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### Introduction

This June 2019 session was the first for this new specification, International GCSE French 4FR1. There were over 6000 candidates for this series. The total time allocated to this 80-mark paper was 1 hour 45 minutes. Questions 1 to 6 were compulsory and in Q07 candidates selected from three tasks, each worth the same number of marks. Finally, Q08, a grammar exercise, was the final question of the paper. The vast majority of candidates attempted all questions drawn from the five prescribed topic areas, with varying outcomes. Teachers have clearly supported their candidates in achieving some excellent performances with regard to the requirements of the paper.

#### **Question 1**

The format of the first question of this new specification was different to the previous specification as candidates had to read the text thoroughly in order to answer the six questions with multiple options. The vast majority of candidates did exceptionally well in this question, often scoring full marks.

### **Question 2**

Candidates answered most questions extremely well, which shows that they have practised the format of the exercise. They were therefore confident to select the correct, relevant type of word for each question. For Q02(f), candidates had to look for the correct gender agreements and refer to the last section of the passage.

#### **Question 3**

Most candidates scored very highly in this question, showing an excellent grasp of the vocabulary for the topic. Candidates clearly understood and applied the instructions throughout the exercise by only ticking the correct name(s) for each statement.

The text of this question was well understood and it was tackled extremely well by the majority of candidates. Where problems arose, this was in the following parts of the question:

- Q04(c): candidates who failed to score here often omitted the word "internat" and simply wrote "austere à la campagne". This was the most common error.
- Q04(d): for this part of the question, some candidates copied large portions from the text which did not include the relevant information. They therefore scored zero.
- Q04(e): a few candidates lost marks on this part of the question by inserting a masculine form (eg "ami/amis").
- Q04(g): a large number of candidates scored 0 or 1 point on this part of the question because of the omission of verbs (eg "le parfum de sa mère et le sourire de son père" which would score no points).

When copying the answer, candidates must be careful with the spelling of the words as a mistake could make an answer wrong - eg in Q04(c): "internat" vs "internet". The gender of the words is sometimes important, as the wrong gender might create confusion - eg Q04(e): "amies" vs "amis". In Q04(f), the candidates must ensure that the answers are complete, with the family members included; the number of marks indicates the number of elements that are needed, therefore, "voir sa famille" could not score all the marks.

This question met with more varied success as it was more demanding - expectedly so given that it appears in a more demanding part of the paper. Those who were well-versed in question words did well, whereas those who used guesswork to provide answers were not consistently lucky. Candidates seemed to know their question words well on the whole and many scored highly. There were a few examples of some answers written in English.

Most candidates scored well on parts Q05(a), Q05(d) and Q05(f). On Q05(b) many candidates scored only 1 mark as they failed to include the two discrete answers required. It was necessary to express the whole idea of "étudiants bénévoles", rather than "étudiants" or "bénévoles" on their own which was not sufficient. There were some examples of where candidates copied huge chunks from the text but unfortunately omitted the part which contained the answer (eg "Les chiffres sont choquants puisqu'il y a de plus en plus de personnes"). Others copied from "Le nombre ... alimentaire" and managed to achieve 2 marks by doing so. Many candidates lost marks on Q05(c) by failing to include an appropriate verb and on Q05(e), candidates lost marks because they did not include a notion of choice. Q05(g) was not well answered as the answer had to target the CV (eg "un vrai plus sur le CV"). Many candidates transmitted the idea of the CV being enhanced or improved but failed to include the second element about the CV having to include professional training or experience.

When a question can be answered using a lift from the text, the candidate must ensure that the answer is complete and logical. For example, in question 5(f), the answer "ni salaire" is not correct by itself as it does not target the correct answer.

This question was quite well tackled and many students chose to underline the four words which needed to be included in the written piece. Candidates seemed to have been well prepared on the whole for this question, with the majority successfully including the four key words in a nice, logical order. The guestion also allowed candidates of lower levels to score well, as they were guided by the four key words, nevertheless having sufficient freedom to show what they could do. Advantages were sometimes combined with transport; this was often done well and made for more sophisticated answers. Some of the essays in this question were outstanding, candidates writing far more than they were recommended to do; they included a wide range of complex structures and ideas about the environment with relevant and pertinent observations. Candidates of lower levels also achieved reasonable marks as they managed to incorporate the four set words judiciously into simple essays.

m'apelle Lillian Baryoh. tres animé oule est quelque ma ma ville. De



The candidate only partially met the task as they did not successfully develop the bullet points about 'transport' and 'futur'. The response also has many language inaccuracies. This response scored 6 marks (3 for Communication and content; 3 for Linguistic knowledge and accuracy).

