

**GCSE**

**French A (Full Course)**

**Reading tests**

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## READING TESTS

### Notes on the Marking Scheme

#### *Non-verbal Answers*

Follow the mark scheme as set out.

#### *Verbal Answers (English or Target Language)*

1. The basic principle of assessment is that candidates should gain credit for what they know, understand and can do. The following guidance should be borne in mind when marking.
  - (a) Credit should be given for all answers which convey the key idea required intelligibly and without ambiguity. This applies whether the answer is in English or in the target language. A separate assessment of spelling, punctuation and grammar is not required on these papers because of the nature of the answers. However, these aspects are an integral part of assessing communication and marks cannot be awarded where errors in spelling, punctuation or grammar lead to a failure to communicate the required information **without ambiguity**.
  - (b) Where a candidate has given alternatives or additional information in answer, the following criteria should be applied:
    - if the alternative/addition does not contradict the key idea or make it ambiguous, **accept**;
    - if the alternative/addition contradicts the key idea or makes it ambiguous, **reject**.
  - (c) Where numbered lines are given within a question/section of a question, credit should be given for correct answers, no matter which line they appear on.
  - (d) Where a question has more than one **section**, a candidate may include as part of the answer to one section the information required to answer another section. For instance, the information required to answer section (b) might be given as part of the answer to section (a). In such cases, credit should be given for having answered section (b), provided that no incorrect answer has been given for that section in the correct place.
  - (e) Where a question or part of a question carries more than one mark, candidates are given credit for all the correct answers they give, even if they have given incorrect answers as well, except where any of the latter contradicts a correct answer that they have given.
2. ..../..... means that these are acceptable alternative answers. (.....) means that this information is not needed for full marks.
3. No mark scheme can cover all possible answers. When in doubt:
  - look for the key idea, where this is appropriate.

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## FOUNDATION TIER

**Abbreviations used:**      **t.c. = tout court**  
    **nfp = no further penalty**

	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
1	31 March / 31/3 (-14 Oct)	1	March <b>t.c.</b> ; 31 <i>Mars</i> ; 14 October / 31 March <b>and</b> 14 October / Disregard year
2	(a) 30 kilometres / 30k(m) / (about) 20 miles (or similar conversion) (b) North; (towards) Lille / Paris - Lille (c) (Auto)route(A)1/(A)1; (Paris) – Lille	1 1 1	30 <b>t.c.</b> ; 30 miles <i>Nord</i> Parc Asterix (Lille <b>t.c.</b> can score in (b) or (c) but not both) <b>N.B.</b>
3	reservations / to reserve / any ref to booking / (buy) tickets / information about reservations	1	to find out about the park / it / information <b>and</b> reservations / info / res eg booking a table
4	(a) Every day / All days / Sunday – Saturday or similar / all week / all month (b) €5 / 5 Euro(s) / 5E / (about) £3	1 1	All the time / during the week / weekdays £5 / 5 francs (Euro sign must be clear if used)

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5	<table border="0"> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">B</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">D</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">H</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">G</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">I</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">C</td> </tr> </table>	B	D	H	G	I	C	6	
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H	G								
I	C								
6	<p>(a) <i>15 (ans)</i></p> <p>(b) <i>(Cheveux) blonds / blonde / cheveux blond</i></p> <p>(c) <i>(Le même) bus</i></p> <p>(d) <i>E.P.S. / sport / gymnastique</i></p> <p>(e) <i>Cinéma / cinema (no accent')</i> } any 2 of 3  <i>Piscine / natation</i> } in any order  <i>Sortir avec les copines</i></p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>2</p>	<p>15 years</p> <p><i>Chevaux; blond t.c.</i></p> <p>P.E. / mention of specific sport / <i>EPS et informatique; EPS / informatique</i></p> <p>films</p> <p><i>Sortir t.c. / copines t.c.</i></p>						

