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Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always whole marks (not half marks, or other fractions)

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate

marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do

marks are not deducted for errors

marks are not deducted for omissions

answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

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1 General Marking Principles

1.1 Crossing out:

- (a) If a candidate changes his/her mind over an answer and crosses out an attempt, award a mark if the final attempt is correct.
- **(b)** If a candidate crosses out an answer to a whole question but makes no second attempt at it, mark the crossed out work.

1.2 For Questions 2 and 3, if the candidate has written an answer in the space provided for that purpose, you should ignore anything written anywhere else, unless:

- (a) there is an indication from the candidate that other material should be considered.
- **(b)** the candidate has continued their answer outside the space provided.
- (c) there is no answer in the space provided.

1.3 Annotation used in the Mark Scheme:

- (a) tc = 'tout court' and means that on its own the material is not sufficient to score the mark.
- (b) BOD = benefit of the doubt and is used to indicate that the Examiner has considered the answer/that part of the answer and judged it to be more correct than incorrect: the benefit of the doubt is given to the candidate and the mark is awarded.

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1.4 No response and '0' marks

There is a NR (No Response) option in **RM Assessor**.

Award NR (No Response):

If there is nothing written at all in the answer space or

If there is only a comment which does not in any way relate to the question being asked (e.g. 'can't do' or 'don't know') or

If there is only a mark which isn't an attempt at the question (e.g. a dash, a question mark).

Award 0:

If there is any attempt that earns no credit. This could, for example, include the candidate copying all or some of the question, or any working that does not earn any marks, whether crossed out or not.

- **1.5 Optional questions**: You must mark all questions attempted by the candidate. Where a question has not been attempted then NR must be entered. (For Question 3 only, after marking the question(s) the candidate has answered, NR is populated automatically when you click on 'Complete'.) Where the candidate attempts more than one of the alternatives in Question 3, RM Assessor will automatically only aggregate the candidate's best result.
- **1.6** Spellings recognised by the Académie Française will be accepted.

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Question	Answer	Marks
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Question 1

Candidates are required to list 8 items in French. Read all of the items that the candidate has listed and award marks as follows:

- (i) Select the most correct items up to a maximum of 5. Award 1 mark for each correct item up to a maximum of 5. Stop ticking once 5 items have been rewarded.
- (ii) On Question 1, award marks for items wherever the candidate has written them.
- (iii) If the candidate offers more than one word per line, award a mark for each acceptable item (e.g. where a candidate has linked two words as in gâteau au chocolat / gâteau chocolat = 1 tick; however gâteau et chocolat / gâteau, chocolat (candidate intends these as two items) = 2 ticks).
- (iv) The pictures provided on the question paper are only suggestions.
- (v) Mark for communication. Tolerate inaccuracies, provided the message is clear. Ignore any definite / indefinite article, possessive adjective, etc. Ignore any verbs.
- (vi) If spelling is questionable, start by referring to the detailed mark scheme. Refer to the bullet points below if no decision on the spelling you have encountered is recorded there.

'If in doubt, sound it out': if you read what the candidate has written, does it sound like the correct answer?

Look-alike test: does what the candidate has written look like the correct answer, e.g. one letter missing but no other word created.

If the first part of the word is correct, small errors in what comes next are less likely to impede communication (unless they suggest another meaning).

Where letters are transposed, the word is likely to communicate (unless another word has been created).

- (vii) Once marking proper starts, if there are five clearly acceptable items, award marks wherever these are in the list. This approach may allow questionable versions to be ignored.
- (viii) Refuse all nouns which are repeated and which do not have a separate meaning:

gâteau, gâteau au chocolat: award one mark to each item

gâteau au chocolat, gâteau à la crème: award one mark to each item

gâteau, gâteau au chocolat, chocolat: award one mark to each item

gâteau, grand gâteau: award one mark for the first gâteau

(ix) Reject misspelt words which suggest a word with a quite different meaning. Where nouns are usually plural, accept the singular and vice versa.

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Question		Answer		Mark	
1	Vous visitez la campagne. Qu'est-ce que vous voyez ? Faites une liste, en français, de 8 choses.				
	Refuse village (example), campagne (rubric), agriculture, environnement, food/drink, vehicles (apart from tracteur), people, shops, public buildings, activities				
	ACCEPT	ACCEPT	REFUSE]	
	animaux (vache)	animals	couchon	-	
	arbre	arbe	abre	1	
	bateau				
	camping				
	champ				
	château		châteu		
	cheval	chevals / chevau / chevalux / chevalle	chevel / cheveu		
	ferme	ferm	farme		
	fleur				
	forêt / bois		forest		
	fruits (pêche)				
	jardin	jardain / jardine	jarden / gardin		
	lac	lak	lake / laque		
	lapin				
	légumes (carottes)				
	maison		masion		
	marché	marche			
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Question	Answer			
1	REWARD	REWARD	REFUSE	$\neg \mid$
	montagne / colline / mont	montange	montane / montage	
	oiseau		oiseu	
	parc / parc d'attractions	parque / park		
	paysage			
	plage / sable			
	poisson	poissone	possion / poison	
	poule / poulet / coq	poullet / poulette / poulait	pulait / pullet / poulent, peulet	
	rivière / fleuve / rive / eau		rivier / rivere / eu	
	route		rue	
	terrain			
	tracteur		tractor	
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Question 2

Candidates are required to answer the question. Read the whole answer and award marks as follows:

Communication: award a mark out of 10, according to the instructions in 2.1.

Language: award a mark out of 5, according to the instructions in 2.2.

