



Level 1/2 Certificate Specimen Paper

French

Speaking Test

SPECIMEN PAPERS

Teacher's Booklet

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Card A – Topic 2: Holidays

- You have two minutes to look at the photo.
- Your teacher will then ask you questions about the photo and about topics related to what you see in it.
- This part of the test will last no longer than 3 minutes.



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Card A – Teacher’s Notes

Part 1 – Photo Card

You begin the conversation by asking the student the compulsory questions listed below. You may ask the questions in any order. The compulsory questions must be asked first and then supplemented with appropriate follow up questions to enable a relevant discussion to take place. You can ask questions about anything related to the topic of holidays, but the questions should be pitched at the right level for the student’s ability.

The **maximum** time for this part of the test is 3 minutes, but may well be less than that for some students.

- Qu’est-ce qu’il y a sur la photo?
- Qu’est-ce qu’on peut faire au bord de la mer?
- Tu préfères rester dans un hôtel ou dans un camping? Pourquoi?
- Parle moi de ce que tu fais pendant les vacances.
- Où est-ce que tu voudrais passer tes vacances cet été ? Pourquoi ?

You may now ask your own follow up questions to complete Part 1. Please ensure that you do not go over the maximum time limit (3 mins) for the whole of this part of the test.

Part 2 General Conversation

Topic A Making Choices

Topic B Socialising

Card B – Topic 4: Communication

- You have two minutes to look at the photo.
- Your teacher will then ask you questions about the photo and about topics related to what you see in it.
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Card B – Teacher’s Notes

You begin the conversation by asking the student the compulsory questions listed below. You may ask the questions in any order. The compulsory questions must be asked first and then supplemented with appropriate follow up questions to enable a relevant discussion to take place. You can ask questions about anything related to the topic of communication, but the questions should be pitched at the right level for the student’s ability.

The **maximum** time for this part of the test is 3 minutes, but may well be less than that for some students.

- Qu’est-ce qu’il y a sur la photo?
- Comment est-ce que tu restes en contact avec tes amis normalement?
- Qu’est-ce que tu fais avec un ordinateur en général?
- Quelle est ton opinion des reseaux sociaux sur Internet?
- Est-ce que tu voudrais un nouveau téléphone portable ? Pourquoi (pas)?

You may now ask your own follow up questions to complete Part 1. Please ensure that you do not go over the maximum time limit (3 mins) for the whole of this part of the test.

Part 2 General Conversation

Topic A Travelling abroad

Topic B Being part of a community

Card C – Topic 1: Music

- You have two minutes to look at the photo.
- Your teacher will then ask you questions about the photo and about topics related to what you see in it.
- This part of the test will last no longer than 3 minutes.



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Card C – Teacher’s Notes

You begin the conversation by asking the student the compulsory questions listed below. You may ask the questions in any order. The compulsory questions must be asked first and then supplemented with appropriate follow up questions to enable a relevant discussion to take place. You can ask questions about anything related to the topic of music, but the questions should be pitched at the right level for the student’s ability.

The **maximum** time for this part of the test is 3 minutes, but may well be less than that for some students.

- Qu’est-ce qu’il y a sur la photo?
- Tu aimes quelle sorte de musique ?
- Parle-moi de ton chanteur ou ton groupe favori.
- Est-ce que tu préfères écouter de la musique en CD o sur internet ? Pourquoi ?
- Tu voudrais être membre d’un groupe? Pourquoi (pas) ?

You may now ask your own follow up questions to complete Part 1. Please ensure that you do not go over the maximum time limit (3 mins) for the whole of this part of the test.

Part 2 General Conversation

Topic A Making choices

Topic B Travelling abroad

Card D – Topic 4: Career

- You have two minutes to look at the photo.
- Your teacher will then ask you questions about the photo and about topics related to what you see in it.
- This part of the test will last no longer than 3 minutes.



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Card D – Teacher’s Notes

Part 1 Photo Card

You begin the conversation by asking the student the compulsory questions listed below. You may ask the questions in any order. The compulsory questions must be asked first and then supplemented with appropriate follow up questions to enable a relevant discussion to take place. You can ask questions about anything related to the topic of work, but the questions should be pitched at the right level for the student’s ability.

The **maximum** time for this part of the test is 3 minutes, but may well be less than that for some students.

- Qu’est-ce qu’il y a sur la photo?
- Tu as un petit job? Parle-moi de ça.
- Est-ce que les stages en entreprise t’intéressent? Pourquoi (pas)?
- Tu voudrais faire quel emploi à l’avenir? Pourquoi ?
- Pour toi, quel est l’aspect le plus important d’un emploi?

You may now ask your own follow up questions to complete Part 1. Please ensure that you do not go over the maximum time limit (3 mins) for the whole of this part of the test.

Part 2 General Conversation

Topic A Socialising

Topic B Being part of a community

Card E – Topic 3: Home and local issues

- You have two minutes to look at the photo.
- Your teacher will then ask you questions about the photo and about topics related to what you see in it.
- This part of the test will last no longer than 3 minutes.



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Card E – Teacher’s Notes

Part 1 Photo Card

You begin the conversation by asking the student the compulsory questions listed below. You may ask the questions in any order. The compulsory questions must be asked first and then supplemented with appropriate follow up questions to enable a relevant discussion to take place. You can ask questions about anything related to the topic of home and local issues, but the questions should be pitched at the right level for the student’s ability.

