous avez étudiée. Dans quelle mesure est-ce que son impact sur la France ou sur un autre pays francophone a été positif ?

By far the most popular choice among those who study a period of twentieth century French history is the Occupation of France during the Second World War and the first point to make is that the choice of which figure to analyse can be significant. While there were some very good essays on General de Gaulle, many students who discussed him did not have sufficient evidence to support their opinions and tended to make general assertions such as: "He encouraged the Resistance movement and gave the French hope", with very few actual facts to back this up. However, this particular student chose to focus on Pétain, for whose influence it was perhaps easier to give detailed evidence. For an essay to be placed in the 'Very Good' band for Content, the student must answer the precise question set, provide a wide range of evidence and show the ability to analyse this evidence in a relevant way. The degree of personal reaction needed does vary according to the subject; especially in the case of some questions on a region of France or a French-speaking country, and to a lesser extent on a period of twentieth century French history, the personal reaction is effectively conveyed in the analysis, whereas for most questions on the creative Cultural Topics (the work of an author or a film director, for example,) more direct personal reaction is often needed.

In the introduction to this essay the student shows clearly how he/she intends to answer the specific question by referring to the key ideas: influence, impact sur la France, dans quelle mesure and positif. There is also an indication that the essay will give a balanced assessment by the suggestion that Pétain's influence had both positive and negative aspects. This introduction does help the student to structure the essay and to keep it focused on the question set. The student then goes on to identify three broad aspects of the guestion - the laws, the Révolution nationale and the collaboration with the Nazis - but what makes this essay stand out is the amount of detail and the depth of analysis which applies to all three aspects. To take just the first of these aspects, while many students mentioned the laws regarding the Jews, very few referred to the banning of the sociétés secrètes or the internment of the Tsiganes, but here we have great detail on all these aspects and coupled with perceptive analysis in phrases such as "ce qui montre que la politique de Pétain était pire que celle des Allemands" or "Donc, il est évident que les groupes qui ont été ciblés par Pétain ont souffert à cause de ses actions parce qu'il a essayé de créer une communauté nationale excluant les groupes qu'il n'a pas aimés." Similarly, when the student moves onto the second aspect, the Révolution nationale, we again have not just very precise details as to what measures were taken (regarding divorce, abortion and homosexuality) but the introductory phrase "il a prioritisé la famille" is already a start of the analysis and this is continued in showing how the measures had both a negative effect ("ce qui a représenté une suppression des libertés fondamentales") and a positive one in allowing women to devote more time to their families, again with precise evidence to support this view. Finally the student comes to a well-justified conclusion regarding the overall impact of this aspect of Pétain's influence. The same approach is taken regarding Pétain's collaboration with the Nazis: plenty of detail, analysis as to the effect of his decisions and a balanced view,

assessing both positive and negative consequences (the use of *"certains disent que…"* here is a particularly effective approach.) The conclusion to the essay not only answers the precise question set but adds a further dimension by discussing the difference between the perception of Pétain by the French people at the time and how he is seen now, which is an exceptionally mature level of analysis. The essay as a whole is clearly more than worth full marks for Content and there is equally no doubt that it fully matches the criteria for full marks for each of the Quality of Language categories as it is written in very sophisticated French with a very high degree of accuracy. The marks awarded were therefore:

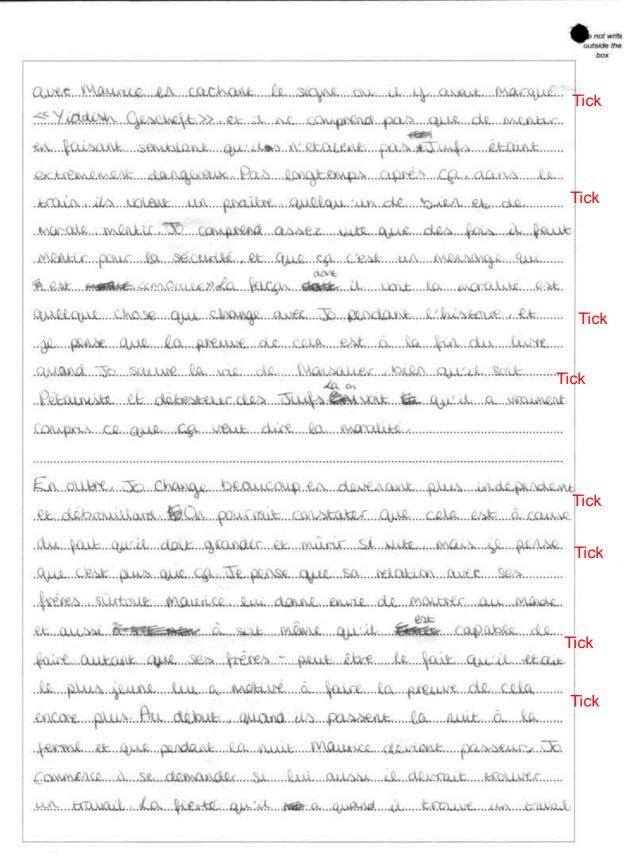
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Content	25
Range of Vocabulary	5
Range of Structures	5
Accuracy	5
Total	40

