



HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

1997

FRENCH

2 UNIT GENERAL

SPEAKING SKILLS

(15 Marks)

*Time allowed—Approximately 5 minutes
(Plus 15 minutes preparation time)*

DIRECTIONS TO TEACHER/EXAMINER AND CANDIDATES

- Candidates have 15 minutes preparation time before recording begins.
- Long pauses which allow further preparation between items will be penalised.
- Candidates are NOT permitted to make written notes for the Speaking Skills examination.
- This examination is to be recorded on cassette. The cassette recorder should not be stopped until the whole examination is completed.
- Candidates should attempt ALL questions.
- Candidates are to state their Student Number and the number of each question attempted.

TEACHER/EXAMINER AND CANDIDATE'S COPY

Attempt ALL questions.

The candidate should respond in FRENCH to the printed cues.

These are not dialogues.

QUESTION 1

You are talking to a friend about his/her school.

- Ask your friend at what time he/she starts school in the morning.
- Ask your friend if she walks to school.
- Say that you do too, but you catch the bus when it rains.
- Ask what his/her favourite subject is.

QUESTION 2

You are at a post office in Paris.

- Ask how much it costs to send a letter to New Caledonia.
- Ask if you have to send a CD as a parcel.
- Say that your last parcel to your parents has not arrived yet.
- Ask which counter you should go to.

QUESTION 3

You ring a travel agent.

- Ask if they have any information on towns in the south of France.
- Say that you would like to spend your holidays at the beach.
- Ask if there is a Youth Hostel in Nice.
- Ask if it is possible to stay with a French family.

QUESTION 4

You meet a friend in the street.

- Greet your friend and say you have something important to tell him/her.
- Ask what he/she is planning to do this weekend.
- Suggest that you have lunch together.
- Tell him/her to meet you at 12.30 p.m. in front of the town hall.

QUESTION 5

You are on the Champs-Élysées.

- Ask someone where the nearest train station is.
- Ask how far it is to Versailles.
- Ask how long it takes to get there.
- Ask if it is a direct line, or if you have to change.