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Question	Answer	Marks
2	Ma fête préférée	15
	2.1: Award a mark out of 10 for Communication	
	(i) Place the appropriate 'numbered' tick as close as possible to each relevant communication point in the body of the answer.	
	(ii) Award ticks flexibly across the tasks for each piece of relevant information conveyed, up to a maximum of 10. HOWEVER, each of the tasks must be covered to get the 10 communication marks: If 1 of the tasks is missing, the maximum communication mark is 9.	
	If 2 of the tasks are missing, the maximum communication mark is 8 (and so on).	
	(iii) Add up the ticks to give a mark out of 10 for Communication.	
	(iv) For COMMUNICATION Look for a verb (finite or infinitive) before awarding a mark. Lists without a verb will not score. See Appendix II for rules on how to decide whether a verb is accurate enough to convey meaning. For language other than verbs, use 'rules' in Question 1: look alike, sound alike, etc. Misplaced adjectives, negatives and adverbs will not usually compromise communication.	
	(v) <u>LISTS</u> = a maximum of 3 marks for communication: lists of 1–3 items = 1 mark; lists of 4 items = 2 marks; lists of 5–6 items = 3 marks elle <u>a</u> les cheveux noirs avec de beaux yeux et une petite bouche (1 verb, therefore treat as list of 3 items) elle <u>a</u> les cheveux noirs, <u>est</u> de taille moyenne, et elle <u>est</u> jolie (3 verbs therefore each piece of information can score a separate communication mark)	
	(vi) Only reward each piece of information once, e.g. <i>elle est super</i> cannot score both as description and reason for liking <i>(elle est super</i> et <i>sa musique est super</i> can both be rewarded as they each contain a different extra detail.	
	(vii) Do not penalise factual errors.	
	(viii) What the candidate writes may not follow the order of the tasks on the question paper – this is fine.	

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Question		Answer	Marks
2	Tick	Accept	
		Donnez des détails sur votre fête préférée.	
		REWARD any statement relating to date, season, general aspects	
	√ 1	je préfère mon anniversaire c'est en juin c'est une fête indienne	
		je reçois de l'argent / je gagne de l'argent je porte des vêtements traditionnels il fait beau / chaud / froid / il neige	
		c'est bon = 0	
	√2	Avec qui aimez-vous passer cette fête ? Pourquoi ? REWARD any statement mentioning who they like to spend time with	
		j'aime passer / je passe mon anniversaire avec ma famille / mes amisparce que je m'amuse bien avec eux on a les mêmes goûts	
		Dites ce que vous faites comme activités pendant la fête.	
		REWARD any statement relating to indoor/outdoor activities	
	√3	je vais au cinéma j'écoute de la musique on danse	
		nous nettoyons la maison nous allons en ville (\checkmark 3) pour voir un film (\checkmark 3) nous sortons pour voir un film au cinéma (\checkmark 3)	

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Question		Answer	Marks
2	Tick	Accept	7
		Qu'est-ce que vous aimez manger et boire pendant les fêtes ?	
		REWARD any statement relating to what they eat and drink. Reward references to different celebrations.	
	√ 4	j'aime manger / boire / je mange / je bois	
		ma mère prépare	
		je mange au restaurant italien	
		un repas traditionnel	
		je mange au restaurant = 0	
		Expliquez ce que vous allez faire pour votre prochain anniversaire.	
		REWARD any statement relating to what they will do for their next birthday. Reward reasons.	
		je vais aller au restaurant	
	√5	je voudrais aller au cinéma	
		parce que c'est amusant	
		mes parents vont organiser une boum	
		je voudrais un pique-nique (but this is not a future)	
		Note max 4 for Language if there is no correct future / je voudrais	

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Question	Answer	Mark			
2	2.2: Award a mark out of 5 for Language				
	Award a mark out of 5 for Language*, according to the Grade descriptors in the table below (see <i>Note on using maschemes with Grade descriptors</i> (Appendix I)).	rk			
	Grade descriptors for Language (Question 2)				
	Straightforward vocabulary and structure. The style of writing is basic, but reasonably coherent. Use of a limited range of verbs, generally successful. More accuracy than inaccuracy.				
	Basic vocabulary and structure. 4 Some awareness of verb usage, but inconsistent. The writing is sufficiently accurate for meaning to be conveyed.				
	Very basic vocabulary and structure. Little awareness of verb usage (e.g. infinitives regularly used instead of finite verbs). Despite regular errors, the writing often conveys some meaning.				
	A few phrases or short sentences are accurate enough to be comprehensible. Very simple sentence structure.				
	Disjointed words or short phrases, one or two of them accurate enough to be comprehensible.				
	One or two disjointed words or short phrases may be recognisable.				
	*Consider the whole answer when awarding mark for Language				
	Total for Communication: 10 Total for Language: 5 Total for Question 2: 15	marks			

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Question 3

Candidates answer 1 question from a choice of 3. Read the whole answer and award marks as follows:

Communication: award a mark out of 10, according to the instructions in 3.1.

Language: award a mark out of 8 for Verbs, according to the instructions in 3.2.

award a mark out of 12 for Other linguistic features, according to the instructions in 3.3.

For question-specific guidance, see later in this mark scheme.

3.1: Award a mark out of 10 for Communication

- (i) There are 5 relevant communication points per question, each worth a maximum of 2 marks.
- (ii) For each relevant communication point, use the appropriate numbered tick and place up to 2 of these ticks as close as possible to each relevant communication point (in the body of the answer).

2 ticks	Message clearly communicated. Minor errors (adjective endings, use of prepositions etc.) are tolerated.		
1 tick	Communication of some meaning is achieved, but the message may be ambiguous or incomplete.		
0 ticks	ks Nothing of worth communicated.		

