

# General Certificate of Secondary Education

# French 3652 Specification B

36504/S Module 4 Speaking

# Mark Scheme

## 2006 examination - June series

Mark schemes are prepared by the Principal Examiner and considered, together with the relevant questions, by a panel of subject teachers. This mark scheme includes any amendments made at the standardisation meeting attended by all examiners and is the scheme which was used by them in this examination. The standardisation meeting ensures that the mark scheme covers the candidates' responses to questions and that every examiner understands and applies it in the same correct way. As preparation for the standardisation meeting each examiner analyses a number of candidates' scripts: alternative answers not already covered by the mark scheme are discussed at the meeting and legislated for. If, after this meeting, examiners encounter unusual answers which have not been discussed at the meeting they are required to refer these to the Principal Examiner.

It must be stressed that a mark scheme is a working document, in many cases further developed and expanded on the basis of candidates' reactions to a particular paper. Assumptions about future mark schemes on the basis of one year's document should be avoided; whilst the guiding principles of assessment remain constant, details will change, depending on the content of a particular examination paper.

### MODULE 4 SPEAKING TESTS - FOUNDATION AND HIGHER TIERS

### **PART ONE**

### 1 Principles of Marking

- 1.1 The Speaking Tests are marked in accordance with the Criteria for Assessment, given on subsequent pages of this booklet.
- 1.2 Part 2 of the mark scheme, given in a separate booklet, gives written details of suggested marks for possible utterances made by candidates in the role- playing situations. This guidance cannot cover all possibilities and should be used in conjunction with the Criteria for Assessment.
- 1.3 No allowance can be made for poor teacher conduct of the Tests. You can only assess what you hear.

### 2 Mechanics of marking

Please ensure that the grids on the Examiner's Detailed Mark Sheet are completed accurately. Please conform to the layout shown in the exemplar Mark Sheet given in this booklet. All columns must be completed for all candidates.

### **Foundation Tier**

Role Play	4 x 2 =	8
Conversation A + B		
Communication	(A) 8 + (B) 8 =	16
Spontaneity & Fluency		8
Quality of Language	12 + 12 =	24
	Maximum Total	56

### **Higher Tier**

Role Play	$4 \times 4 = 16 + (2 \times 2 = 4) = 20 \div 2$	10
Conversation A + B		
Communication	(A) 8 + (B) 8 =	16
Spontaneity & Fluency		8
Quality of Language	$12 + 12 = 24 (24 \times 3) \div 2 =$	36
	Maximum Total	70

### 3 Role Playing Situations Foundation Tier

- 3.1 You must mark role-plays in accordance with the criteria given in this booklet and with Part 2 of the mark scheme
- 3.2 Each Role-play consists of four discrete tasks. For each of the tasks a maximum of two marks may be awarded in accordance with the assessment criteria below. There are no greetings or endings included in the tasks. Any greetings / endings given by the candidate should be ignored for assessment purposes.
- 3.3 The cards clearly instruct the candidate to speak first. The teacher may need to prompt the candidate to begin the first task but if any vocabulary or structure relevant to the first task is given in so doing then no mark may be awarded for the first task.
- 3.4 The teacher's script is prescriptive. The candidate may not receive credit for repeating something which has been provided by the teacher in the form of a prompt, whether intentionally or not.
- 3.5 Bracketed material in the marking schemes is not required for the award of a mark.
- 3.6 If a candidate corrects him/herself without any teacher intervention, the correction should be accepted as the candidate's intended response.
- 3.7 If the candidate fails to say anything and the teacher prompts him/her without in any way alluding directly to the task, the candidate's subsequent response should be accepted.
- 3.8 If a candidate gives an incorrect response and the teacher questions it e.g." I don't understand" or "that's not true" whereby the teacher is indicating that the utterance is incorrect or incomprehensible, then no marks should be awarded for any further attempt by the candidate.
- 3.9 Where a teacher has clearly not heard what a candidate has said and asks the candidate to repeat what was first said, then award marks as appropriate for the repeated utterance ignoring any difference between the two utterances.
- 3.10 If the teacher provides either vocabulary or structures which are in any way connected with the task no marks may be awarded, irrespective of what the candidate says.
- 3.11 There will be occasions when a candidate's utterance cannot be heard however many times the cassette is replayed. In such cases no marks can be awarded.
- 3.12 Accept the familiar or polite form in all role-plays.
- 3.13 Do not accept English pronunciation of words in the target language when assessing communication.
- 3.14 In items where a verb is required, a mark cannot be awarded for verbs indicating an incorrect time frame.
- 3.15 You should not penalise the candidate for exactly the same mistake either of vocabulary, structure or pronunciation twice in one role-play. (This may be shown as n.f.p. (no further penalty) in Part 2 of the mark scheme).