J'habite dans une grande maison situé en commun. 1, Euriconnement



The candidate has used the four bullet points to describe where they live. The candidate has used some opinions and connectives successfully. However, the work is not very accurate and the use of the future tense is missing. This response scored 8 marks (4 for Communication and content; 4 for Linguistic knowledge and accuracy).

Ma ville est incroyable! Ce que j'adore est le transport en commun! Bien qu'il soit beaucoup de circulation, c'est meilleure pour la que les voitures. Il ya a beaucoup de choses à faire. Le weekend dernier, mus grandparents me rendrais visite, et nous avons visité quelingo des sites touristiques, comme les musees, les églises, et la paracria le candons l'hôtel de ville. Les avantages de vivre en ville implement sont; on peut voir ses ami's souvent, et gaire la grasse matinnée le matin! & Dans le futur, je voudrais vivre prince aux États-Unis, et si j'ai l'argent, j'acheferai une maison ou bord de la mer.



The candidate has produced an excellent piece of work; they have used the four bullet points to produce a convincing response with impressive details. The language is complex, varied and very accurate. This response scored 10 marks (5 for Communication and content; 5 for Linguistic knowledge and accuracy).

In general, candidates approached question 7 seriously and tried very hard. There were many candidates scoring in the 7 - 8 band of the mark scheme with work being mostly coherent with significant evidence of accurate language. A significant number scored in the highest band because they used more complex language, were successful with verbs and produced relevant and coherent answers. Often the candidates who kept to the recommended word count were those who scored the highest marks as they were less likely to go off the point. There was often a mix up between future and conditional tenses which cost candidates some valuable marks. Also, the past tense was used with varying success though most candidates could express something in the past even if it was not sustained. The compulsory bullet points are designed to help the students express themselves in three different time frames. Therefore, students must ensure that they write using three different time frames in order to reach the highest mark in "Linguistic knowledge and accuracy". Some candidates managed to address a bullet point without using a specific time frame. For example, in question 7(b), some students wrote about a future trip using the verb "vouloir". By doing so, they wrote about an intention, and not a future plan, and they therefore did not take the opportunity to write using a future time frame. This could result in the use of only two time frames in the whole essay, leading to a lower mark.

### Question 7 (a)

This was quite a popular choice and candidates were able to talk about the benefits of doing exercise as they referred to health and welfare. Most candidates began quite well, mentioning several positive effects of exercise. Some mistook "équipe" for equipment for the second bullet point, but generally answered the third point well. Point four proved quite challenging for many, who didn't manage to talk about how they would motivate others, but rather gave general points about taking part in sport. Most candidates were able to write about a sport they had done with mixed success with past tense verbs; even candidates of lower levels could express an opinion in the past. Many candidates failed to include the final bullet ("comment tu motiverais les jeunes à faire une activité sportive") or tried to address it but were unsuccessful. There was some misunderstanding on the part of some candidates who explained how they themselves had been motivated to be physically active. That said, there were some simple, straightforward ideas such as "je demanderais des places gratuities au centre de sports pour les jeunes le weekend" or "je ferais du sport avec les jeunes" which were very effective.

Bonipus Ximo, Ma minera Mes parents m'avaient dit que tus ne pratique pas d'activités physiques. de providai motiver tu à fair une activité sportive. Minier je voudrai dir les effets positifs de Gaire de l'exercise. Quand tarbost un personne faire une activité sportif ça vie c'est très sante. Quand to Gaire de l'exercise tenpester ensemble c'est très lantastique, plus to rester en Porne. A mon avis, je peuse que les sports d'equipe Sont un excellent moyen du Coire de l'exercise. Chand to Paire les sports d'équipe c'est ne pas nul parce que il y a beaucoup de gens dans for equipe. Récemment je a pratiqué un noveau sport pour moi, la natation. C'est très difficile parce que tu dest très tom pour devoit Paire beaucoup de effort. Mais

et pour



The candidate has attempted to address all four bullet points, but has only managed to complete two out of the four. There is very little evidence of correct spelling and verb formation. In order to achieve higher marks, the candidate would have to develop all four bullet points and offer a more accurate and ambitious response.