- (iii) Look for a verb (finite or infinitive) before awarding a mark for Communication. See Appendix II for rules on how to decide whether a verb is accurate enough to convey meaning.
- (iv) Add up the ticks to give a mark out of 10 for Communication.

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3.2: Award a mark out of 8 for accurate use of Verbs

When awarding ticks for Verbs, please refer back to the question in order to establish which tense is appropriate for the response. **For question-specific guidance, see later in this mark scheme.**

- (i) Place a tick above the **first** occurrence of each correct verb, up to a maximum of 18 ticks (details of how to award ticks are provided below).
- (ii) Place the tick so that it does not obscure the accent/tilde.
- (iii) Convert the total number of ticks to a mark out of 8 using the Conversion table below.

Conversion table for accurate use of Verbs (Question 3)

Number of ticks	Mark
18+	8
16,17	7
14,15	6
12,13	5
10,11	4
8,9	3
6,7	2
4,5	1
0,1,2,3	0

How to award ticks for accurate use of Verbs (Question 3):

(a) Subject (noun or pronoun) + any finite verb

both subject and verb must be correct for the verb to score a tick

verb must be in the appropriate tense to score a tick

inaccuracies in the use of accents are ignored except in the case of -er verbs and être where there must be an accent on the past participle in a compound tense, and the absence of such an accent in the present tense

do not tick verbs contained in the 'letter etiquette': appropriate beginnings and endings to letters are considered for reward under Other linguistic features

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Question	Answer	Marks
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Tick	No tick	Note
Je suis (✓)		
J'aime (✓)	Je aime (no tick)	«Je n'aime (✓) (pas) le camping»
Je ne aime (✓) pas		treat as misuse of negative, not misuse of verb: verb is ticked
Il est allé (✓)	Il est allée (no tick)	insist on correct agreement
	Les proffesseurs sont (no tick) gentils	incorrect subject
	Le voiture s'est approché (no tick)	incorrect subject
Les nouveau professeurs sont (✓) gentils		«Les professeurs» is the subject and is correctly spelt. The incorrect adjective does not prevent the tick being awarded
Les invites sont arrivés (✓)		missing accent on noun does not prevent tick being awarded
	Les invités sont arrives (no tick)	past participle must have accent for tick to be awarded; grave is tolerated
La site que j'ai adoré (✓)		despite wrong gender of noun the verb is correct
	La site que j'ai adorée	gender of noun wrong; «site» is not a feminine noun, therefore verb should not agree and is not ticked
Le site j'ai adoré (√)		«que» clauses where the «que» is missing: tick the verb; take absence of «que» into account when awarding mark for Other linguistic features
Mon frère a (✓) sept ans. Il y a (✓) 30 enfants dans sa classe		for «il y a/avait», allow the impersonal use to count as an extra

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Question	Answer	Marks
Question	Answer	Mari

With direct and indirect object pronouns

Tick	No tick	Note
Je l'aime (√)		
Je le joue (✓)	Je se joue (no tick)	first example – «je joue» is correct despite incorrect object pronoun; second example – «jouer» is not a reflexive verb
Je lave (✓) les voitures	Je me lave (no tick) les voitures	«laver» should not be used reflexively in this statement
Je t'ai dit (✓)		
J'ai te dit (✓)		basic verb formation is correct
Je les ai achetés (✓)	Je les ai acheté (no tick)	past participle must agree in number and gender with preceding direct object for verb tick to be awarded

With «y» and «en»

Tick	No tick	Note
J'y vais (✓) / Elle en achète (✓)		
Je vais (✓) y en voiture		correct «je vais» scores despite incorrect position of «y»
Elle achète (✓) en		correct «elle achète» scores despite incorrect position of «en»

Passive

Tick	No tick	Note
Elle a été attrapée (√)		
Les vélos ont été vendus (✓)		

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Question	Answer	Marks

Reflexive

Tick	No tick	Note
Elle s'est levée (√)	Elle est se levée (no tick)	
Je me lave (✓) les mains		
Je me suis réveillé (√) et j'ai réveillé (√) ma mère		correct use of a reflexive and non-reflexive verb can both be credited

Impersonal

Tick	No tick	Note
C'est comique (√)		
II y a (✓)		«Ilya» (✓) all right letters and in right order (by same rule «yatil» also gains a tick) «Il y a» does not score in expressions meaning 'ago'
Est-ce que (✓)		

With negative

Tick	No tick	Note
lls ne jouent pas (√)		tick is awarded for the correct verb; the negative is
lls ne pas jouent (✓)		considered for reward in 'Other linguistic features'
Je ne aime (✓) pas		

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Question	ion Answer		
Sequence of tenses			
Tick	No tick	Note	
Si j'avais (✓) le choix je voudrais (✓)			
Si j'ai eu (<i>no tick</i>) le choix je voudrais (✓)		if sequence is incorrect, both verbs cannot be rewar	ded
Quand j'ai fini <i>(no tick)</i> de déjeuner (✓) je suis sorti (✓)		in time clauses, the pluperfect must be used for the rewarded. In other cases the perfect is acceptable	verb to be
Quand j'avais fini (✓) de déjeuner (✓) je suis sorti (✓)			
Single auxiliary with multiple past partic	iples		
Tick	No tick	Note	
Nous avons chanté (✓) et dansé (✓)		Nous avons chanté = tick; Nous avons dansé = tick	
Correct verb within meaningless statem	ent		
Tick	No tick	Note	
La journée est (✓) longue	La journée est (no tick) intelligente	do not reward correct verb in a meaningless stateme	ent
(b) Imperative			
Tick	No tick	Note	
Viens (✓)			-
Ne touche pas (✓)			
(c) Interrogative			
Tick	No tick	Note	
Tu viens? (✓) / Tu viens. (✓)		question mark not required for mark to be awarded	
Est-ce que (✓) tu viens(?) (✓)			
Comment ça va(?) (✓)			
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(d) Infinitive