### The following applies to Higher Role-Plays only

- 3.16 The teacher-examiner interventions may not be altered in any way. Each intervention may be repeated once only. If the candidate fails to respond after the first hearing, the intervention may not be reworded for the repetition. It may not be repeated or reworded if the candidate fails to respond on the second occasion.
- 3.17 In all Role-Plays where the response is given to a teacher intervention, credit must also be given for alternatives which are valid in the context and may not appear in the mark scheme.
- 3.18 Marks out of four are awarded for each of the four candidate utterances at Higher Tier on a combined Communication and Quality of Language basis.
- 3.19 Marks out of 2 are awarded for the responses to the teacher interjections at Higher Tier. These responses are marked for Communication only.

### 4 Conversation

- 4.1 You must mark the conversation in accordance with the criteria in this booklet.
- 4.2 You must not make allowances for poor teacher conduct of the conversation. You can only assess what you hear.
- 4.3 The mark for Quality of Language is limited by the mark for Communication

Communication Mark	Maximum Range & Complexity	Maximum Pronunciation & Accuracy
0	0	0
1-4	6	6
5-8	8	8
9-12	10	10
13-16	12	12

- 4.4 The mark for Spontaneity and Fluency is not limited by the Communication mark band, except when the Communication mark is 0. In this case the mark for Spontaneity and Fluency will also be 0. This applies to both Foundation and Higher Tier.
- 4.5 To score 7 marks or more for Range and Complexity the candidate needs to show the ability to refer to past, present and future events using a verb and /or appropriate time indicator.
- 4.6 A successful example of each time frame is required for a candidate to have access to 7 marks for Range and Complexity. "An attempt at an appropriate verb form" = a verb which is recognisable but may not be completely correct. Principal Examiners will give language specific examples at Standardisation Meetings.
- 4.7 If the Conversation is too long, you should stop marking after the prescribed time. If the Conversation is too short, candidates are unlikely to score high marks for Communication.

- 4.8 If the candidate produces a Conversation that consists largely or entirely of material outside the scope of the Conversation topic(s), you should treat the irrelevant material as if it were silence and award accordingly for Communication.
- 4.9 If the candidate speaks only on one topic throughout the Conversation then no Communication marks can be given for the topic omitted. Quality marks are awarded for the Conversation as a whole so marks for Range and Complexity and Pronunciation and Accuracy should in such cases be awarded bearing in mind that the candidate has only attempted half of the required Conversation.

### **Role-play**

The following criteria are used for the Role-Playing situations in Module 4.

The Foundation Tier Role-Play is marked out of 8 as follows:

Foundation Tier Role Play - Communication			
0	Required message not communicated		
1	Comprehension difficult or ambiguous. Some relevant information conveyed		
2	2 Required message conveyed even if not totally correct		
4  tasks  x 2 = 8  marks			

The Higher Tier Role-Play is marked out of 10 in the following way. Each task is marked out of 4 for Communication and Quality of Language.

Higher Tier Role Play – Communication and Quality of Language				
0	Required message not communicated			
1	Appropriate response, although inaccuracy or loss of part of the message may cause difficulty or ambiguity for comprehension. The task may not be fully accomplished, but some relevant information is communicated.			
2	Appropriate and unambiguous response, although there may be minor errors or omission of a minor element of the message.			
3	Appropriate and full response. Quality of Language is such that minor errors would cause no difficulties of comprehension.			
Appropriate and correct response. The task is accomplished fully and without significant error. *				
4  tasks  x 4 = 16  marks				

<sup>\* &#</sup>x27;without significant error' = grammatically correct (but may contain **one** minor error). If an answer contains more than one minor error a maximum of 3 marks may be awarded.