This response scored 10 marks (6 for Communication and content; 4 for Linguistic knowledge and accuracy).

faut que tu sorte avec nous pendant le weekend! Je sais que tu détecte faire du gort, mais je te promis, le volleyball est top cool! Je sais que tu simerais des grotes en équipe. En équipe on ressent l'émotion et des détérmination de tous le monde! On perde ensemble, on garge ensemble et tous le monde s'aident. C'est ouper bien pour tes énotions (pluirer Perfois quand or gerds n'est pas si mal que sa), et il affecte même ta santé! On pout développer des nuscles et un corps aper l'abuleux sens avoir besoin de preser des heures en comment. On put faire quelque dose qu'on aime avec seulement des effets positifs! De sais que tu déteste le sport, mais franchement, je cosis que c'est seulement parce que t'as solvent que essaier les sports solitaires Pour ton personalité, les sports en groupe sera beauxoup plus amusant! Te seis que je pratique que des sport solitaires comme le velo (de track plutot peut-être mon opinion est totalement fausse à cause de cela, mais je crois le volley te ferros du bien. D'espère quan per que nous formans ponvons jouer ensemble une fois dans le futur! Ta chère comarade,



The candidate has addressed some bullet points of the task successfully. In order to achieve higher marks in the communication and content section, the candidate would have to use the past tense to write about a sport that they had practised or played recently as well as use the conditional tense to offer ideas to motivate young people to do exercise. As for the linguistic knowledge and accuracy section, the candidate would have to use different tenses consistently and accurately in their writing and show good evidence of correct spelling.

This response scored 14 marks (7 for Communication and content; 7 for Linguistic knowledge and accuracy).

Coche I la question sélectionnée. Question 7(a) 🛛 Question 7(b) 🖾 Question 7(c) 🖾 Salut Edie, que Je sais que to penses l'exercise y a des certainnes mais il porquoi on peut practicer un sport. principalement, gaire de l'exercice est genial pour la sante et en ce moment il y a trop de gens qui ne gont pas assez d'exercice donc ils mont alla obesite ou leurs sante et maiment mauvais. C'est aussi miller benegique pour notre planete som car on peut aller à or utiliser les velos municipaux spoon alien a villiser la voiture ou le metro/le bus pour reduire la quantite de coz dans l'air Les sports d'equipe sont une bonne udée pour rencontrer des gens ou pour gaire des amis nouveaux. De plus, unge equipe est yeller amosonte sparce au'on speut sparler et

communiquer over I autres journes qui la même agé. « Ce pendant une agripe peut être un peu-stressante à rause de All les disputes All ovec certainnes personnes, c'est la raison pour laquelle on peut penser ave c'est meilleur et plus relaxante de gair du sport my sans l'autre gens harmonde the chaque somedi mat meilleur amie. Le samedi matini, nous avons your your deux heurs pour preparer sun match de tennis professionel mucequi MANAGER TO MARKET Weekend prochain c'était magnisique mais très gatigant et pp le samedi soir dernier je me suis couchée visiment tôt après avoir mangé le dûner. Pour essayer de motiver l'autre jeures à faire une activité sportive, je rommencerais une club lorale avec une vaniété des activites, populations Appres sa, les jeunes qui aiment la club, ils (Total for Question 7 = 20 marks)



The candidate offers a piece of work that is fluent and coherent. Throughout the coverage of the four bullet points, the language is accurate, varied and complex.

This response scored 18 marks (9 for Communication and content; 9 for Linguistic knowledge and accuracy).

# Question 7 (b)

Jadore les vaponces! A mon avis, les vounces avec ma famille est la meillure! Je meiled, cein avec ma famille cependent moi et ma sceure sovent dispute. Mais je dois admettre que elle est ries belle et assez drôle. Ma transcer Vacance, préféré est quand Jétais plas jeune moi el ma camille alle somes alle Espangol. V Selon mon pare cétait trop chard mais je crois que perfait. Nous samenes alle la plage parce que l'hotel est a côte de le mer. L'année dernier je vais allé au Londres et et Ces céluit catastrophiqe! Il ya krops beacoup de gen et Circulation. Aussi, i) ya tropcher, I Je dou admettre que ceta barbon tost Jadore les voyage parce que aimon avis cést bome. J'aime les Gone solie et met la mer. Aussi, jadore ma famille et mes copains



The candidate has only developed one of the prescribed bullet points and has produced language which is not sufficiently accurate and varied. Candidates must cover all the bullet points.

This response scored 9 marks (5 for Communication and content; 4 for Linguistic knowledge and accuracy).