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### Student 2 - Commentary

### An author from a French-speaking country/community

#### Question 12(b)

## Analysez dans quelle mesure **un** personnage change au cours d'au moins **un** livre ou d'au moins **un** conte de l'auteur que vous avez étudié. Expliquez votre opinion de ce personnage.

The choice of Un sac de billes by Joseph Joffo is guite a popular one and throughout the essay the student shows a detailed knowledge of the text and uses that knowledge effectively to produce an answer which is focused on the precise question. The introduction is brief but perfectly adequate as it already refers to the key aspect of "dans quelle mesure...", which many students ignored, and indicates both a personal judgement (d'une facon incroyable) and the factors which bring about the changes in the character. Thereafter, the essay is well-structured as the student identifies four different aspects to the character of Jo - loss of childhood, morality, independence and attitude to his family - and in each case compares his initial position with how he subsequently develops. There is both precise reference to specific episodes in the novel and analysis to show what these episodes reveal about the protagonist. Thus in discussing the first aspect, the student makes a comparison between Jo's behaviour at the beginning and end of the novel, not just describing what he does but analysing what this reveals about him - in the first case that he is a child and in the second that it is not that he has no feelings but that this indicates how the war has changed him. Further personal reaction is given in the statement that he has had to grow up more guickly than children should have to do and a further illustration of this change in him is given by reference to the interrogation in the Hôtel Excelsior, once more with the analysis that this is not the behaviour of a child of seven. It should be noted that evidence is provided by precise reference to episodes in the text and it is not necessary to give the actual quotation. The same approach is taken by the student in discussing the other three aspects which he/she has identified - specific examples which show a change in the character, coupled with analysis of what the examples show and the nature of the changes. The final aspect – Jo's attitude towards his family – is particularly important as it lends balance to the essay as the student analyses a way in which Jo has not changed. Thus a precise answer is provided to the question phrase "dans quelle mesure..." The conclusion to the essay also summarises the response to the second part of the question: "Expliquez votre opinion de ce personnage." Although this section is brief, the opinions stated are clearly justified, and act as a summary of the student's views, which have already been indicated at various points within the essay as part of the analysis :"Il est encore enfant ... Ce n'est pas le comportement d'un enfant de sept ans ... il a vraiment compris ce que ca veut dire la moralité ...pour un enfant si jeune, cela est impressionnant' - these are all examples of the student's opinion of Jo. Although it may be thought that this essay is not guite as "good" as essay 1 in that there is not quite the same amount of detail, such a comparison is not helpful as the essay does fully meet all the criteria for the 'Very Good' band for Content and was therefore awarded full marks - essay 1 in fact goes some way beyond what we would normally expect of a student in the time available. As far as the Quality of Language marks are concerned, the essay again reads naturally with a wide range of vocabulary and structures, so is certainly worth full marks in the first two categories. Accuracy is more

borderline – there are some errors, and confusion between direct and indirect object pronouns is noticeable in one or two places, so it is a fine judgement as to whether the essay is better described as "Highly accurate" or "Generally accurate". The marks awarded were:

Overall Score:	
Content	25
Range of Vocabulary	5
Range of Structures	5
Accuracy	5
Total	40

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### Student 3 – Commentary

## A director, architect, musician or painter from a French-speaking country/community

#### Question 14(a)

Analysez les principales techniques de l'architecte/du metteur en scène/musicien/peintre que vous avez étudié. Comment est-ce que ces techniques l'aident à atteindre ses objectifs ?