Each response to an intervention question from the teacher-examiner is marked out of 2.

Higher Tier Interventions – Communication			
0	Required message not communicated		
1	Comprehension difficult or ambiguous. Some relevant information conveyed		
2 Required message conveyed even if not totally correct			
2 tasks x $2 = 4$ marks			

The mark out of 16 for the four tasks is added to the mark out of 4 for the interventions. The resulting mark out of 20 is divided by 2 to give a total mark out of 10 for the Higher Tier Role-Play. (Half marks are rounded up).

### Conversation

The following criteria will be used for the Conversation in Module 4. Each conversation topic is marked out of 8 for Communication.

Comn	Communication			
0	Nothing relevant communicated or what is said consists of individual words making no coherent sense.			
1-2	A little relevant information is communicated. The candidate responds to a number of questions but replies are very brief and there is little if any development.			
3-4	Some communication takes place. The candidate responds to many of the questions asked, and there is some further development.			
5-6	Quite a lot of communication takes place. The candidate responds well to most of the questions and extends many of the answers.			
7-8	The candidate communicates all that is required with only very occasional omissions and develops the conversation in an interesting and informative way.			

The conversation as a whole is marked out of 8 for Spontaneity and Fluency using the criteria below.

Sponta	Spontaneity and Fluency			
0	Very hesitant and disjointed.			
1-2	Sometimes hesitant; little natural flow of language.			
3-4	Ready responses; some evidence of an ability to sustain a conversation; little			
	if any initiative			
5-6	Answers without hesitation and extends responses beyond minimal			
	requirements with some flow of language; may sometimes take the initiative.			
7-8	Responds readily and shows some initiative; conversation sustained at a			
	reasonable speed; language expressed fluently			

The Conversation as a whole is marked for Quality of Language using the criteria below.

Marks	Range & Complexity	Pronunciation & Accuracy
0	Occasional words which make little coherent sense.	The language used makes comprehension almost impossible.
1-2	Simple vocabulary in lists, phrases or short sentences which sometimes communicate.	Frequency and type of errors in pronunciation and structure often make comprehension difficult.
3-4	Responses dependent on structures and vocabulary from stimulus but limited in breadth and variety. Some responses in simple complete sentences.	Pronunciation generally recognisable but with quite frequent error. Messages usually communicated but errors quite frequent.
5-6	Responses generally in simple sentences with limited vocabulary and sentence structure. There may be the occasional complex sentence. There is some evidence of a few messages going beyond a direct response to the stimulus.	Errors are frequent in pronunciation and structures but do not usually provide a barrier to communication. There is evidence of accurate use of basic structures in simple sentences.
7-8	Some complex sentences with a wider range of vocabulary successfully attempted. Responses go beyond the basic requirements of the stimulus, using appropriate reference to past, present and future events.	Errors of structure and / or pronunciation cause only occasional problems with communication. Some more complex sentences are accurately produced. Time frames are used as appropriate but not always well formed.
9-10	Wide range of vocabulary and structure used appropriately in complex responses, many of which show considerable independence of the stimulus.	Structures and pronunciation generally accurate causing only very occasional problems with communication. There is accurate use of a variety of tenses.
11-12	Wide-ranging vocabulary and structures appropriately used in complex and extended answers.	Only very minor errors in structure and pronunciation. Good accent and intonation. All messages fully communicated accurately using a variety of tenses.

Marks are given out of 12 for Range & Complexity and Pronunciation & Accuracy. At Foundation Tier the total mark is out of 24. At Higher Tier, the mark out of 24 is multiplied by 3 and divided by 2 to give a total mark out of 36. (Half marks are rounded up).

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### **PART TWO**

### **Foundation Tier**

### **General Principles**

Not all tasks need a verb to fully communicate. However, for the first task of each Foundation Tier role play, a verb is required to gain full marks. Further guidance on the requirement of a verb is given in the Part Two Mark Scheme. Eg Role Play 4 where tasks, if linked together, need no additional verb to fully communicate the required messages.

