

2009 HSC French Beginners

Sample Answers

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- (a) as part of the development of the examination paper to ensure the questions will effectively assess students’ knowledge and skills, and
- (b) in order to provide some advice to the Supervisor of Marking about the nature and scope of the responses expected of students.

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Section I — Listening

Question 1 (a)

Sample answer:

To the movies.

Question 1 (b)

Sample answer:

At six o’clock.

Question 2

Sample answer:

Josiane and her friend enjoy riding in the country.

Question 3*Sample answer:*

To tell students they can't take bags into the exam room. They are to leave them in the corridor.

Question 4*Sample answer:*

Join this club to see your photos more easily and to create an album of your favourite memories.

Question 5*Sample answer:*

Mr Dupont is wanting to ask Bernard to work in place of Claudine tomorrow.

Question 6*Sample answer:***Camping des Sables d'Or**

<i>Name of client:</i>	Bruno LALANDE
<i>Month:</i>	September
<i>Dates:</i>	From 16 to 29

Question 7*Sample answer:*

(A)

Question 8*Sample answer:*

Because she and her husband are going away and cannot look after the animals. Mrs Martin is asking Pierre to take care of them.

Question 9*Sample answer:*

Vet science would be a good choice for Patrice as he likes animals and working outdoors as well as with people; however, he hasn't received good marks in biology and hopes to improve.

Question 10

Sample answer:

A venue for 18th birthday celebrations including a rock band and equipment to project movies and photos. If you book before the end of the month they give you a free cake.

Question 11

Sample answer:

Even though Dominique's aunt Colette is happy to hear from him, she is surprised, as she hasn't heard from him in a long time. Although his aunt tells him that her husband is in need of another operation, Dominique states that he can't find a hotel and therefore won't be able to come, placing his aunt in a corner. By the end of the conversation she feels annoyed at his selfish attitude.

Section II — Reading

Question 12 (a)

Sample answer:

Luc is complaining about the fact that he has been studying all day.

Question 12 (b)

Sample answer:

Luc does not get what he wants. He wanted to borrow his mother's car to return a book to Samuel and to eat at Marie-Ange's place, but his mother needs the car to pick up his cousin from the station.

Question 13 (a)

Sample answer:

Alicia walked down the Champs-Élysées and had a juice in the Tuileries gardens.

Question 13 (b)

Sample answer:

She is alone because she had an argument with Julien. He wanted to sleep in and she wanted to visit the Invalides. They argued because he always wants to decide what they do.

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

The average time that French children spend in front of the screen is 5.5 hours per day. French children are less active than other European children.

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

Obesity is a real public health problem related to lifestyle affecting any age and found in most western countries. It can cause chronic diseases such as diabetes and cardio-vascular disease.

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

Yes, other young people will be enthusiastic about the programme because it offers a good variety of sports workshops – athletics, climbing and baseball. These are overseen by elite sportspeople, even some Olympic medallists and can be done outside of school.

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

Mamercé is losing young people chasing opportunities in the city. Also, businesses are closing.

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

Joël Talendier's experience includes being a producer, working as a talent scout for Star Academy and organising the medieval events in Bayeux. He is also very familiar with the region.

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

Joël suggests an annual talent competition which would run every week for several months. This could be attractive to young people, encouraging them to stay and giving them more opportunity for work. It could also bring more visitors to Mamercé and boost business over an extended period.