- Aller en vocances, c'est un temps pour oublier la chaos de la vie et embasser des bons espons, à cette couse T'aime aller en vocances. It des vocances aident à distresser et se reparer. Etre londe sa une pour un peu de temps, c'est incia, abel Your n'elez por lenur de foire quelque choir, vous ette completement libre - Selon noi, aller à l'étronger c'est plus mieux Vous autre la chance à se reposer en deconviort un novcoux endroite. Voir les nouvettes endroits et visiter les sites historique, c'est la rêve choix. Quand vous quez l'etranger, vous enseignes I moineresement j'ai in mouaire expérience d'aller l'étrager, ll ya deux ans, ma famille mes parats et ma, tous on est allé en aux Etats Unis Unegar, on a decide à poice les actats et quand je j'ai Pait du léche sit pe J'ai perde me paerts. Je n'ai per pu poutraire donc J'ai telephoné au Cet été, Je vois portique un auteme de jeunesse et je vois aller en france pour la primaire Pois! Te avis trés excitée, j'ai haté à ce jarl



The candidate has not met the task fully as bullet points two and four are only partially developed. In order to achieve higher marks in the linguistic knowledge and accuracy section, it is important that tenses, gender agreements and spelling are accurate throughout the piece of work.

This response scored 14 marks (7 for Communication and content; 7 for Linguistic knowledge and accuracy).

Il n'ya pas une personne qui paut dire que les vacances ne sont pas importants! Au débuts qui n'aime pas aller pour des vacances à la mer en êté ? Les Oventages des vacances sont très variables et nombreux, on peut aller pour se relaxer ou voir des nouvelles chases dans la ville, aussi les vacances sont si impertants pour destresser et gagner l'energe Moi Personellement, Tadore voyager à l'etranger pour avoir mes Vacances, cas methods ici à boaucoup d'avantages aussi, parcequien peut apprendre de nouvelles informations à la ville on voyage pour voir, on part mixer over les gens et voir leurs traditions of laurs moyens de vic. Mais quelque fois on ne peut pas avoir una bon sejour et des Vacances amusants. Mon dernier vacances éte un disastre complet mont, mos parents et moi avons voyager à crèle c'est une isle au sud-ouest de gréce, la nature a été superb et J'ai eu un bon temps devant aller à l'hôtel. Quelle demage! L'hôtel n'était pas grand et les chambres etaient très loin de la mer et le restaurant aussi, on a doit de marcher \$2 Kelometre pour aller au restaurant pour le dejuner et le dinner, c'était mal que aussi les chambres n'étaient pas sutuée à l'internet, il n'y était pas un connection dans tout l'hôtel, et le nouvilures pas frés mal mais ils n'étaient pas délicieux

Donc après cette experience homble Tai decider de voya aux Bruss les pour mes prochaines vacances, de vai



The candidate has successfully completed the task as they have developed the four bullet points thoroughly and the language is fluent, complex and convincing throughout.

This response scored 18 marks (9 for Communication and content; 9 for Linguistic knowledge and accuracy).

# Question 7 (c)

l'environners est la source du vie tous sous la planétée Sans il
nous n'étistons pas. Mais heaucoup des personnes ne le respecté pas
Comment on paut faire pour & souver la nature?
l'ersonnellement, l'entier de ma journal est
modifié pour protéger la planète. Prencerment, au au lieu de la résultat est que prendre un bain, je fais un double et je terme je n'uillise
prendre un bain je fais un daube et je fermai je ferm je n'unitise
pas heaven de d'eau quant que mosse nes dens. Ensuite je 19
je terme la lumière tanjours quand je quitté un place. Aussi je recordé
sous mes dechers, fais du recyclation
C'est important de mentioner que avant, le aler
ne respect ne respectais pas l'environment. Par etemple, ene
recyclais pas pare que je le trouve trop difficile. Après jui utilisé
j'utilesais ma voiture tempers por et pas porce que je vent j'ai vent
The plus com (o (tuble. to plus , e ; ai amoje du viande. ; e à ai e
sen'eltais pos regetarien
La recyclation est important pour souver notre monde.
Do Clese Danc c'est essentielle des d'encarager des ou personnes de
rengeler. Sans eur, la plupare des dechets von être pours beaucop des
entrant saurages parce dinimer la population des animaux saurages
parce qu'ils person que le qu'ils sont les mangen et ils mour tent.
le Dons cisqua Aprés cinquante ans, j'espere
que la monde front to trouvera un un solution contre le changement climatique parce que et qu'il y aura plus des animent saurages deus notre monde à couse du
et qu'il y avra plus des animent saurages deus notre monde à conse lu.

progression de science. Les sciences ront progresser et evolouer.