In utterances where there is communication in the incorrect tense, award 1 mark

In all cases where a question form is required, if it is given in the form of a statement, award 1 mark. Likewise a task requiring a statement but given in the form of a question will score 1 mark.

"I would like" tasks may be expressed in the "je voudrais" format or with "s'il vous plaît" at the end. In some contexts this may also be expressed as "Avez-vous....s'il vous plait?"

The use of an infinitive, rather than a correct present tense, is likely to create ambiguity, and therefore will gain 1 mark.

### FOUNDATION TIER

### Role-Play 1 You and your family are booking into a hotel in France.

	TASK	2 Marks Required message conveyed even if not totally correct	1 Mark Comprehension difficult or ambiguous. Some relevant information conveyed	0 Marks Required message not communicated	Comments
1.	Say how many there are in your family.	Nous sommes quatre. / Il y a quatre personnes.	Quatre personnes. Ma famille quatre.	Quatre	
2.	Say what kind of room(s) you want.	Je voudrais une chambre à deux lits( et deux chambres à un lit) etc.	Question format / no verb (Je voudrais) une chambre.		Additional detail for room required for 2 marks
3.	Say how long you want to stay.	Je voudrais (rester) deux nuits. / Pour deux nuits / Pour deux jours.	Deux semaines Deux nuits.	Deux	
4.	Ask if there is a restaurant.	Il y a / vous avez un restaurant?	Un restaurant?	Statement un restaurant	

### Role-Play 2 You are in a tourist office in France.

	TASK	2 Marks Required message conveyed even if not totally correct	1 Mark Comprehension difficult or ambiguous. Some relevant information conveyed	0 Marks Required message not communicated	Comments
1.	Say you would like a brochure of the town.	Je voudrais une brochure de la ville.	Omission of verb. Omission of ville.		
2.	Say what tourist attraction you would like to visit.	<i>Je voudrais visiter</i> + attraction.	Omission of <i>visiter</i> or similar. Attraction only.		
3.	Say when you would like to go.	(Je voudrais y aller) jeudi / time.			
4.	Ask if there is a cinema in the town.	Il y a / vous avez un cinéma en ville? Où est un cinéma en ville?	Omission of verb / en ville	Un cinéma	

### Role-Play 3 You are in a shop in France buying a present for your friend's birthday.

TASK	2 Marks Required message conveyed even if not totally correct	1 Mark Comprehension difficult or ambiguous. Some relevant information conveyed	0 Marks Required message not communicated	Comments
1. Say what item you wa	ant. Je voudrais plus item.	Item only		
2. Say who it is for.	(C'est) pour mon ami(e).	C'est mon ami(e).		Accept connection with Task 1.
3. Say it is for his / her birthday.	(C'est) pour son anniversaire. C'est mon père's anniversaire.			Accept connection with Task 2.
4. Ask the price.	C'est combien?	Combien?		

### Role-Play 4 You are talking to your French friend about holidays.

	TASK	2 Marks Required message conveyed even if not totally correct	1 Mark Comprehension difficult or ambiguous. Some relevant information conveyed	0 Marks Required message not communicated	Comments
1.	Say where you are going on holiday.	Je vais plus place (en vacances.)	omission of verb / place / incorrect tense	Je vais en anglais.	
2.	Say how long you are going for.	(J' y vais) pour deux semaines. pendant deux semaines			Accept connection with Task 1.
3.	Say one activity you are going to do.	Je vais jouer au tennis / nager etc.	nager / tennis etc		
4.	Ask if your friend is coming to England.	Tu viens en Angleterre ? Tu vas en Angleterre ?	En Angleterre?	Tu viens en anglais?	Not if a repeat from 1 (nfp)

### Role-Play 5 You are talking to your French friend about work.

TASK	2 Marks Required message conveyed even if not totally correct	1 Mark Comprehension difficult or ambiguous. Some relevant information conveyed	0 Marks Required message not communicated	Comments
1. Say where you work.	Je travaille plus place	Place of work		
2. Say what time you start work.	Je commence (le travail) plus time	Time only		
3. Say how much you earn.	Je gagne plus amount Je reçois + amount	Amount only J'ai + amount		accept euros / pounds / francs
4. Ask if your friend has a job.	Tu as un petit emploi / un petit job? / Tu travailles?	Un travail?		