Of all the Cultural Topics, the study of a film director is the most popular, and Kassovitz is the director most frequently discussed in students' essays. The area targeted by this question – an analysis of techniques – is one which is directly mentioned in the bullet points in the Specification and consequently is one which the vast majority of students will clearly have prepared. The key to success is therefore to identify what particular slant is given by the precise question set and ensure that the points made are appropriately targeted. Many students who chose this question discussed a number of techniques but failed to address the second part of the question regarding the director's objectives. What makes this essay stand out is not only the very wide range of techniques discussed and of evidence to support the points, but the fact that the student always keeps in mind these objectives and refers to them frequently. It is true that in this essay the depth of analysis does vary as the different techniques are discussed, but it would clearly be impossible for a student to analyse in great depth in the time available all the very many different aspects identified here but whenever a technique is mentioned there is always evidence and perceptive analysis, frequently coupled with justified personal reaction. Some other students adopted the approach of analysing fewer techniques but in greater depth and were equally successful - there is no one prescribed way of answering a question.

The introduction immediately targets the question by defining what the student sees as Kassovitz's objectives, thus providing the basis for a well-focused answer. A very wide range of techniques are identified in the course of the essay – visual techniques, the use of black and white, the clock, the presentation of Paris, irony, the sound track and the way the characters are introduced. It is particularly important that in a discussion of the techniques used by a film director various cinematographic aspects, such as camera angles and sound, are analysed; many students limited themselves to discussing the presentation of themes as if the work were a novel or play and such essays tended to be placed at best in the 'Sufficient' band for Content. As is mentioned above, the depth of analysis of the different techniques does vary, but the approach is never purely descriptive. For example, in the relatively brief paragraph on the use of irony, the student gives the example of the slogan "l'avenir, c'est à vous" but then analyses albeit briefly why this is ironic and then links it to the objective mentioned in the introduction of making the audience aware of the lack of hope and opportunity in the banlieue. On the other hand, the use of sound (or lack of it) is analysed at greater length and linked to the use of violence and the circular structure of the film. Once more, the different points are developed and focused on the previously identified objectives of making the audience aware of the level of violence in the *banlieue*, shocking them and making them think. The same approach is taken in discussing all the techniques definition, then example(s), then analysis linked to objectives - a very detailed and wellstructured response. A further point to be made is that throughout the essay well-justified personal reaction is present in phrases such as "ce que je trouve très efficace car elle permet au spectateur d'absorber le choc de l'événement dramatique" and also in adjectives such as innovateur, intéressant, original, captivant and réaliste as the student almost always explains why he/she has that opinion. Given that the student discusses so many techniques, all with examples, analysis and all focused on the precise question concerning the director's

objectives, there is no doubt that the essay fully matches all the criteria for the 'Very Good' band for Content. The level of language is equally impressive. The French is sophisticated in terms both of vocabulary and structure and is also highly accurate, with only occasional errors. The marks awarded therefore were:

Overall Score:	
Content	25
Range of Vocabulary	5
Range of Structures	5
Accuracy	5
Total	40

### Marking Guidance

#### **SECTION B: WRITING**

- The range of topics and areas for study is inevitably very wide, but all essays are assessed according to the same criteria. If the question requires, for example, an analysis of the main themes of a work, this will be the student's view of what the main themes are, provided he/she justifies his/her choice. If there are clearly significant errors of fact, these cannot be ignored, but fact should not be confused with interpretation.
- 2. The mark scheme refers to *understanding and knowledge of the task*. 'The task' is to answer the specific question set.

'Understanding of the task' is the way in which the answer addresses the question, e.g. range, depth, covering all parts of the question and relevance to the question. 'Knowledge of the task' is the amount and range of detail used to answer the question set. It is not so much the actual knowledge as the way this knowledge is used and evaluated that is being assessed. Hence the Content mark is determined by how well the student has answered the specific question set.

