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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

Section A

English	Answer	Mark
<p>1.Last year my friends persuaded me to go with them to an open- air music festival.</p>	<p>L'année dernière mes ami(e)s <i>m'ont persuadé(e) de les accompagner</i> à un festival de musique en plein air. NB All verbs in Perfect could be in Past Historic.</p>	<p>L'an dernier mes copains/mes copines <i>d'aller avec eux/elles</i></p>
<p>2.It had been raining hard for several days and the ground quickly became extremely wet.</p>	<p><i>Il pleuvait à verse depuis</i> plusieurs jours et le terrain/ la terre est vite devenu(e) extrêmement mouillé(e).</p>	<p>Il pleuvait à torrents/tombait des cordes le sol</p>
<p>3.Around me I saw lots of young people drinking alcohol and taking drugs.</p>	<p>Autour de moi, <i>j'ai vu</i> beaucoup de jeunes qui <i>buvaient de l'alcool</i> et qui <i>prenaient des drogues</i>.</p>	<p>en train de boire.. et de se droguer/prendre des drogues se droguaient</p>
<p>4. I did not feel at ease and I said to myself that it would be better to leave.</p>	<p>Je ne me <i>sentais</i> pas bien/ à l'aise et <i>je me suis dit</i> qu'il <i>vaudrait mieux partir</i>.</p>	<p>Perfect tense Je me <i>sentais</i> mal à l'aise/gêné(e) <i>que je parte</i></p>

5. My friends wanted me to stay and, as soon as the **bands** began to

Mes ami(e)s *voulaient que je reste et aussitôt que les groupes ont commencé à jouer,*

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The following notes on essays are intended as suggestions only. Candidates will be credited for different ideas and approaches as long as they are relevant.

Question number	Answer
2a	The essay will presumably explain why the young people are together enjoying a day outside in this fashion. Some background information is legitimate but the concentration should be on a story arising from this situation.
2b	The account should be continued using past tenses, the Perfect will do instead of the Past Historic. It might be explained where the central character had been and why she was returning late, it might have a bearing on the subsequent account. However, concentration is more likely to be on what happens when the taxi is stopped by the police. Why they are stopping cars and checking identities should be addressed. Why the person is reluctant to be seen and questioned by the police should be explained. It is not essential, but there should be scope for dialogue when the taxi is stopped. There should be the possibility to give a plausible outcome.
2c	The exact nature of the incident could be given, along with any possible danger to the public, although we cannot expect the candidates to be too technical. An account of what the authorities are doing to fix the problem could be explained, along with measures taken, such as the evacuation of people in the vicinity of the power station. There should be ample scope for interviews and eye-witness accounts from spokespersons for the company, the emergency services and campaign groups, as well as people affected. The piece should not turn into a discursive essay on the rights and wrongs of nuclear energy, although references to responses from local protest groups etc may well be appropriate and acceptable.
2d	Those who think that health is compromised by modern life will no doubt point to pressures and stress that many people experience. There will almost certainly be mention of convenience foods, fast-food which lead to obesity. An increasingly sedentary lifestyle brings a lack of exercise, which is injurious to health. People are