### Role-Play 6 You are going into town and are talking to your French friend.

	TASK	2 Marks Required message conveyed even if not totally correct	1 Mark Comprehension difficult or ambiguous. Some relevant information conveyed	0 Marks Required message not communicated	Comments
1.	Say what you want to buy.	Je voudrais (acheter) Je veux Je vais acheter	No verb Wrong tense J'achète		
2.	Say you want to change some money.	Je voudrais changer Any acceptable denomination.	No verb Wrong tense		
3.	Say when you are going into town.	Je vais (en ville) ce matin.	ce matin/ no verb		
4.	Ask where the bank is.	Où est la banque ? / Pour aller à la banque?	Je voudrais une banque. La banque?	La banque.	

### **Higher Tier**

### **General Principles:**

The complete utterance of the candidate must be assessed for each task. If the candidate completes the task successfully but then goes on to add further information which includes a major error, then 1 mark only may be awarded. (See Minor / Major errors).

The full attempt at a task will normally require the use of a verb. Any instances where this is not the case are noted in the Part Two Mark Scheme.

The response to a teacher intervention is assessed for communication only and is awarded a maximum of 2 marks. A verb is not required unless detailed in the Part Two Mark Scheme.

If the task is partially communicated and there is additional information which contains a major error, then the mark is 1.

Two marks are awarded for the partial communication of a task where there is no major error. Partial communication may not require the use of a verb unless detailed in the Part Two Mark Scheme.

Award 4 marks if only one minor error is evident (see Minor / Major errors). A minor error may be one of communication or of grammatical accuracy. If, however, a pronunciation error is such that there is difficulty in the immediate comprehension of the message, although the structural accuracy is sound, then 3 marks should be awarded. If pronunciation is such that communication of the task is prevented and would not be understood by a native speaker then the mark is 0

In all cases where a question form is required but the information is given in the form of a statement, award 1 mark. Likewise a task requiring a statement but given in the form of a question will score 1 mark.

"I would like" tasks may be expressed in the "je voudrais" format or with "s'il vous plaît" at the end. "Avez-vouz" may be appropriate in some contexts.

Allow je voudrais instead of a question form for a maximum of 2 marks.

HIGHER TIER
Role-Play 7 You are booking into a French hotel with your family / friends for one night.

	TASK	4 Marks Appropriate and correct response. The task is accomplished fully and without significant error	3 Marks Appropriate and full response. Quality of Language is such that minor errors would cause no difficulty of comprehension	2 Marks  Appropriate and unambiguous response, although there may be minor errors or omission of a minor element of the message	1 Mark  Appropriate response, although inaccuracy or loss of part of the message may cause difficulty or ambiguity for comprehension  The task may not be fully accomplished, but some relevant information is communicated	0 Marks  Required  message not  communicated	Comments
1.	Dites combien vous êtes.	Nous sommes / il y a quatre personnes.					
2.	Expliquez quelle(s) sorte(s) de chambre(s) vous voulez	Je voudrais une chambre à un grand lit et deux chambres à un lit.				English versions of single and double rooms.	Accept plural form.
3.	Response to: C'est pour combien de temps?	N/A	N/A	Deux nuits Deux jours			
4.	Dites où vous avez l'intention de manger ce soir.	Nous voulons / voudrions / allons manger en ville.					Accept first person.
5.	Response to: A quelle heure partez-vous demain?	N/A	N/A	(A) huit heures.			
6.	Posez une question sur le parking de l'hôtel.	Il y a un parking à l'hôtel?					

Role-Play 8 You are discussing work experience with your French friend.