The **maximum** time for this part of the test is 3 minutes, but may well be less than that for some students.

- Qu’est-ce qu’il y a sur la photo?
- Tu préfères habiter en ville où a la campagne? Pourquoi ?
- Qu’est-ce qu’il y a pour les jeunes dans ta région?
- Où voudrais –tu habiter à l’avenir? Pourquoi?
- Parle-moi de ta maison.

You may now ask your own follow up questions to complete Part 1. Please ensure that you do not go over the maximum time limit (3 mins) for the whole of this part of the test.

Part 2 General Conversation

Topic A Socialising

Topic B Making choices

Card F – Topic 3: School and college

- You have two minutes to look at the photo.
- Your teacher will then ask you questions about the photo and about topics related to what you see in it.
- This part of the test will last no longer than 3 minutes.



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Card F – Teacher’s Notes

Part 1 Photo Card

You begin the conversation by asking the student the compulsory questions listed below. You may ask the questions in any order. The compulsory questions must be asked first and then supplemented with appropriate follow up questions to enable a relevant discussion to take place. You can ask questions about anything related to the topic of school, but the questions should be pitched at the right level for the student’s ability.

The **maximum** time for this part of the test is 3 minutes, but may well be less than that for some students.

- Qu’est-ce qu’il y a sur la photo?
- Quelle est ta matière préférée? Pourquoi?
- Qu’est-ce que tu fais pendant la récréation?
- Que penses-tu du règlement scolaire?
- Qu’est-ce que tu voudrais faire en septembre ?

You may now ask your own follow up questions to complete Part 1. Please ensure that you do not go over the maximum time limit (3 mins) for the whole of this part of the test.

Part 2 General Conversation

Topic A Travelling abroad

Topic B Making choices

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Speaking Mark Scheme

Part 1 (Total 15 marks) **Communication**

13-15	Gives clear information in reply to all or nearly all questions. Responses are generally in the form of longer answers, which show development of ideas. Gives and explains 2 or more opinions.
10-12	Answers most questions clearly with some longer answers, showing some development of ideas. Gives 2 or more opinions and explains at least one of them.
7-9	Gives understandable replies to most questions, some of them in sentence form. Gives at least 2 opinions.
4-6	Gives understandable short replies to most questions. Gives at least 2 opinions.
1-3	Communicates very little information in short responses to some questions.
0	Communicates nothing.

Part 2 General Conversation (Total 30 marks)

	Marks
Content	10
Range and Accuracy of Language	10
Pronunciation and Intonation	5
Interaction and Fluency	5
TOTAL	30

	Content
9-10	Very Good Information, ideas and points of view are presented and explained with confidence.
7-8	Good A good amount of information and points of view are conveyed and regularly developed.
5-6	Sufficient A reasonable amount of information and points of view are conveyed and sometimes developed.
3-4	Limited Some simple information and opinions are conveyed. Few responses are developed.
1-2	Poor Little relevant information communicated. Very few appropriate responses are developed.
0	No relevant information conveyed. A zero score.

Marks	Range and Accuracy of Language
9-10	A wide range of vocabulary, complex structures and a variety of verb tenses. Errors may appear especially where more complex structures are used.
7-8	A range of vocabulary; some complex structures and a variety of verb tenses attempted, though not always well formed. Some errors occur but the message is clear.
5-6	Limited vocabulary; sentences generally simple but occasionally more complex. Errors are quite frequent, but the language is more accurate than inaccurate.
3-4	Very limited vocabulary; short, simple sentences. Errors very frequent.
1-2	Isolated words of vocabulary. Occasional short phrases. Errors often impede communication.
0	No language produced is worthy of credit.

Marks	Pronunciation and Intonation
5	Consistently good pronunciation and intonation.
4	Generally good.
3	Generally accurate but some inconsistency.
2	Understandable, but comprehension is sometimes delayed.
1	Barely understandable, making comprehension difficult.
0	No language produced is worthy of credit.

Marks	Interaction and Fluency
5	Responds readily and shows initiative. Conversation sustained at a reasonable speed, language expressed fluently.
4	Answers without hesitation and extends responses beyond the minimum with some flow of language.
3	Ready responses; some evidence of an ability to sustain a conversation; little if any initiative.
2	Some reaction. Sometimes hesitant, little natural flow of language.
1	Little reaction. Very hesitant and disjointed.
0	No language produced is worthy of credit.

- The marks awarded for Range and Accuracy of Language, Pronunciation and Intonation, Interaction and Fluency must not be more than one band higher than the mark awarded for Content. (See tables below).
- If a mark is awarded for Content, this will inevitably lead to the award for a mark for Pronunciation and Intonation, for Interaction and Fluency and for Range and Accuracy of Language.
- A mark of zero for Content will automatically result in a zero score for the task as a whole.

Content	Marks for each of Pronunciation and Intonation and Interaction and Fluency	Marks for Range and Accuracy of Language
0	0	0
1 – 2	1 – 2	1 – 4
3 – 4	1 – 3	1 – 6
5 – 6	1 – 4	1 – 8
7 – 8	1 – 5	1 – 10
9 – 10	1 – 5	1 – 10

The specimen assessment materials are provided to give centres a reasonable idea of the general shape and character of the planned question papers and mark schemes in advance of the first operational exams. Further examples of (un)acceptable answers will be added at the standardisation meeting once the examination has been sat.