- 3. When assessing an essay for Content, a "top down" approach should be adopted by deciding whether the essay matches the criteria for the top band. If not, move down to the second band and so on. If an essay fully matches all the criteria for the top band, it should be given maximum marks. Such an essay will fully answer all parts of the set question. It will be fully relevant, contain a good deal of evidence and very clear evaluation.
- 4. If the essay is not worthy of a mark in the top band, move down the bands until the criteria are the best match for that essay. In these bands, in the event that an essay matches exactly the criteria for the band, it should be given the middle mark in that band. Otherwise, the mark should be adjusted up or down according to whether it is nearer the criteria for the band above or the band below.
- 5. The degree of personal reaction required for any given band will vary to some extent according to the precise question set, and it is accepted that in some topics, particularly the study of a region, the reaction is effectively bound up with the evaluation, whereas if the question asks for the student's opinion of an author or artist, more obvious personal reaction is clearly required. Students do not constantly have to say "I think that..." to be giving personal reaction. For example, adjectives such as "effective" or "extraordinary" are expressing opinions.
- 6. Evidence can take different forms. The student must show knowledge of the topic, but in the case of a literary topic, for example, this does not have to be accomplished via quotations; precise reference to specific episodes may fulfil this requirement. Furthermore, a quotation may explain or justify a point, but on its own it does not make a point; the student must be explicit.
- 7. There is a minimum number of 250 words specified on the paper. There is no automatic penalty for writing less than the minimum: this will be self-penalising. Students can have access to the top mark bands by writing the minimum number of words, however, not all students will be able to meet the requirements of the top mark bands in an essay of 250 words. A well-structured and well-planned essay of 250 words with a wide range of vocabulary/range of structures will be eligible for the highest marks. It is the quality of the response and **not** the number of words which is important. There is no maximum number of words and all work is marked.

### Section B: Writing (Annotation of Scripts)

The following conventions will be used by examiners marking scripts when assessing **Content**.

~	Point made
NR	Irrelevant material
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### Assessment Criteria

### CONTENT

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Marks	Criteria	
21 - 25	Very Good	
	<ul> <li>Thorough understanding and knowledge of the task</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Wide range of relevant examples and evidence</li> </ul>	
	Clear evidence of evaluation and well-justified personal reaction	
	Well-organised structure with clear progression	
16 - 20	Good	
	<ul> <li>Sound understanding and knowledge of the task</li> </ul>	
	Good range of relevant examples and evidence	
	<ul> <li>Some evidence of evaluation and personal reaction but not always</li> </ul>	
	convincingly justified	
	Logical structure with some progression	
11 - 15	Sufficient	
11-15		
	Some understanding and knowledge of the task	
	Some relevant examples and evidence	
	<ul> <li>Some evaluation and personal reaction evident but often not justified</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>over-reliance on received ideas</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Structure is satisfactory though there may be some deficiencies</li> </ul>	
6 - 10	Limited	
	<ul> <li>Limited understanding and knowledge of the task</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Limited use of relevant examples and evidence</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Limited evaluation and personal reaction; mainly descriptive or factual</li> </ul>	
	Structure limited; often unclear or confusing	
0 - 5	Poor	
	<ul> <li>Little understanding and knowledge of the task</li> </ul>	
	Lack of relevant evidence. Few examples	
	Little or no evaluation and/or personal reaction	
	<ul> <li>Structure mainly unfocused and/or disorganised</li> </ul>	

### QUALITY OF LANGUAGE

### Range of Vocabulary

Marks	Criteria
5	Very wide range of vocabulary used
4	A wide range of vocabulary used
3	Some variety in the use of vocabulary
2	Little variety in the use of vocabulary
0 - 1	Vocabulary simple and very limited

### Complexity of Language

Marks	Criteria
5	Very wide range of complex structures
4	A wide range of structures including complex constructions
3	A variety of structures used with some attempts at complex constructions
2	Structures mainly simple, with little variety
0 - 1	Structures very simple and limited in scope

### Accuracy

Marks	Criteria
5	Highly accurate with only occasional errors
4	Generally accurate with few errors
3	More accurate than inaccurate. Errors rarely impede communication
2	Some errors but these generally do not impede communication
0 - 1	Many errors which significantly impede communication

### Guidance on individual essays

- 11(a) Another fairly straightforward question to assess. Although the first part of the question asks for an analysis of the influence of the chosen figure on the period itself, the second part is open to the interpretation of a longer-term impact. Therefore, essays which discuss such an impact as well as those in which analysis is limited just to the actual period should both have access to maximum marks. However, the second part of the question must be answered at reasonable length for a mark in the top two bands for Content to be awarded.
- 12(b) As is made clear in the Cultural Topics FAQ section of the website, if a question is set on one character then it is permissible for a student who has studied a short-story writer to refer to just one story, and this is the case with this question. For an essay to be placed in the top two bands for Content, it should indicate how the chosen character develops during the course of the work as well as a justified response to the second part of the question.
- 14(a) The analysis of techniques should, of course, take into account the relevant medium and, in particular for a musician or film director, some analysis of musicality or cinematographic techniques is needed for the essay to be placed in the top two bands for Content. The second part of the question may well be dealt with during the course of the essay but it would be equally valid if it is left to a reasonably substantial section at the end.