The candidate has addressed some aspects of the task but they have only developed some of the bullet points successfully. The inaccuracy of the language often hinders the meaning of the piece of work and the candidate needs to demonstrate a wider range of vocabulary linked to the topic.

This response scored 12 marks (6 for Communication and content; 6 for Linguistic knowledge and accuracy).

Montesson Marages Monsonders Tout le monde doit protéger
l'environnement. Mosmoni Cè n'est pas trop difficile! Poss Vous
A la maison, je fais du emangampouvez suivre moi. Explore recyclage
toujours tout le temps: De plus, je ferme les lumières quand je ne
l'utilise pas. facile, and?
toujours
Mais, je n'étais pas toujours comme ça Autrefois, je jéterais
mes declares seduses négligement mes ordures beaucoupe. De
plus, j'ai utilisé me la climatisation contament dans
ma chambre chaque sompteme nuit, même si il ne fait par
Chaud: Ce n'était pas neccessaire.
Heureusement, j'ai changé mes habitudes, et tout le monde
doit faire la même aussi! mes Farmet temperyeta tout le monde
pourriez pourrait faire le recyclage; c'est un petit chose qui a est un
a fait un gros différence Quand vous recyclez, montre
besignation de probiético sont peuvent être utilisés
Alors, encore. Avous réduirez les gaspillage du monder et sa sa
c'est très important.
In personant Pearsing mountains reduce notre
a company and a likeling

Plantierro Je sais que d'ârreter le réchauffement de la planête c'est impossible si nous essayons dor forts, peut-êtres on peut pourrait effets. à l'avenir... Can dans les prochaines cinquante ans peut - être!



The candidate did not achieve marks in the top band in the communication and content band because they did not develop two out of the four prescribed bullet points. With regard to the linguistic knowledge and accuracy section, the candidate did not offer evidence of understanding correct gender agreements and the word order was flawed on several occasions.

This response scored 14 marks (7 for Communication and content; 7 for Linguistic knowledge and accuracy).

Chez moi je fais des effots petits gestes écologiques. Par exemple, afset chaque semaine, après avoir soit les pouvelles, je trie nos déchets afin qu'on puisse les recycler plus facilement. Aussi, je composte nos sulvres organiques. En outre, Lorsque je quitte ma chambre, if terino tant pri j'économise de l'énergie en éteignant sa sumière ou Lorsque mon ordinateur et la télé lorque je re les utilise pas.

Pourtant, des fois, je j'ai été négligent en sue envery. L'environnement.
L'été dernier, il faisait tellement chaud que je n'ai jamais baissé la bles climatigation clars ma chant chambre. Ainsi j'ai gaspitte consommé trop d'énergie. Dans le pasé, je jetais des piles avec tous les autres dechets, sans savoir qu'elles étaient dangerques pour l'environnement.

Je sius persuadé qu'il faut que sous tout le monde recycle. Nous devous apprendre les le ceux à ceux qui n'en font pas le la récepité de recycler. Si les personnes à faire comprendre à ceux qui se recyclent pas l'aide appréci que qu'ils aideraient l'environnement en recyclant. Si sous toutes Si le monde entier recyclait, ça rédurait énbinément le problème des déchets, et la pollution dinsinuerait. Donc le recyclage n'aurait que des effets pa bénéfiques.



The candidate offers a response that is coherent and very accurate. This piece of writing covers all four bullet points with great detail and the language is complex and varied.

This response scored 20 marks.

Candidates lost marks for this question when they did not include the auxiliary verb when applying the past tense. They also made spelling mistakes and did not use the correct gender agreements. It is important to note that some candidates did not answer Q08; they may not have realised that the grammar question was the last question on the paper and not the extended essay as per the last specification.

# **Paper Summary**

Based on their performance on this paper, candidates are offered the following advice:

- Check the spelling of their written work carefully.
- Check the verb endings of their written work carefully and revise how to form the past tense.
- The future and the conditional tenses are distinct tenses and they should be applied as such.
- All topic and sub-topic areas should be given the same attention when studying and revising for paper 4FR1\_02.
- Candidates should take considered care with their grammar in order to score higher marks in the last exercise of the paper.

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