	TASK	4 Marks Appropriate and correct response. The task is accomplished fully and without significant error	3 Marks Appropriate and full response. Quality of Language is such that minor errors would cause no difficulty of comprehension	2 Marks  Appropriate and unambiguous response, although there may be minor errors or omission of a minor element of the message	1 Mark  Appropriate response, although inaccuracy or loss of part of the message may cause difficulty or ambiguity for comprehension The task may not be fully accomplished, but some relevant information is communicated	0 Marks  Required  message not  communicated	Comments
1.	Dis où tu as fait ton stage.	J'ai fait mon stage dans un bureau.					
2.	Dis ce que tu as fait.	J'ai travaillé avec les ordinateurs					
3.	Donne ton opinion du stage.	J'ai aimé mon stage. / C'était bien.					
4.	Response to: Le stage a duré combien de temps?	N/A	N/A	Une semaine.			
5.	Pose une question à ton ami(e) sur son stage.	Où as-tu fait ton stage?					
6.	Response to: Et où veux-tu travailler plus tard dans la vie?	N/A	N/A	Dans une banque / Je ne sais pas. Je veux devenir	Job only.		

Role-Play 9 You are returning home from France but have fallen and hurt your leg. You are talking to a doctor.

TASK	4 Marks Appropriate and correct response. The task is accomplished fully and without significant error	3 Marks Appropriate and full response. Quality of Language is such that minor errors would cause no difficulty of comprehensio n	2 Marks Appropriate and unambiguous response, although there may be minor errors or omission of a minor element of the message	1 Mark  Appropriate response, although inaccuracy or loss of part of the message may cause difficulty or ambiguity for comprehension The task may not be fully accomplished, but some relevant information is communicated	0 Marks Required message not communicate d	Comments
Donnez votre nom et dites où vous habitez.	Je m'appelle J'habite en					
2. Expliquez où l'accident s'est passé.	J'étais dans le parking d'une station-service.					
3. Response to : C'était à quelle heure?	N/A	N/A	(A) neuf heures.			
4. Dites quand vous retournez en Angleterre	Je retourne en Angleterre aujourd'hui.					
5. Response to : Comment voyagez-vous?	N/A	N/A	En auto.			
6. Posez une question au docteur sur le problème de votre jambe.	La jambe, c'est cassé?					

Role-Play 10 You are talking to your French friend about holidays.

TASK	4 Marks Appropriate and correct response. The task is accomplished fully and without significant error	3 Marks Appropriate and full response. Quality of Language is such that minor errors would cause no difficulty of comprehension	2 Marks Appropriate and unambiguous response, although there may be minor errors or omission of a minor element of the message	1 Mark Appropriate response, although inaccuracy or loss of part of the message may cause difficulty or ambiguity for comprehension The task may not be fully accomplished, but some relevant information is communicated	0 Marks Required message not communicated	Comments
Explique tes projets     pour les vacances cet     été.	Je vais en Espagne.					
Dis pourquoi tu as ces projets.	J'aime aller en vacances avec mes ami(e)s.					
3. Response to : Qu'est-ce que tu préfères comme logement quand tu es en vacances?	N/A	N/A	faire du camping / un hôtel			
4. Dis quel moyen de transport tu préfères pour aller en vacances.	Je préfère (aller en vacances) en auto.					
5. Response to : Qu'est-ce que tu as fait comme activités pendant les vacances l'année dernière?	N/A	N/A	(J'ai joué au) tennis.	Any use of present tense verb.		
6. Pose une question à ton ami(e) sur les vacances.	Où vas-tu en vacances cet éte?					

Role-Play 11 You are on the way to catch the ferry but you have a problem with your car. You telephone a garage and speak to a mechanic.

TASK	4 Marks Appropriate and correct response. The task is accomplished fully and without significant error	3 Marks Appropriate and full response. Quality of Language is such that minor errors would cause no difficulty of comprehension	2 Marks  Appropriate and unambiguous response, although there may be minor errors or omission of a minor element of the message	1 Mark Appropriate response, although inaccuracy or loss of part of the message may cause difficulty or ambiguity for comprehension The task may not be fully accomplished, but some relevant information is communicated	0 Marks Required message not communicate d	Comments
Dites votre nom et votre nationalité.	Je m'appelle et je suis Anglais(e).					
2. Expliquez la situation.	Le moteur ne marche pas. / Il y a un problème avec ma voiture.					
3. Response to : Où êtesvous exactement?	N/A	N/A	A 10km de Calais.			
Expliquez pourquoi     vous n'avez pas     beaucoup de temps.	Le ferry part dans deux heures.					
5. Response to : La voiture, elle est de quelle couleur?			Bleu			
6. Demandez l'heure d'arrivée du mécanicien.	Quand est-ce que vous arrivez, monsieur / mademoiselle?					Allow third person le mécanicien arrive

Role-Play 12 You are talking to your French friend about work.