Question

Tick	No tick	Note
Je veux (✓) sortir (✓)		
Je veut (no tick) sortir (✓)		award tick for any correct dependent infinitive, even if main verb is incorrect / in the wrong tense
Je veux (✓) sortier (<i>no tick</i>)		
Il a commencé (✓) à pleuvoir (✓)		
Il a commence (no tick) à pleuvoir (✓)		
Il a commencé (✓) de pleuvoir (no tick)		
J'ai essayé (✓) de travailler (✓)		
Il m'aide (<i>no tick</i>) à préparer le repas (✓)		a past tense required by the task: main verb is, therefore, in the wrong tense, but dependent infinitive is correct and is ticked
Visiter (✓) d'autres pays est (✓) important		
Sans hésiter (✓)	Sans hésité (no tick)	
Je veux (✓) sortir (✓) parce que je veux (<i>no tick</i>) aller (✓) aux magasins		je veux can only score once, but different infinitives can each score if correct
Après être arrivé(e) (✓) il/(elle) a mangé (✓) un sandwich		
Après être sorti il a commencé (✓) à pleuvoir (✓)		the subject of the perfect infinitive is not the subject of the main verb
Après avoir mangé (✓) je suis sorti (✓)		

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Ticking forms of the verb in the future: is the future tense appropriate to the task?

Tick	No tick	Note
Nous allons (✓) jouer (✓) au tennis		
Je vais (✓) regardé (<i>no tick</i>) un film		in all these cases the future tense is appropriate to the task on the question paper so both the finite verb and the infinitive
Elle vas (<i>no tick</i>) arriver (✓) ce soir		are ticked in the normal way
Je vais (no tick) aller (no tick) en ville		task is: what did you do last weekend? Future tense is not appropriate therefore do not tick either verb

(e) Inversion

Tick	No tick	Note
«» a-t-il dit (✓)	a-t-il dis (no tick)	accept both normal word order and inversion after direct
«» il a dit (✓)		speech
Viens-tu (✓) / Viens tu (✓)		

(f) Participle (past or present)

Tick	No tick	Note
En arrivant (✓)		
Ayant fini (✓)		
Une fois arrivé (✓)		

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(g) Reward only the first occurrence of a verb, e.g.

J'aime (\checkmark) la natation. J'aime (*no tick*) aussi le tennis

J'aime (✓) la natation. Je n'aime (no tick) pas le tennis

Dans ma région il y a (✓) des montagnes et des rivières. Il y a (no tick) aussi des...

However,

Je préfère (\checkmark) la natation et mon frère préfère (\checkmark) le tennis – 2 different persons of the verb

Mon frère préfère (✓) la natation et ma sœur préfère (no tick) le tennis – both third person usage

Elle est (√) fâché, ce n'est (no tick) pas amusant – both third person usage

Je me suis réveillé (\checkmark) et i'ai réveillé (\checkmark) ma mère: correct use of a reflexive and non-reflexive verb can **both** be credited

Mon frère a (\checkmark) sept ans. Il y a (\checkmark) 30 enfants dans sa classe: with «il y a/avait» allow the impersonal use to be credited as an extra (the same applies to «est-ce que» and «il/elle est»)

3.3: Award a mark out of 12 for Other linguistic features

- (i) Award a mark out of 12 for Other linguistic features, according to the Grade descriptors in the table below (please see Note on using mark schemes with Grade descriptors (Appendix I)).
- (ii) Use the highlighter marking tool to highlight the first new use of any correct usage. Use the highlighter marking tool to underline a creditable attempt at a structure. This annotation is intended to help you arrive at an appropriate mark. Therefore, the kinds of things you highlight/underline will vary according to the quality of work, e.g. for a mark of 7/8 to be awarded the assumption is that 'spelling of common words, genders, adjectival agreements and basic prepositions are almost always correct' so annotation will focus on the degree of success with more complex language.
- (iii) Consider the extent to which the following are used correctly and appropriately when assessing the candidate's control of structures:

Subordinate clauses, including *car / parce que*, *qui* and *que* (relative pronouns), *ce qui* and *ce que*. Indirect or reported speech (*il a dit que*, *je pense que*). Time clauses with *quand*, *pendant que* etc. and *si* (= if)

Object pronouns (il m'a dit) and 'strong' pronouns (chez nous etc.)

Conjunctions other than et and linking words (e.g. cependant, malheureusement, toutefois)

Prepositions – Time: depuis, pendant, pour, du... au... etc / – Place: en, dans etc.

Negatives

Adverbs

Adjectives, including possessives and demonstratives. Also comparatives and superlatives

Expressions of quantity

Partitive articles, especially de after negative, use of du, de la, des

Appropriate use of *politesses* in the letter.

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Grade descriptors for Other linguistic features (Question 3)

11–12	Uses a wide range of structures effectively; produces longer, fluent sentences with ease. Highly accurate at this level, though not necessarily faultless. Makes effective use of a wide range of vocabulary fully appropriate to the task.
9–10	Attempts a range of structures with a good degree of success. More complex language usually error-free^^. Uses a variety of relevant vocabulary at this level.
7–8	In control of simple structures. Varied success with more complex structures. Accuracy is fairly consistent throughout*. Errors may occur when more ambitious language is attempted. Has sufficient vocabulary to add some interest to the writing.
5–6	Attempts more than basic structures. On balance, the work is more accurate than inaccurate. Straightforward vocabulary relevant to the task.
3–4	Reliant on basic structures. Some examples of correct language. Meaning usually conveyed. Basic vocabulary.
1–2	A few phrases or short sentences are accurate enough to be comprehensible. Very simple sentence structure.
0	One or two disjointed words or short phrases may be recognisable.

