



GCSE FRENCH 8658/LF

Paper 1 Listening Foundation Tier

Mark scheme

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No student should be disadvantaged on the basis of their gender identity and/or how they refer to the gender identity of others in their exam responses.

A consistent use of 'they/them' as a singular and pronouns beyond 'she/her' or 'he/him' will be credited in exam responses in line with existing mark scheme criteria.

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Listening and Reading tests

General principles of marking

Non-verbal answers

Follow the mark scheme as set out.

Verbal answers (English or target language)

1. The basic principle of assessment is that students should gain credit for what they know, understand and can do; provided their written response communicates the required message without ambiguity, it will get the mark. The following guidance should be borne in mind when marking.
 - (a) Credit should be given for all answers which convey the key idea required intelligibly and without ambiguity. This applies whether the answer is in English or target language. A separate assessment of spelling, punctuation and grammar is not required because of the nature of the answers. However, these aspects are an integral part of assessing communication and marks cannot be awarded where errors in spelling, punctuation or grammar lead to a failure to communicate the required information **without ambiguity**.
 - (b) Where a student has given alternatives or additional information in an answer, the following criteria should be applied: – if the alternative/addition does not contradict the key idea/make it ambiguous, **accept** – If the alternative/addition contradicts the key idea or makes it ambiguous, **reject**.
 - (c) Where numbered lines are given within a question/section of a question, credit should be given for correct answers, no matter which line they appear on.
 - (d) Where a question has more than one **section (eg (i) and (ii))**, a candidate may include as part of the answer to one section the information required to answer another section. Eg, in Listening, information required to answer section (ii) might be given as part of the answer to section (i). In such cases, credit should be given for having answered section (ii), provided that no incorrect answer has been given for that section in the correct place on the question paper.
2. In questions where students are asked to give for example a list of three items, only the first three items they write down should be considered for assessment purposes.
3. No mark scheme can cover all possible answers. When in doubt, look for the key idea.
4. Where a student has crossed out an answer and what was underneath remains legible then it should be marked. When part of an answer is crossed out, then only what remains should be considered.
5. .../. means that these are acceptable alternative answers in the mark scheme. (.....) means that this information is not needed for full marks to be awarded.
6. In questions which are T/F/? or ✓/X/? in either Section A or Section B, a mix and match approach should be tolerated and credit given where it is clear and unambiguous (eg consistent use by the candidate). If candidates write 'True' instead of 'V' for Vrai in Section B, this should also be credited despite the wrong language being used.

7. The following general principles should be applied in relation to answers in the target language in Section B:
- A. Incorrect personal pronouns – accept (unless this causes ambiguity)
 - B. Incorrect possessive adjectives – accept (unless this causes ambiguity)
 - C. Wrong gender – accept (unless this causes ambiguity)
 - D. Infinitive – will normally communicate without ambiguity, so should be accepted
 - E. Wrong tense – accept as long as student comprehension is not in question
 - F. Minor spelling errors – accept as long as the answer is understandable with no ambiguity. In Section B, this means that even if the spelling error results in the creation of a word in another language, including English, then provided it is a recognisable attempt at a spelling in the target language, it will be credited.

tc = *tout court* ie with no addition or qualification

Question	Accept	Mark
01	F (Vet)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
02	E (Nurse)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
03	D (IT technician)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
04	B (Dancer)	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
05	Likes: swimming / (to) swim =1 Dislikes: cycling/bikes / (to) cycle =1	biking / riding her bike	Riding tc	2

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
06	Likes: cooking / (to) cook =1 Dislikes: (listening /to listen to) music =1	Preparing / making food / Baking	Kitchen / cuisine / food	2

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
07	Likes: (playing / to play the) guitar =1 Dislikes: singing / (to) sing =1		playing tc chanting / songs	2

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
08	Afford petrol / go to work by car = 1 Go out =1 (Afford to) buy / get / give / spend money on (Christmas) presents / gifts =1 (in any order)	Afford to drive to work Run a car Ignore additional incorrect details which do not negate the key idea (e.g. go out with his girlfriend) Ignore additional incorrect details which do not negate the key idea (e.g. birthday presents)	Get / travel to work Travel by car tc (no reference to work) Afford / buy / have a car He has no friends / social life (Can't) see / meet / hang out friends (Christmas) Presents tc Can't spend money at Christmas (no reference to presents)	3

Question	Accept	Mark
09	P (positive)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
10	N (negative)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
11	P/N, PN, P + N (positive and negative)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
12	N (negative)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
13	P (positive)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
14	N (negative)	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
15	Advantage Lots to do = 1	Lively	It's calm/tranquil etc	2
	Disadvantage The rain/the rainy season = 1	Monsoon It rains a lot / everyday (in June)	Bad weather Incorrect month	

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
16	Advantage Many/more doctors / GPs = 1	Easy/easier to see a doctor	Doctors tc Good healthcare (too vague)	2
	Disadvantage Traffic (is awful)/too much traffic (in city centre) = 1	Roads crowded/the number of vehicles	Cars tc Difficult to get around (too vague)	

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
17	Advantage <u>Choice</u> of shops = 1	<u>Lots</u> of shops	Shops tc Big shops / shopping centre	2
	Disadvantage Difficult to find work/a (part-time) job = 1	Not enough jobs / no (small / summer) jobs		

Question	Accept	Mark
18	B (Funny)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
19	D (Selfish)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
20	C (Generous)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
21.1	C (once a year)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
21.2	B (cakes)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
22.1	B (money to Mali)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
22.2	C (tired)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
23	B (est en retard.)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
24	C (est direct.)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
25	A (le car.)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
26	C (ferme à 20 heures.)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
27	A C (in any order) A (Les professeurs) C (La cantine)	2

Question	Accept	Mark
28	A D (in any order) A (Les vacances) D (Le voyage au collège)	2

Total = 40 marks