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1 General Marking Principles

1.1 It is not possible to list all acceptable alternatives in the Detailed Mark Scheme provided in Section 2. You will need to consider all alternative answers and unexpected approaches in candidates' scripts, make a decision on whether they communicate the required elements, in consultation with your Team Leader if necessary (or with your Product Manager if you are a single Examiner), and award marks accordingly.

The following marking principles underpin the detailed instructions provided in Section 2 of the Mark Scheme. Where a decision is taken to deviate from these principles for a particular question, this will be specified in the Mark Scheme. Often the general principles will have to be weighed up against each other, e.g. the answer might pass the look-alike test (1.5(c)), but if the candidate has produced an answer that is another word in the target language they will not score (1.6).

1.2 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.

1.3 More than the stipulated number of boxes ticked/crossed by the candidate:

- (a) If more than one attempt is visible, but the candidate has clearly indicated which attempt is his/her final answer (e.g. by crossing out other attempts or by annotating the script in some way), mark in the usual way.
- (b) If two attempts are visible (e.g. two boxes ticked instead of the 1 box stipulated), and neither has been crossed out/discounted by the candidate, no mark can be awarded.
- Where candidates must tick a number of boxes (e.g. tick the 6 true statements) and tick too many, apply the following rule: deduct the number of 'extra' answers indicated by the candidate from their number of correct answers. The remaining number is the mark awarded, e.g. the candidate is asked to tick 6 statements, but ticks 8. 5 of the ticks are correctly placed, but 2 are 'extras' (8 ticks placed by candidate minus 6 ticks required by rubric = 2 'extras'). Therefore the candidate is awarded a mark of 3.
- (d) Answers in pen do not take precedence over answers in pencil, e.g. if a candidate is asked to tick 1 box and ticks two, one in pen and the other in pencil, the mark cannot be awarded unless there is explicit indication from the candidate as to which is his/her final answer.

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1.4 For questions requiring more than one element for the answer, (i) and (ii), where the answers are interchangeable:

(a)	Both correct answers on line 1 and line 2 blank = 2
(b)	Both correct answers on line 1 and line 2 wrong = 1

(or vice-versa)

1.5 Answers requiring the use of French (rather than a non-verbal response) should be marked for communication. Tolerate inaccuracies provided the message is clear.

(a)	Spellings recognised by the Académie Française will be accepted.
(b)	'If in doubt, sound it out': if you read what the candidate has written, does it sound like the correct answer?
(c)	Look-alike test: does what the candidate has written look like the correct answer?
(d)	Accept incorrect gender or person unless Mark Scheme specifies otherwise.
(e)	Accept incorrect possessive adjectives, e.g. mon, ton, son, etc., unless Mark Scheme specifies otherwise.
(f)	Accept incorrect tense unless Mark Scheme specifies otherwise.
(g)	Tolerate incorrect auxiliary unless Mark Scheme specifies otherwise.
(h)	Tolerate incorrect use of infinitive unless Mark Scheme specifies otherwise.

1.6 Unless the Mark Scheme specifies otherwise, do not accept incorrect French if the word given means something else in French. (Incorrect French which constitutes a word in any language other than French is marked (i) on the basis of whether it is accepted or refused in the Mark Scheme and (ii) if not mentioned in the Mark Scheme, on the basis of 1.5 above).

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1.7 Annotation used in the Mark Scheme:

(a)	INV = invalidation and is used when additional material included by the candidate is judged to invalidate an otherwise correct answer thus preventing him/her from scoring the mark (INV = 0).
(b)	tc = 'tout court' and means that on its own the material is not sufficient to score the mark.
(c)	HA = harmless additional material which in conjunction with the correct answer does not prevent the candidate from scoring the mark.
(d)	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

1.8 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.

