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Mark Scheme

French A (Full Course) (Reading)

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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.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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. In questions where candidates are asked to name, for example, three types of vegetable sold in the market, only the first three items they write down should be considered.
- 4. In multiple choice questions where candidates must choose <u>one</u> letter or number, they should automatically get no mark awarded if they give more than one. If the rubric instructs them to write one letter or number in the box and they do so, but write a second letter or number outside the box too, then the answer in the box should be considered.
- 5. No mark scheme can cover all possible answers. When in doubt:
 - look for the key idea, where this is appropriate.
 - **t.c.** = tout court NFP = no further penalty

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FOUNDATION TIER

	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
1	Holiday(s)/hols/vacation/vac/going away	1	Free time/leisure etc/vacancies/Fr: vacances disregard: special
2	(Very) good/nice/fine/pleasant/beautiful weather it's sunny t.c.	1	Warm/hot/fine t.c. About the weather t.c. OK/beautiful times
3	Fishing/angling Swimming (pool)/bathing (either order)	1	Fish t.c. Pool t.c. Disregard: chaque jour
4	Reserve/book (seat/ticket/place) Pay for/get/buy/book (seat/ticket/place)		Book can score only one mark Billet/bill/wrong form of transport (NFP Billet) – reference to cost/NFP wrong form of transport
	Look at/get/consult/check/find out/ask about/what time it leaves (train) times/timetable/train service(s)		Find out about trains t.c. Reject: hours/service(s)/order/get a timetable (disregard 12-25 etc)
	Order/get/ask for/buy (rail) card	3	pass
	Any 3 = 1 mark each		

	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
5	E G A B D F	6	
6	(a) Richard	1	REJECT ANSWERS IN ENGLISH Any other spelling e.g. Richards
	(b) 13 / Treize (ans)	1	(Tolerate spelling trieze) tres
	(c) Ingénieur in this order Directrice	1 1	Tolerate spelling e.g. engenier
	(d) 0 / zéro/rien/aucun(e)/nul(le)/non t.c. /pas t.c.	1	Unique t.c. ; none
	Accept fille/fils unique/pas (de)/non sœurs et (pas(de)/(non) frères		pas (de) soeur t.c. pas (de) frères t.c.
7	B D F	3	
	Any order		

	Accept		Reject/Notes
8	(a) Abassi	1	(Tol. spelling throughout)
	(b) Ilassou	1	
	(c) Fabie	1	
	(d) Benjamin	1	
	(e) Caroline	1	
	(f) Hamdi	1	
	(g) Michel	1	
9	E		
	J		
	G I B		
	F or A	7	
	A		
	Total	35	

HIGHER TIER

		Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
1	(a)	Abassi	1	(Tol. spelling throughout)
	(b)	Ilassou	1	
	(c)	Fabie	1	
	(d)	Benjamin	1	
	(e)	Caroline	1	
	(f)	Hamdi	1	
	(g)	Michel	1	
2	(a)	V	1	N.B. See Page 3 of General Principles, Para 4.
	(b)	V	1	
	(c)	F	1	
	(d)	?	1	
	(e)	?	1	
	(f)	F	1	

	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
3	E		
	J		
	G I B		
	F or A		
	A	7	
4	B G	1 1	
	I A	1 1	
	F C	1 1	

	Accept		Mark	Reject/Notes
5	(a)	P	1	
	(b)	P/N	1	
	(c)	P	1	
	(d)	N	1	
	(e)	P/N	1	
6	(a)	14 / quatorze (ans)	1	REJECT ALL ANSWERS IN ENGLISH (Tol. spelling of quatorze) quatre
	(b)	Réussir deux/2 épreuves/tests	1	Passer/avoir/faire/2 épreuves t.c.
	(c)	(En) cinquième/5 ème Classe de 12/13 ans	1	Cinq/5 t.c. /14-16 (ans) t.c. cinquième doivent
	(d)	(Au) collège/(à l')école/(au) lycée	1	collage
	(e)	(Pour) limiter les accidents (de la route)/à cause des accidents etc	1	(pour) les accidents

		Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
7	(a)	Exams/revision/named exam e.g. GCSE, bac etc. /worried he won't pass t.c.	1	
	(b)	(Martin's) sister (accept brother)	1	3 year old sister/younger sister/other relative
	(c)	(Don't) pressure/pester/press/hassle/nag/bother him/stress him out/go on t.c.	4	(Don't) ruin his confidence
		(Don't) compare him with/talk to him about his sister/ Stéphanie		nfp: reference to other person than sister
		(Don't) ask questions/make comments (e.g. about his Walkman)		Don't stop him playing his Walkman
		(Don't) invite people round when he's working		Don't invite people t.c. Don't invite his friends etc., when he's there.
		(Don't) give him big breakfast (Any 4 from 5)		Other meals. Don't give him breakfast t.c. /Don't give him boiled egg etc.

	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
8	Got drunk/tipsy/drank (alcohol)/had a drink		
	Danced with boy/lad/guy for 2 hours (3 elements)	3	Danced with boy t.c. /Danced for 2 hours t.c. /3 hours boys/boyfriend/waiter/groom/man/male/someone
	(She) kissed/snogged him		She embraced /hugged him They kissed
	(She) upset parents/parents are upset/unhappy/let parents down/made fool of herself/did something stupid/embarrassed parents (Any 3 from 4)		Misbehaved t.c. She was embarrassed (in front of parents)
	Total	45	