

GCSE

FRENCH

Higher Tier Reading Examination

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Time allowed: 45 minutes



0 1

The Environmenta) What percentage of students volunteer with a charity? **5%**

[1 mark]

b) What percentage of students try to save water? **8%**

[1 mark]

c) What percentage of students do nothing? **10%**

[1 mark]

d) Name two items that pupils recycle.

Any two from: glass, paper, plastic, cardboard.

[1 mark]

[Total marks for Question 1 = 4]

0 2

Volunteering

Put a cross ✕ in the correct box.

i. 15% of young people:

☐	a) go to school during the summer
☐	b) practise sport
☒	c) give up their time to others

[1 mark]

ii. List the examples of volunteering work given in the text.

a) **Helping with school work**

[1 mark]

b) **Visiting an elderly person**

[1 mark]

c) **Helping a sport charity**

[1 mark]

iii. Volunteering can:

☐	a) develop you as a person
☒	b) enhance your CV
☐	c) be fun

[1 mark]

[Total for Question 2 = 5 marks]



0 3

'Cinq semaines en ballon' by Jules Verne

i. If Fergusson was the head and Kennedy the arms (of the voyage), Joe was...

☐	a) the heart
☐	b) the muscles
☒	c) the hand

[1 mark]

ii. Joe had some notion of...

☐	a) philosophy
☐	b) charm
☒	c) science

[1 mark]

iii. Tick **two** qualities of Joe's.

☒	a) gentle
☐	b) ignorant
☐	c) needy
☒	d) charming

[2 marks]

iv. Joe had ignored the need to ...

☒	a) complain or grumble
☐	b) eat or sleep
☐	c) be logical and optimistic

[1 mark]

[Total marks for Question 3 = 5]



0 4

'Le Petit Prince' by Antoine De Saint-Exupéry

- a) How long ago did this incident take place? **Six years.** [1 mark]
- b) Where is the pilot stranded? **In the (Sahara) desert.** [1 mark]
- c) What was the problem with the aeroplane? **(Something in) the engine was broken.** [1 mark]
- d) Who did the pilot of the plane NOT have on board? **A mechanic/passengers.** [1 mark]
- e) What did the pilot drink for the 8 days he was stranded? **Water.** [1 mark]

[Total marks for Question 3 = 5]

0 5

Climate Change

a) Where Aicha goes every morning	[1]	To fetch some water
b) How many buckets she fills	[1]	Two
c) What happens in the dry season	[1]	She travels further
d) What her mother says	[1]	She didn't use to have to travel so far
e) One thing that happens every year	[1]	Any one from: she has to travel further; temperatures increase; the rainy season lasts longer.

[Total for Question 5 = 5 marks]



0 6

Family Relationships

☐	Karim is relieved that his parents are getting divorced.
☐	His parents told Karim that they were splitting up a few weeks ago.
☒	Karim's best friend's parents are divorced.
☐	Karim thinks his parents know how he feels.
☒	Karim is not looking forward to Christmas.

[Total for Question 6 = 2 marks]

Section B

0 7

Les projets d'avenir

a) En quelle classe est Marianne ? [1 mark]

En seconde

b) Pourquoi Marianne n'arrive-t-elle pas à choisir son bac ? [1 mark]

Elle aime toutes les matières

c) Le cousin de Marianne a fait quel bac ? [1 mark]

Littéraire

d) Quelles matières a-t-il aimées ? (2 réponses) [2 marks]

Le français et les langues

e) Quel était le problème ? [1 mark]

La philosophie

f) Quelle est la décision de Marianne ? [1 mark]

Elle ne va pas faire un bac littéraire

[Total for Question 7 = 7 marks]



0 8

Une famille

i. Combien d'enfants a le marchand ?

☒	a) 3
☐	b) 6
☐	c) 5

[1 mark]

ii. Coche **deux** passe-temps que les sœurs aînées aiment.

☐	a) les visites
☒	b) danser
☒	c) aller au théâtre
☐	d) la lecture

[2 marks]

iii. Coche **deux** raisons qui indiquent que les sœurs aînées ne s'entendent pas avec la Belle.

☒	a) elles sont jalouses
☐	b) elles ne sont pas éduquées
☒	c) elles rient de la Belle
☐	d) elles sont laides

[2 marks]

[Total for Question 8 = 5 marks]



0 9

Le stress

	Vrai	Faux	Pas mentionné
a) Être actif vous aide à maîtriser le stress.	☒	☐	☐
b) Il faut dormir au moins sept heures pour éviter le stress.	☒	☐	☐
c) Le yoga est fantastique pour déstresser.	☐	☐	☒
d) La lumière bleue vous aide à dormir.	☐	☒	☐
e) La musique classique en particulier aide à se détendre.	☐	☐	☒

[Total for Question 9 = 5 marks]

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Translation

C'est bientôt l'été ce qui veut dire la saison des festivals de musique. Ne manquez pas le plus grand festival de musique de la province du 19 au 22 juillet sur les rives du Saint Laurent. Vous pouvez choisir de camper tout le weekend ou d'acheter vos billets à la journée pour écouter vos groupes préférés.

Example answer:

It is soon the summer which means music festival season. Do not miss the biggest music festival in the area from the 19th to the 22nd of July on the banks of the Saint Laurent/Lawrence river. You can choose to camp over the weekend or buy a ticket for the day to listen to your favourite bands.

[Total for Question 10 = 7 marks]

