

# Edexcel GCSE

# FRENCH

## Unit 4: Writing in French

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Exemplar commentary 3  
Controlled Assessment – Exemplar Material

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### Example 3

#### Stimulus

#### Theme: Travel and tourism

While staying in a hotel in France, you are asked to give feedback about the quality of the accommodation and services provided. Write a letter to the hotel.

You could mention the following:

- Why you were visiting France
- Why you chose that particular hotel
- Your opinion of the hotel room and other aspects of the hotel
- Any problems you had
- How the hotel could improve its facilities

## Candidate's response

*Hotel Hilton*

*Rue Rivoli*

*92157 Paris*

*France*

*Birmingham, le 15 Decembre*

*Monsieur/Madame,*

*J'ai visité Disneyland en France car j'ai gagnè un concours, c'est super !*

*Je suis allè en France avec ma famille. Nous sommes alles a l'hotel Hilton. Je suis reste dans cet hotel parce que c'était en France et je entendu dire que, c'est fantastiquè. J'ai decidè de nes restè pas en Hotel en Disneyland parce que il y aurait trop de gens et votre hotel avait revue excellentè. Je passe depuis deux semaines au mois de Juillet.*

*L'hotel etait propre et agreable. Le spieces etait toutes propre et agreable , mais nous avons quelques problèm. Il y avait une problem avec la television . Aussi, quand nous sommes arrivès, c'était tres froid et il n'y avait aucun savon. Le personnel etait tres gentil et tres utile. Ma famille a aimé les aliments au restaurant. C'est delicieux. Mais, c'était bryant dans la nuit.*

*L'hotel etait genial ! Il y avait une piscine, un court de tennis et un stade de foot. C'est excitant ! Je l'ai aime ! Mon frere et moi nous avons jouè des sports tous les jours. Nous avons fait beacoup d'activities.*

*Cependent ma motre a 'ete' volée. Le personnel m'a aide a la cherche mais nous pouvions pas trouver le. C'était tres cher !*

*Ma famille et moi a aimè l'hotel Hilton. Nous avons fait beacoup d'activities. Je me suis vraiment bien amusé. J'ai prendre quelques problèmes mais je adore l'hotel Hilton.*

## Principal Examiner's comments

### **Communication and content mark: 8**

The candidate used neither notes nor a CA4 form for this Controlled Assessment task. The stimulus encouraged candidates to use a variety of timeframes, to give descriptions and to express opinions. The candidate addressed all of the bullet points, using separate paragraphs. The language was mostly relevant and quite coherent, but difficulties with verbs and tenses did lead to some ambiguity. A 'minimal response' would be about one hundred words, and the candidate had clearly gone much beyond this. There were some appropriate descriptions and opinions. The work was comprehensible overall with some lapses.

### **Knowledge and application of language mark: 5**

The vocabulary and structures used were mostly quite basic; the candidate did successfully express some descriptions and opinions. The structures employed included adjectives, but there was little or no subordination or linking. A number of apparently pre-learned phrases were used with some success, such as *Je me suis vraiment bien amusé*.

### **Accuracy mark: 3**

The language was generally accurate when straightforward; the spelling of common words was generally accurate. Verb forms contained many lapses. Overall, the work was more accurate than inaccurate.

**Total: 16 marks**