^{^^}subordinate clauses, linking words, object pronouns, comparative adjectives/adverbs, strong negatives usually error free.

Total for Communication: 10 marks

Total for Verbs: 8 marks

Total for Other linguistic features: 12 marks

Total for Question 3: 30 marks

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^{*}spelling of common words, genders, adjectival agreements and basic prepositions are almost always correct.

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Question		Answer		Marks
3(a)	La nou	velle année scolaire		30
	3.1: Aw	vard a mark out of 10 for Communication – see generic guidance above		
	Tick	Accept	Mark	
	√1	Qu'est-ce que vous avez fait le premier jour du trimestre ?	2	
		INSIST ON PAST TENSE FOR 2 COMMUNICATION MARKS – ALLOW ANY ACTIVITY RELATING TO THE FIRST DAY OF TERM		
		j'ai rencontré mes amis j'ai pris le car		
		je suis arrivé (au collège) à neuf heures on n'a pas fait grand'chose		
		les professeurs nous ont donné des devoirs = 0		
	√2	Étiez-vous content(e) ? Pourquoi/Pourquoi pas ?	2	
		INSIST ON PAST TENSE FOR 2 COMMUNICATION MARKS – ALLOW ANY SENSIBLE REASON FOR BEING HAPPY OR NOT. (for communication only, any past tense is acceptable)		
		j'étais content parce que j'aime être avec mes amis je n'étais pas content parce que je n'aime pas l'école		
		j'étais triste parce que je déteste l'école		
		j'avais peur de parler parce que je ne pouvais pas comprendre la langue		
		je suis content parce que j'ai revu mes amis = 1 j'aime être avec mes amis = 1		
		j'ai revu mes amis = 1		
		j'étais content = 1 j'étais triste = 1		

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Question		Answer		Marks
3(a)	Tick	Accept	Mark	
	√3	Quelles activités pouvez-vous faire après les cours cette année ?	2	
		FOR 2 COMMUNICATION MARKS ALLOW ANY ACTIVITY EXPRESSED IN THE PRESENT TENSE		
		après les cours je joue au football je fais mes devoirs je peux rentrer plus tôt		
		je travaille dans un magasin		
		je rentre à la maison = 1 je travaille = 1		
		je pars en vacances = 0		
	√4	Qu'est-ce que vous allez faire l'année prochaine (par exemple : études ? travail ?) ?	2	
		FOR 2 COMMUNICATION MARKS ALLOW ANY SENSIBLE IDEA EXPRESSED IN A FUTURE TENSE / USING A FUTURE TIME FRAME		
		l'année prochaine, je vais aller à l'université l'année prochaine, je travaille pour mon père		
		je travaille pour mon père = 0		
	√5	Donnez vos raisons.	2	
		FOR 2 COMMUNICATION MARKS ALLOW ANY SENSIBLE REASON / EXPLANATION EXPRESSED IN AN APPROPRIATE TENSE		
		je voudrais devenir ingénieur je voudrais gagner de l'argent		
		Note: l'année prochaine, je vais travailler pour gagner de l'argent (2 ⋅ √4, 1 ⋅ √5)		

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Question		Answer	Marks
3(a)	3.2: Award a mark	out of 8 for accurate use of Verbs – see generic guidance above	
	Communication point	For Verbs, accept:	
	1	Past	
	2	Past	
	3	Present	
	4	Future / Future time frame	
	5	Appropriate tense	

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Question		Answer		Marks	
3(b)	Les va	cances à l'hôtel		30	
	3.1: Award a mark out of 10 for Communication – see generic guidance above				
	Tick	Accept	Mark		
	√1	Dites où <u>et</u> quand vous avez passé vos vacances dans un hôtel.	2		
		INSIST ON PAST TENSE FOR 2 COMMUNICATION MARKS – INSIST ON BOTH WHERE AND WHEN THE CANDIDATE STAYED AT HOTEL (for communication only, any past tense is acceptable)			
		je suis allé en France / à Paris / à la mer en juin / l'année dernière / pendant les vacances scolaires			
		Note: pendant les vacances tc = max 1			
		Correct verb + one detail = max 1 Incorrect verb tense + two details = max 1 Incorrect verb tense + one detail = 0			
		j'ai visité un hôtel à Goa en juin = 1 j'ai habité à l'hôtel à Goa en juin = 0			
	√2	Qu'est-ce que vous avez fait pendant la journée ?	2		
		ALLOW ANY ACTIVITY AT THE HOTEL OR IN THE ENVIRONS – FOR 2 COMMUNICATION MARKS EXPECT A PAST TENSE (for communication only, any past tense is acceptable)			
		j'ai joué au tennis j'ai visité les monuments j'ai nagé dans la piscine			
		j'ai regardé un film nous avons fait des courses je me suis levé de bonne heure / je me suis douché etc.			
		j'ai vu la télévision = 0			