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1.9 Extra material:

It is the candidate's responsibility to answer questions in such a way as to demonstrate to the Examiner that s/he has understood the reading text. Where candidates introduce extra, irrelevant material to an otherwise correct answer the danger is that the Examiner is being forced to 'choose' the correct answer and s/he cannot be certain that the candidate has shown understanding. Where the Examiner is put in this position the mark cannot be awarded. The Detailed Mark Scheme cannot cover all eventualities and where specific instructions are not provided, Examiners must check the reading text to ensure the correct elements which would qualify for the mark are not contradicted or distorted by any extra material. The following, general, rules should be applied:

(a)	Extra material, mentioned in the Mark Scheme, which reinforces the correct answer or in itself constitutes an alternative correct answer:	this is acceptable and is not penalised
(b)	Extra material which constitutes an alternative answer, but which is not explicitly mentioned in the Mark Scheme:	the Examiner needs to decide, by consulting the text and the Team Leader if necessary, whether the alternative answer constitutes: (i) an alternative correct answer, in which case this falls into category (a) and the answer should be rewarded (ii) or an answer which on its own would be refused, in which case this falls into category (c) and the answer should be refused
(c)	Extra material which constitutes an alternative answer specifically refused in the Mark Scheme:	this puts the Examiner in the position of having to 'choose' which is the candidate's 'final' answer – the Examiner cannot be sure what the candidate has understood – and the mark cannot be awarded
(d)	Extra material which distorts or contradicts the correct answer:	this affects communication – the Examiner cannot be sure what the candidate has understood – and the mark cannot be awarded
(e)	Extra material introduced by the candidate and which does not feature in the original text:	this affects communication – the Examiner cannot be sure what the candidate has understood – and the mark cannot be awarded. It can sometimes be difficult to draw the line between what is a deduction made by an able candidate on the basis of what they have read and pure guesswork. Therefore where a particular answer is not covered in the Mark Scheme, Examiners should consult their Team Leader

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2 Detailed Mark Scheme

Section 1 Exercise 1

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	B chauffeur	1	
2	B VTT	1	
3	A port	1	
4	D 17:45	1	
5	C pile	1	

Section 1 Exercise 2

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
6	C coupe le pain	1	
7	E va à la piscine	1	
8	F retrouve son cousin en ville	1	
9	D étudie dans la salle à manger	1	
10	B sonne à la porte	1	

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Section 1 Exercise 3

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
11	B pas loin de la ville	1	
12	C avec des amis	1	
13	A régulier	1	
14	C manger	1	
15	A contente	1	

Section 2 Exercise 1

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
16	se lever	1	Accept any reasonable attempt at the correct word from the
17	guide	1	grid provided that it is recognisable as the correct answer.
18	peintures	1	
19	doivent	1	
20	journée	1	

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Section 2 Exercise 2

- In this exercise, reward the candidate for being able to locate the answer in the passage.
- Ignore extra material (whether French is accurate or inaccurate) unless the Mark Scheme specifies otherwise.
- Accept lifting unless it is specifically refused in the Mark Scheme.
- READ SECTION 1: GENERAL MARKING PRINCIPLES.
- Accept mon, ma, mes, ton, ta, tes, son, sa, ses, etc.

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
21	(dans un) centre d'activités	1	Tolerate activities (one letter out) Tolerate center (2 letters switched)
22	(les) parent(s) (de Laure)	1	See point above about mon, ma, mes etc. Key word required is parent(s) INV if clearly wrong person referred to, e.g. les parents de Nicole, or if the answer, although containing the key word of parents nevertheless conveys wrong idea, e.g. pour l'anniversaire des parents
23	(en) train	1	
24	(de) villes différentes	1	
25	(ils ont) bavardé	1	Refuse (but HA) aller ensemble au centre d'activités Accept any tense of bavarder Accept bavarde without accent
26(i)	même âge	1	Accept either order for 26(i) and 26(ii)
26(ii)	enfant(s) unique(s)	1	It is not necessary for candidates to refer to both girls. <i>Elle est enfant unique</i> is fine.
27	vétérinaire	1	
28	triste (de quitter Victorine)	1	
29	rester en contact (avec Victorine)	1	Accept any tense of rester, but idea required.

Note: For questions with 2 interchangeable answers: 2 correct answers on line 1, line 2 blank = 2; 2 correct answers on line 1, line 2 wrong = 1 (or vice versa)

Section 3

Look for signs of genuine comprehension. Usually, candidates who lift **indiscriminately** fail to demonstrate comprehension and will not score the mark. However, **careful** lifting of the details required to answer the question does demonstrate comprehension and should be rewarded. This Detailed Mark Scheme provides specific guidance but in cases not covered, see General Marking Principles, Section 1.9.

In this section, take into account the whole of the candidate's answer. We are still applying the sound-alike rule.