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7	(a) <i>Vincent</i> (b) <i>Marine</i> (c) <i>Anne</i> (d) <i>Pauline</i> (e) <i>Ludovic</i> (f) <i>Elodie</i> (g) <i>Francine</i>	1 1 1 1 1 1 1	<b>N.B.</b> Accept place name instead of first name. Disregard initials of surname  Two names Accept correct name and wrong place
8	<div style="text-align: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-bottom: 10px;">B</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 20px; margin-bottom: 10px;">I</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 20px; margin-bottom: 10px;">F</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 20px; margin-bottom: 10px;">G</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 20px; margin-bottom: 10px;">D</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 20px; margin-bottom: 10px;">J</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 20px; margin-bottom: 10px;">C</div> </div>		Accept words written in

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9	(a) <input type="text" value="B"/>	1	
	(b) <input type="text" value="A"/>	1	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35</b>	

**HIGHER TIER**

	<b>Accept</b>	<b>Mark</b>	<b>Reject/Notes</b>
1	(a) Vincent (b) Marine (c) Anne (d) Pauline (e) Ludovic (f) Elodie (g) Francine	1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Note: Accept place name instead of first name. Disregard initials of surname Two names Accept correct name and wrong place
2	2 = <input type="text" value="D"/> 3 = <input type="text" value="E"/> 4 = <input type="text" value="H"/> 5 = <input type="text" value="I"/> 6 = <input type="text" value="B"/> 7 = <input type="text" value="G"/>	6	

	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
3	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 5px;">A</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 5px;">C</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 5px;">H</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 5px;">I</div> </div> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">ANY ORDER</p>	4	
4	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center; gap: 20px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 5px;">B</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 5px;">I</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 5px;">F</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 5px;">G</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; width: 100%;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 5px;">D</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 5px;">J</div> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 5px;">C</div> </div>	7	Accept words written in
5	<p>2 = D</p> <p>3 = I</p> <p>5 = H</p> <p>6 = G</p> <p>8 = C</p> <p>9 = F</p>	6	



	<b>Accept</b>	<b>Mark</b>	<b>Reject/Notes</b>
6	(a) <i>(l')histoire / historique / (le) sport / l'E.P.S.</i>	1	<i>l'orientation; l'escalade; l'environnement / géographie / histoire-géo;géo</i>
	(b) (entre) 13 (ans) – 15 (ans)	1	13 ans <b>t.c.</b> : 15 ans <b>t.c.</b> ; / 13 et 15(ans)
	(c) (en) Dordogne (+ date) / Dordogne and vallée de l'homme	1	la vallée de l'homme <b>t.c.</b> disregard date
	(d) 1 ou 2 / au moins une / max 2	1	1 <b>t.c.</b> ; 2 <b>t.c.</b>
	(e) une ville de France (de plus de 25 000 habitants)	1	une ville <b>t.c.</b> / France <b>t.c.</b>
	(f) <u>visite aux grottes</u> de / à <u>Lascaux</u> (all 3 elements)	1	visite aux grottes <b>t.c.</b> / caves de Lascaux

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7	(a) satisfied / can't complain / not bothered / thinks it's ok / enough etc / acceptable	1	Positive opinion e.g. thinks it's good / cool / he's happy / it's quite good
	(b) it / tobacco / cigarettes is/are <u>more</u> expensive / cost(s) more / has/have gone up:  he rolls his own / smokes / uses role-ups etc / rollies  he's thinking of giving up / he <u>might</u> give up  Any 2 from 3 = 1 mark each	2	It's (so) expensive / he smokes <b>t.c.</b> / smokes in cafés / after school  smokes <i>rouléés</i>  he wants to give up / is going to stop / is trying to stop
	(c) from time to time / occasionally / sometimes  when they feel like it / want to give it  (School must be mentioned or implied) for good report / results / good (school) marks / doing well at school  ANY 1 from 3	1	Never / from day to day  Mention of bulletin good work <b>t.c.</b>



	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
8	<p>Wait (here) for luggage / baggage / bags</p> <p>(Mark below dependent on <u>sequence</u>)</p> <p><u>Before</u> customer <b>t.c.</b> / <u>before</u> (going through) customs (control) / <u>and (then)</u> go through customs (control) / and show it to customs 1 + 1</p> <p>Note: 'before' may be implied</p> <p>Special case: wait here before going through customs = 1 only</p>	2	<p>wait <b>t.c.</b> / wait with luggage / collect bags etc</p> <p>Control <b>t.c.</b> / go through customs</p>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	