TASK	4 Marks Appropriate and correct response. The task is accomplished fully and without significant error	3 Marks Appropriate and full response. Quality of Language is such that minor errors would cause no difficulty of comprehension	2 Marks Appropriate and unambiguous response, although there may be minor errors or omission of a minor element of the message	1 Mark Appropriate response, although inaccuracy or loss of part of the message may cause difficulty or ambiguity for comprehension The task may not be fully accomplished, but some relevant information is communicated	0 Marks Required message not communicated	Comments
Dis où tu travailles le week-end.	Je travaille dans un supermarché.					
2. Explique ce que tu fais exactement au travail.	Je travaille à la caisse.					
3. Response to : Tu commences à quelle heure ?	N/A	N/A	(A) neuf heures.			
4. Dis pourquoi tu travailles.	Je travaille pour (gagner) / je gagne de l'argent.					
5. Response to : Depuis quand est-ce que tu travailles?	N/A	N/A	(Depuis) trois mois.			
6. Pose une question à ton ami(e) sur le travail.	Est-ce que tu travailles le week-end?					

#### GCSE FRENCH SPEAKING TEST

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR PART TWO MARK SCHEME

#### MINOR/MAJOR ERRORS

This information applies to French Specification A Speaking Tests and Specification B Module 4 Speaking Tests only.

These lists are examples of errors, which do (major) or do not (minor) affect communication, and errors not referred to here should be judged minor or major on the basis of their effect on communication.

### **MINOR ERRORS**

These are errors which do not affect communication. The following errors should be treated as minor unless the Part 2 Mark Scheme states otherwise.

#### 1. Articles

- Use of *un/une* instead of *de* after negative e.g. *Je n'ai pas une sœur*.
- Use of *un/une* or *le/la/l'* with jobs/professions e.g. *Ma sœur est une prof*.
- Confusion of du/de la/de l'/des au/à la/ à l'/aux

#### 2. Gender

- *le/la, un/une* unless confusion arises from change of meaning.
- Wrong agreement including adjectives, possessive adjectives and use of *ma/ta* etc. before a vowel.
- Wrong gender of personal pronoun e.g. mon père s'appelle Pierre : elle a 50 ans.

### 3. Number

- *le/la* for *les* and vice-versa.

  BUT *J'aime les chiens* for *J'aime le chien* may be major depending on the context.
- Singular verb with plural subject and vice-versa e.g. *Les cours finit* ....

#### 4. Word Order

- Position of adjective/adverb.
- Position of negative.

#### 5. Tense formation

• Use of avoir for être in the perfect tense, but not être for avoir

#### 6. **Prepositions**

- Wrong or omitted preposition when this does not affect meaning. e.g. *je joue au piano, je joue du/le foot, sur samedi*
- 7. Omission of reflexive e.g. *je lève à*
- 8. 's e.g. mon père's anniversaire
- 9. Confusion of *qui/que*.
- 10. Incorrect irregular comparatives and superlatives e.g. plus bon

### **MAJOR ERRORS**

Major errors are those which affect communication. The following errors should be treated as major.

- Double subject elle j'aime la télé.
- Object pronoun used after the verb. e.g. J'ai regardé un film hier soir. J'ai aimé le.
- Inappropriate vocabulary.
- Inappropriate tense.
- Inappropriate verb structure e.g. j'allerai, J'ai diré.
- Inappropriate use of *je suis* etc. to produce the English continuous present e.g.*je suis mange un sandwich*.
- Use of *être* for *avoir* in the perfect tense. Confusion of *être/avoir* in any other context e.g. *j'ai grand*
- Use of qu'est-ce que ...? for est-ce que ...? & vice-versa.
- Use of infinitive for conjugated verb.
- Incorrect intonation when using statement form to ask a question.

These lists are not exhaustive and are to be used as a guide to the marking of the **2006 tests only**. There may be additional clarification for the marking of the 2007 tests.