READ SECTION 1: GENERAL MARKING PRINCIPLES

FOR ANSWERS NOT COVERED BY MARK SCHEME, ANNOTATION TOOL MAY BE USED, e.g. INV or BOD

REFUSE DIRECT SPEECH HOWEVER IT IS PRESENTED.

Section 3 Exercise 1

1 Mark available per question for True or False + 1 Mark available for correction of each False statement.

First award marks for the True/False element and then award marks for the justification of the False statements.

True/False element: all 5 statements appear on screen. Enter mark as appropriate for correct identification of each statement as True or False.

- If neither True nor False is 'ticked' for a question, enter N/R (no response).
- If both True and False are 'ticked' (and there is no clarification of candidate's 'final' answer), enter 0.

Justification for false statements: only the 3 False statements appear on screen.

- If the candidate correctly identified the statement as False, mark the justification and enter the mark.
- If True is 'ticked', award N/R (or 0 if justification is provided)
- If True and False are both 'ticked' (and there is no clarification of candidate's 'final' answer), award 0 (ignore any justification)
- If neither True nor False is 'ticked', mark justification and enter mark (no mark awarded for True/False element)

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance	
VRAI	FAUX			
	✓			
	✓			
✓				
✓				
	✓			
30	FAUX	1	See grid above for marking True/False element	
31	FAUX	1	See grid above for marking True/False element	
32	VRAI	1	See grid above for marking True/False element	
33	VRAI	1	See grid above for marking True/False element	
34	FAUX	1	See grid above for marking True/False element	

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Justification

ACCEPT: wrong genders throughout

IN EACH CASE, CHECK FAUX IS TICKED

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
30	FAUX		REFUSE MERE ADDITION OF NEGATIVE
	ils avaient voulu que leur fille / Myriam quitte leur pays	1	où il y avait beaucoup de graves problèmes politiques HA
	OR		Verbs must be correct past tense, although tolerate correctly
	Myriam est partie / Myriam avait dû partir (seule / en		formed indicative instead of subjunctive (e.g. va)
	France)		This can be a straight lift from the text, so needs to be a careful lift without extra information e.g. il y a deux ans
31	FAUX		REFUSE MERE ADDITION OF NEGATIVE
	les Duparc <u>étaient / sont</u> (tous les deux) enseignants	1	Correct imperfect or present tense required.
	OR		les parents travaillaient / travaillent dans l'hôtel = 0
	les parents de Myriam avaient / travaillaient / ont / travaillent dans un / leur hôtel		
32	VRAI		
33	VRAI		
34	FAUX		REFUSE MERE ADDITION OF NEGATIVE
	elle veut retourner dans son pays	1	Correct present / conditional / future tense verb required.
	OR		mon pays INV
	elle veut travailler comme ingénieur dans son pays		
	OR		
	elle veut aider à reconstruire son pays		

Section 3 Exercise 2

ACCEPT: wrong genders throughout

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
35	elle regardait les bateaux	1	Correct imperfect tense required. Must grammatically answer the question. en mangeant / pendant qu'elle mangeait / en prenant son déjeuner HA (rephrasing of question) Other references to eating, e.g. elle mangeait almost certainly INV
36	il avait (si) peur	1	Must grammatically answer the question. Correct verb required. il avait si peur, ce pauvre garçon, (qu'il n'arrivait même pas à nager) = accept the lift as it answers the question
37	elle a enlevé son manteau et ses chaussures	1	Must grammatically answer the question. Correct perfect tense required. Tolerate omission of ses (but not son) Tolerate sa instead of son (minor grammar error)
38	(car) ses vêtements étaient pleins d'eau	1	Must grammatically answer the question. elle ne pouvait pas nager vite HA Correct verb required. Tolerate plein (minor grammar error) This can be a straight lift from the text, so needs to be a careful lift without extra information.
39	elle l'a (alors) pris par le cou	1	Must grammatically answer the question. This can be a straight lift from the text, so needs to be a careful lift without extra information e.g. shouting, pulling him along

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
40	des / les passants	1	Must grammatically answer the question. Verb not required, but if supplied must be correct. des passants ont sorti le garçon de l'eau INV Refuse de / le passants
41	(parce qu') elle est partie sans laisser son nom (ni son adresse) OR (parce qu') elle n'a pas laissé son nom (ni son adresse)	1	Must grammatically answer the question. Correct perfect tense. laisser, if taken as lift from text, must be correct infinitive Tolerate omission of second son. il / le garçon est parti(e) INV

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