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Question		Answer		Marks
3(b)	Tick	Accept	Mark	
	√3	Quelle est votre opinion de l'hôtel ?	2	
		FOR 2 COMMUNICATION MARKS ALLOW ANY SENSIBLE POSITIVE / NEGATIVE OPINION OF THE HOTEL IN AN APPROPRIATE TENSE		
		l'hôtel est spacieux les chambres ne sont pas confortables le jardin est beau j'aime la piscine à l'hôtel		
		j'ai (beaucoup) aimé les repas j'ai aimé / j'aime l'hôtel = 1 l'hôtel est bon / grand = 1		
	√4	À l'avenir, préféreriez-vous passer vos vacances dans un hôtel ou dans un camping ?	2	
		FOR 2 COMMUNICATION MARKS ALLOW ANY SENSIBLE SUGGESTION EXPRESSED IN AN APPROPRIATE TENSE / USING A FUTURE TIME FRAME		
		je préférerais passer les vacances dans un camping j'aimerais mieux passer		
		si j'avais le choix, je passerais je préfère passer = 1		
		je voudrais passer = 1 j'aime passer = 1 je vais passer = 1		
		je préférerais passer vos vacances = 0 je préférerais passer les vacances chez mes grands-parents = 0		

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uestion			Answer		Mark
3(b)	Tick Accept Mark				
	√5	Expliquez	votre choix.	2	
	FOR 2 COMMUNICATION MARKS ALLOW ANY SENSIBLE REASON EXPRESSED IN AN APPROPRIATE TENSE				
		l'hôtel est plus confortable on peut respirer l'air pur			
		on peut res	spirer l'air pur		
		on peut res			
	Comm	on peut res	spirer l'air pur out of 8 for accurate use of Verbs – see generic guidance above		
	Comm	on peut res	out of 8 for accurate use of Verbs – see generic guidance above For Verbs, accept:		
	Comm point	on peut res	out of 8 for accurate use of Verbs – see generic guidance above For Verbs, accept: Past		
	Commpoint 1 2	on peut res	out of 8 for accurate use of Verbs – see generic guidance above For Verbs, accept: Past Past		

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Question		Answer		Marks	
3(c)	Mon héros/héroïne Do not award marks in any category until after introduction provided on question paper, e.g. « Un jour, j'ai rencontré mon héros/héroïne dans la rue »				
	3.1: Aw	vard a mark out of 10 for Communication – see generic guidance above			
	Tick	Accept	Mark		
	√1	Donnez des détails sur cette rencontre (où ? quand ?).	2		
		INSIST ON PAST TENSE FOR 2 COMMUNICATION MARKS – LOOK FOR MINIMUM OF TWO DETAILS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED (for communication only, any past tense is acceptable)			
		j'ai vu mon héros le week-end dernier au marché j'ai rencontré Hans Zimmer à dix heures du soir à Los Angeles samedi dernier à quatre heures j'ai rencontré mon héros dans la rue			
		samedi dernier j'ai rencontré mon héros dans la rue = 1			
		If the details are attached to the rubric = max 1			
	√2	Qu'est-ce qui s'est passé ensuite ?	2		
		INSIST ON PAST TENSE FOR 2 COMMUNICATION MARKS			
		nous avons parlé nous sommes allés au restaurant			

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Question		Answer		Marks
3(c)	Tick	Accept	Mark	
	√3	Faites une description de votre héros/héroïne (caractère ? carrière ?).	2	
		FOR 2 COMMUNICATION MARKS ACCEPT ANY DETAIL ABOUT THIS PERSON IN PAST OR PRESENT TENSE		
		elle est gentille		
		il a les cheveux noirs il est musicien		
		elle chante ses propres chansons		
		il / elle s'appelle = 0		
	√4	Quelle a été votre réaction quand vous avez vu cette personne ?	2	
		ALLOW ANY REACTION EXPRESSED IN AN APPROPRIATE TENSE		
		j'ai été ravi		
		j'ai été contente		
		c'était une expérience magnifique		
		c'était intéressant / bien = 1		
	√5	Pourquoi l'admirez-vous ?	2	
		ALLOW ANY POSITIVE REASON EXPRESSED IN AN APPROPRIATE TENSE		
		elle aide les pauvres		

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Question	Answer				
3(c)	3.2: Award a mark out of 8 for accurate use of Verbs – see generic guidance above				
	Communication point	For Verbs, accept:			
	1	Past			
	2	Past			
	3	Past or Present			
	4	Appropriate tense			
	5	Appropriate tense			

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Appendix I

Note on using mark schemes with Grade descriptors

It is important that you award marks positively. In order to ensure that you reward achievement rather than penalise failure or omissions, you should start at the bottom of the mark scheme and work upwards through the descriptors when awarding marks.

You should adopt a 'best fit' approach. You must select the set of descriptors provided in the mark scheme that most closely describes the quality of the work being marked. As you work upwards through the mark scheme, you will eventually arrive at a set of descriptors that fits the candidate's performance. When you reach this point, you should always then check the descriptors in the band above to confirm whether or not there is just enough evidence to award a mark in the higher band.

For example, when marking Question 3 you may find that a candidate uses a variety of relevant vocabulary but has varied success with more complex structures. In such cases, you will need to award a mark that takes into account both the strengths and weaknesses of the piece of work.

To select the most appropriate mark within each set of descriptors, use the following guidance:

If most of the descriptors fit the piece (and after you have considered the band above), award the top mark in the band. If there is just enough evidence (and you had perhaps been considering the band below), award the lowest mark in the band.

Note on irrelevant material

In the case of a deliberately evasive answer which consists entirely of irrelevant material exploited in defiance of the rubric, a score of 0 is given. This is extremely rare.

A genuine attempt to answer the question which fails due to a misunderstanding of the rubric will normally lose Communication marks but will score for Language. You should consult your Team Leader.