	<p>tempted into the consumption of tobacco, alcohol and drugs, all of which impair health. On the other hand, we have never been so well informed about health issues and how to lead a healthy lifestyle. Advances in medicine are constantly improving one's chances of avoiding or beating illnesses. Many people have more leisure time in which to relax and pursue healthy activities. Life expectancy is growing. There may be references to technological gizmos, such as Apps., Fitbits etc.</p>
2e	<p>Cities are still growing, as people seek work. There is overcrowding. House prices and rents increase and there is much pressure on social services. Overcrowding can lead to poor health and a stressful lifestyle. Many people endure difficult journeys to work each day. Transport and other forms of pollution lead to poor air quality and compromise certain people's health. It is difficult for children to enjoy a happy, carefree childhood. Crime tends to be more widespread in cities and many vulnerable people have restricted lives because of this. Those who enjoy urban living, however, can point to a more vibrant, exciting atmosphere which prevails in towns and cities. There are many more forms of entertainment, specialised shops and facilities. It is easier to find work. There should be less likelihood of leading a lonely existence. With a great variety of people living in close proximity there should be a more tolerant, interesting outlook amongst all ages.</p>
2f	<p>War brings much damage both physical and personal. Wars never seem to solve problems, they merely bring immense suffering and heartache. Everything should be done to avoid these extreme consequences. Countries often seem too willing to enter into conflict without exhausting all ways of resolving issues. Wars are even sought by some as a way of expansion and self-aggrandisement. On the other hand, there are circumstances in which war cannot be avoided. In the face of aggression peoples and nations should have the right to defend themselves and their way of life. Certain fundamental principles such as the right to freedom from oppression are worth going to war to defend. The best way to avoid war may well be to be prepared for it. There could be references to holy war etc.</p>
2g	<p>There are two strands to debate here – is religion in fact dead or moribund and, if so, is this a good thing? In the developed world there does seem to be less religious feeling. Attendance at church is much reduced, many churches are closing or falling into disrepair. Less religious instruction is given. Some religions, however, remain strong with many practising followers. Religion can be accused of bringing suffering, rather than assistance. Wars</p>

	<p>have often been fought in the name of religion and this is continuing. Religious teachings have also sometimes led to intolerance and persecution of minorities and non-believers. However, even if one does not accept everything to do with religion, it tends to teach moral values and set a good example. Most religions seek to promote peace and harmony.</p>
3a	<p>The answer will depend on the area studied but candidates will no doubt point to such things as climate, the existence of picturesque scenery, facilities for leisure activities, interesting gastronomic specialities, festivals and events, ease of language, a welcoming population etc. Benefits will no doubt mostly concern the economy but other things such as increased profile for a region, the chance to meet different people and habits could be mentioned. Disadvantages might include increased damage to the environment, a loss of local identity, an increase in the cost of housing and living in general for locals. The essay should not be dominated by extensive description of 'sites touristiques' in the region studied.</p>
3b	<p>The answer will depend on the historical period chosen. An age which experienced war, conflict or social upheaval is more likely to have given rise to deterioration rather than improvement. This should be quite easy to demonstrate for those, for example, who have studied the Occupation, the most popular period. It might be possible to point to improvements in such things as technical innovation engendered by difficulties, increased solidarity and optimism.</p>
3c	<p>There is great scope here to write about many things to do with contemporary society and the answer will depend on which aspect is chosen. Immigration, gay marriage, the rise of the National Front are all likely to feature. Candidates should address the dual requirement to describe and analyse. Candidates who fail to deal with either of these aspects are unlikely to access the highest areas of the grid.</p>

3d	A theme of the chosen work should be explained and its importance established. The candidates should then analyse how the theme is expressed. This might be achieved through characters, both major and minor, through events and happenings described or through techniques and style employed by the author or director. There could be overt comment by the author or director.
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Translations

<u>Question number</u>	<u>Translation</u>
<u>2a</u>	Write a story based on this picture.
<u>2b</u>	Continue this passage, using past tenses: One night, when she was coming home later than usual, policemen were stopping cars and checking the identities of their occupants. She caught sight of them from a distance but did not dare tell the taxi driver to let her get out immediately, to avoid them.
<u>2c</u>	Incident in the nuclear power station in Gravelines. The incident has been classed as 'significant'.
<u>2d</u>	To what extent is health affected by modern life? Justify your answer.
<u>2e</u>	'Life in large towns/cities is becoming intolerable'. What do you think of this opinion?
<u>2f</u>	War is never justified, it should be avoided at all costs'. To what extent do you agree?
<u>2g</u>	Religion is dead – Praise be to God. What do you think?

<u>3a</u>	What are the attractions for tourists in the region you have studied? To what extent is tourism beneficial for the area?
<u>3b</u>	In what ways did the lives of ordinary people improve or deteriorate during the period you have studied?
<u>3c</u>	Describe and comment on the social, cultural or political event which, in your opinion, has had the greatest effect on contemporary francophone society.
<u>3d</u>	Examine an important theme in the work you have studied. Analyse the way in which the director or author has treated this theme.