



## **2011 French Beginners HSC Examination 'Sample Answers'**

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## Section I — Listening

### Question 1

*Sample answer:*

Véronique and Claude will meet at the tennis court on the right.

### Question 2

*Sample answer:*

To help Bernard choose what he will wear to the formal.

### Question 3

*Sample answer:*

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### Question 4

*Sample answer:*

Xavier is feeling frustrated as they cannot agree on a place to stay on their holiday.

### Question 5

*Sample answer:*

Airline	Air France
Flight	34
Reason for the delay	Snow
Departure time	10.45

### Question 6

*Sample answer:*

She will go home and get the book to avoid a letter being sent home, which would anger her parents.

### Question 7 (a)

*Sample answer:*

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**Question 7 (b)***Sample answer:*

The young man is in trouble because he will lose his licence due to speeding and he needs his car to go to work.

**Question 8***Sample answer:*

- Sébastien wants to stop studying because he isn't getting good marks.
- He would prefer to start working and wants to be independent.

**Question 9***Sample answer:*

To encourage students of English to go to an English-speaking country; to tell the students about a scholarship that is available, as an incentive to improve their English results; to enjoy a homestay experience and learn about a new culture and way of life.

**Question 10***Sample answer:*

No. While Léa has experience as a receptionist and is sociable, she has never worked for a hotel and has only studied English for two years at school. She would find it difficult to deal with an unhappy customer, for example. Also, Léa equates computer skills with being able to use Facebook.

**Section II — Reading****Question 11***Sample answer:*

Jacqueline will cook pasta with a sauce.

**Question 12 (a)***Sample answer:*

The Elephant Ride, Tarzan's Boat and the Infernal Waterfall.

**Question 12 (b)***Sample answer:*

The writers like Gorilla Mountain for different reasons. Bipul found the gorillas very frightening, and Karl found crossing the mountain fantastic as it made him feel like an explorer.

**Question 13 (a)*****Sample answer:***

Paul is writing to thank his teacher for helping him improve.

**Question 13 (b)*****Sample answer:***

By teaching Paul well, and being patient and helpful, Mr Lagrange kept Paul's dream of becoming a science researcher alive.

**Question 14 (a)*****Sample answer:***

The kind of people who want to support the disadvantaged, see famous singers, and hear the latest hits.

**Question 14 (b)*****Sample answer:***

Originally the writer wasn't enthusiastic about going to the concert as she found the tickets too expensive, and preferred to save her money. After discussing it with Pierre, however, she changed her mind and felt like going, as they seemed sure to have fun. However, after seeing the concert she thought that it was dreadful and would never go again.

**Question 15 (a)*****Sample answer:***

He wrote the advertisement because he is going to France next year and needs a French girl to sing with him on his album.

**Question 15 (b)*****Sample answer:***

Eric is a 16-year-old high school student living in Belgium and studying English.

**Question 15 (c)*****Sample answer:***

Bruce would be happy to receive a response from Eric. He would like the fact that Eric could introduce him to people in Paris given it is Bruce's first trip there. While Eric seems nice, he doesn't meet Bruce's criteria. Bruce wants a female to sing on his album, not just someone who sings with his friends. Bruce and Eric also have different tastes in music.