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Appendix II: Communication

Rules on how to decide whether a verb is accurate enough to convey meaning

Communication

an attempt at a verb is required for any communication mark to be awarded

for QUESTION 2, candidates score 1 or 0 marks for each piece of relevant information they communicate. For a sentence/phrase to be considered for the award of a mark for communication, the verb must meet or go beyond the criteria outlined in B.

for QUESTION 3, candidates score 2, 1 or 0 marks for communicating each task. For the criteria the verb must fulfil in order for a sentence/phrase to be considered for the award of 2 marks for communication, see A below. For the criteria the verb must fulfil for a sentence/phrase to be considered for the award of 1 mark for communication, see B below.

where a verb fits the criteria for C, the mark for communication is 0

although some allowances are made for faulty verbs when awarding COMMUNICATION marks (see below), in order for a verb to score a LANGUAGE tick, it must be correct

'ticks' for communication are to be placed just above the end of the qualifying sentence/phrase

A QUESTION 3 ONLY: where THE VERB IS APPROPRIATE IN THE MEANING IT CONVEYS AND THE TIME FRAME IS APPROPRIATE, 2 communication marks are awarded in the following cases.

(i)	For 2 communication marks: accept a Present where a Future context is apparent		
	L'an prochain je voyage en France = 2 for communication.	(Je voyage receives a tick for verb)	
(ii)	For 2 communication marks: accept the use of a Future v	when a Conditional would be correct and vice versa	
(iii)	For 2 communication marks: accept a 'phonetic version'	of the correct time frame	
	J'ai passer/passez les vacances = 2 for communication Les gens pense/pensait que = 2 for communication Il a commencé à joué = 2 for communication	(Il a commencé à joue = 1 for communication – joue is not phonetic)	

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(iv)	For 2 communication marks: accept the use of any past t grammatically correct or appropriate	tense when a past is required, even when a different past tense would be			
	Allow Perfect, Imperfect, Pluperfect or Past Historic. Ignore inconsistency of the Perfect and Past Historic if it occurs				
(v)	Use of avoir with a past participle when être is correct: a	ward 2 communication marks			
	J'ai resté en France = 2 marks for communication	However the use of <i>être</i> when <i>avoir</i> is correct= 1 communication mark, eg <i>Je suis mangé la pomme</i> (see B (iii))			
(vi)	Errors of accent: award 2 communication marks (eg il va cases	telephoner = 2; il commencais = 2; j'achete = 2), except in the following			
	For 2 communication marks, insist on the accent on a past participle of – <i>er</i> verbs	Il a joue = 1 for communication (as an attempted perfect tense) Il joué = 1 for communication (as an attempted present tense)			
	For 2 communication marks insist on an accent when an adjective is also a past participle	If était fatigue = 1 for communication If être fatigue = 1 for communication If et fatigue = 1 for co			
	For 2 communication marks, tolerate a grave accent for an acute accent	Il a jouè = 2 for communication			
(vii)	Errors of punctuation: award 2 communication marks in	spite of errors of punctuation			
	Jai fait = 2 for communication in spite of missing apostrophe	In addition jai fait scores a tick for the verb			
(viii)	Errors of elision: award 2 communication marks in spite	of errors of elision			
	Je aime / Je habite = 2 for communication in spite of missing elision	Je aime / Je habite: no tick for the verb as elision has not been made			
(ix)	Single consonant where there should be double and vice versa: award 2 communication marks				
	J'appele / J'apelle / J'appele / J'appelle ma mère au téléphone= 2 for communication	J'appelle ma mere au téléphone= tick for the verb			

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(x)	In complex sentences, reward communication based on the verb in the subordinate clause and reward according to the normal rules (it is the information in the subordinate clause which fulfils the task)					
	Mon ami a dit qu'il avait mal au genou = 2 for communication (in addition both verbs can receive a tick) Mon ami annonce (wrong tense) qu'il avait mal au genou = 2 for communication (in addition second verb can receive a tick)	However, Mon ami a dit qu'il a mal au genou = 1 for communication (see B(viii)) (in addition first verb can receive a tick) Mon ami a dit qu'il mal au genou = 0 for communication (no verb in subordinate clause) (first verb can receive a tick)				
	Je pensais que j'étais malade = 2 for communication (in addition both verbs receive a tick)	However: Je pensais qu'il pleut = 1 for communication (see B (viii)) Je pensais que j'avais malade = 0 for communication (see B (iv)) (In both cases, first verb can receive a tick)				
(xi)	Use of a verb in the 'indicative' where a subjunctive woul	d be expected: award 2 communication marks				
	 II faut que j'aille chez ma grand-mère = 2 for communication (plus both verbs receive a tick) II faut que je vais chez ma grand-mère = 2 for communication (plus both verbs receive a tick) 					
(xii)	Treat the verbs retourner, revenir and rentrer as synonyms: award 2 communication marks					
(xiii)	«ne» omitted in a negative statement: award 2 communication marks					
	J'aime pas la biologie = 2 for communication (in addition, the verb receives a tick)	However Je n'aime la biologie = 1 for communication (see B (ix)) (verb receives a tick)				

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B <u>QUESTIONS 2 AND 3</u>: where <u>THE VERB IS APPROPRIATE IN THE MEANING IT CONVEYS</u> but is flawed in the following ways, the message is partially conveyed, and 1 communication mark will be awarded:

(i)	The candidate has produced a correct spelling of an inacommunication mark	propriate form/part/tense of an appropriate verb: award 1	
	Task: where did you go on holiday. Candidate writes: Je passe les vacances en France Je passons les vacances en France Je passé les vacances en France Je vais passer les vacances en France Je suis passer les vacances en France Je suis passer les vacances en France J'irons en France Je allez en France Je vas en France Je vas en France All score 1 mark for communication	In all these cases, <i>passer</i> is an appropriate choice of verb in terms of meaning. The task ('where did you go on holiday') requires a past tense (or phonetic version of a past tense) for 2 communication marks to be awarded: these versions do not meet this requirement. However, in all these cases the candidate has produced an existing part/tense/form of what is an appropriate verb and therefore 1 communication mark is awarded Ticks are not scored for these verbs	
	Task: how did you and your friends react? Candidate writes: Mes amis est contents J'été triste Ils avons pleure All score 1 mark for communication		
	Task: what do you want to eat for lunch. Candidate writes. Je veux mange un sandwich = 1 for communication	Je veux = tick for verb	
	Task: what will you do next year. Candidate writes: L'an dernier je voyage en France = 1 for communication L'an dernier je vais voyager en France = 1 for communication L'année prochaine j'allait en ville = 1 for communication (if the task required a past tense, J'allait en ville tout court could score 2 for communication as a phonetic rendering of J'allais en ville)	je voyage verb is not rewarded as there is no future context (eg <i>L'an prochain</i>)je vais voyager scores 2 ticks for verbs (je vais, voyager) as the task requires a futurej'allait verb does not receive a tick	

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	L'année prochaine j'aille en ville = 1 for communication (aller is an appropriate verb, aille is a form of the verb aller (subjunctive))	L'année prochaine j'aillait en ville = 0 for communication (aillait is not any part of the verb aller)				
(ii)	The candidate has produced a phonetic spelling of an inappropriate form/part/tense of an appropriate verb: award 1 communication mark					
	Task is to say what s/he enjoyed doing on holiday. Candidate writes: <i>J'aim le tennis</i> = 1 for communication (phonetic version of the incorrect tense (<i>j'aime</i>) of an appropriate verb)	J'amie (le tennis) = 0 for communication (amie is not any form/part/tense of the verb aimer)				
	Task is to say how s/he got home. Candidate writes: <i>Je prennez le bus</i> = 1 for communication (phonetic version of an incorrect part/tense (<i>Je prenez</i>) of an appropriate verb)	Je prendais le bus = 0 for communication (prendais is not any form/part/tense (nor a phonetic version thereof) of the verb prendre)				
(iii)	Use of être as the auxiliary when avoir would be correct: award 1 communication mark (see also A (v))					
	Je suis mangé la pomme = 1					
(iv)	Use of <i>être</i> instead of <i>avoir</i> in some clearly defined idiomatic phrases: award 1 communication mark					
	J'étais peur = 1 J'étais soif = 1 J'étais faim = 1 Elle était cinq ans = 1	(no tick for the verb) However Elle est les cheveux gris = 0 J'avais fatigué = 0 J'avais malade = 0				
(v)	Manger, nager, ranger etc – 'e' missing from nous form	and imperfect: award 1 communication mark				
	Je mangais des pommes = 1 (no tick for the verb) Nous nagons après l'école = 1 (no tick for the verb)	Je mang des pommes = 0				

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(vi)	The following commonly seen inappropriate usages: award 1 communication mark					
	Accept for 1 mark il est beau for il fait beau j'ai écouté un bruit for j'ai entendu un bruit c'est chaud for il fait chaud j'ai fait une promenade à l'école for je suis allé à l'école à pied j'ai regardé un accident for j'ai vu un accident	Refuse j'ai regardé pour mon sac for j'ai cherché mon sac				
(vii)	The following commonly seen mis-usages: award 1 com	nmunication mark				
	il et (venu me voir) je return(e) etc (accept returner for retourner) je s'appelle (Carole)	However, <i>Il m'appelle (Carole)</i> when the candidate is trying to give his/her own name = 0 as nothing of worth is communicated				
(viii)	In complex sentences, consider the verb in the subordinate clause when awarding the mark for communication and reward according to the normal rules (see also A(x))					
	Mon ami a dit qu'il a mal au genou = 1 for communication	il a mal au genou, contains an appropriate verb in the wrong time frame which is awarded 1 mark for communication (in addition, first verb receives a tick)				
	Je pensais qu'il pleut = 1 for communication	The subordinate clause, <i>qu'il pleut</i> , contains an appropriate verb in the wrong time frame which is awarded 1 communication mark according to the usual rules) (in addition, first verb receives a tick)				
(ix)	«pas», or equivalent, is omitted in a negative statement = 1 for communication					
	Je n'aime la biologie = 1 for communication (verb receives a tick)	However <i>J'aime pas la biologie</i> = 2 for communication (in addition, the verb receives a tick)				

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C QUESTIONS 2 AND 3: award 0 communication marks in the following cases:

(i)	No attempt at a verb = 0 for communication				
	je pied à l'ecole = 0 for communication je promenade mon chien = 0 for communication il pluie = 0 for communication	However, je travail à l'école (in response to Qu'est-ce que vous faites à l'école?) = 2 for communication because travail works phonetically			
(ii)	The verb attempted delivers a message different from the	e desired one = 0 for communication			
	mon père a un prof for mon père est prof = 0 for communication j'ai travaillé en Australie for j'ai voyagé en Australie = 0 for communication il pleure for il pleut = 0 for communication				
(iii)	The attempt at the verb is not a part/form of an appropria	te verb or a phonetic rendition thereof = 0 for communication			
	L'année prochaine j'aillait en ville = 0 for communication (aillait is not any part of the verb aller) Je prendais le bus = 0 for communication (prendais is not any part of the verb prendre) J'amie (le tennis) J'alle au cinema Je m'apple Carole				
(iv)	There are two subjects = 0 for communication				
	il j'aime = 0 for communication				