

French Level 2 - Sample 2009 Examination Questions

90395: Listen to and understand spoken language in French in less familiar contexts

Note: These sample questions are based on the texts and questions in the 2007 paper

PASSAGE ONE: A HEALTH REPORT ON SMOKING

Question ONE

- (a) What law came into practice on 1 February? Give ALL details.
- (b) Give details of TWO statistics.
- (c) How will smokers' lives be affected next year? Give details.

Question Two

Section Four

- (a) Describe the other problem affecting the French. Give ALL details.
- (b) What are the TWO questions asked?

PASSAGE TWO: FOREIGN STUDENTS IN FRANCE

Part A: Francesca

Question Three

- (a) What comparisons does Francesca make between France and Italy? Give details.
- (b) What does Francesca say about fashion? Give details.
- (c) What does Francesca say about meeting French people? Give ALL details.

Part B: Laura

Question Four

- (a) What does Laura say about people in Paris?
- (b) How does the weather affect people in Paris, according to Laura? Give TWO details.
- (c) How is living in Paris affecting Laura? Give THREE details.

Question Five

How does Laura describe her life in Paris? Give ALL details.

Assessment Schedule

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Notes for Assessors

Formatting of the schedule

Responses at Merit level are underlined.

Responses at Excellence level are **bolded**.

The Achievement column contains achievement level responses only.

The Merit column contains the achievement level responses and underlined merit level responses.

The Excellence column contains the achievement level responses, underlined merit level responses, and **bolded** excellence responses.

In order to arrive at a final grade, assessors are to:

- make a judgement for each Question using the shaded 'Judgement' row; the judgement will be A or M or E or N
- make a judgement for the standard as a whole using the 'Overall Judgement Statement' at the end of the schedule.

Editing / altering the schedule

The shaded 'Judgement' rows and the 'Overall Judgement Statement' are provided as a guide.

Assessors may alter them to ensure that learners are awarded the grade that their responses indicate is appropriate against the requirements of the standard.

Dot points may be added, deleted or edited as above to ensure that learners are awarded the grade that their responses indicate is appropriate against the requirements of the standard.

Making the overall judgement

Higher level judgements are to be based at all times on qualitative (not quantitative) grounds that revolve around recognition of detail and higher level structures, and inference. Typically:

- achievement level responses will give relevant information
- those at merit will contain more specific details
- those at excellence will show in depth understanding / the ability to infer meaning.

That is, the learner's ability to extract and interpret information from the text(s) will determine the grade awarded.

Evidence Statement

Question	Achievement	Merit	Excellence
One			
(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • must not smoke • in (closed) public places • (Can be obliged to) pay 68 euros 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • must not smoke • in (closed) public places • <u>like town halls, offices, high schools, (train) stations</u> • (Can be obliged to) pay 68 euros 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • must not smoke • in (closed) public places • <u>like town halls, offices, high schools, (train) stations</u> • (Can be obliged to) pay 68 euros
(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (about) 70 000 people die each year (because of cigarettes) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (about) 70 000 people die each year (because of cigarettes) • <u>(among these) 7 000 were non-smokers</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (about) 70 000 people die each year (because of cigarettes) • <u>(among these) 7 000 were non-smokers</u>
(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • same thing as Italy, Belgium and Spain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • same thing as Italy, Belgium and Spain • <u>will not have the right to smoke in cafés and restaurants</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • same thing as Italy, Belgium and Spain • <u>will not have the right to smoke in cafés and restaurants</u> • (will be) only able to smoke outside and at home /in one's own accommodation
Judgement	3 dot points	5 dot points including 2 <u>underlined</u>	7 dot points, including 1 bolded and 2 others, <u>underlined</u> or bolded
Two			
(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • national drink of France is wine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • national drink of France is wine • <u>do something about the high consumption of alcohol</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • national drink of France is wine • <u>do something about the high consumption of alcohol</u> • those who drive after drinking are dangerous for the health of others
(b)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>are the French ready for that</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>are the French ready for that</u> • will it soon be forbidden to drink in cafés
Judgement	1 dot point	2 dot points including 1 <u>underlined</u> .	3 dot points, including 1 bolded and 1 other, <u>underlined</u> or bolded .

Question	Achievement	Merit	Excellence
Three			
(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> girls are as free as the boys in Italy she used to go out (a lot) less (than here) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> girls are as free as the boys in Italy she used to go out (a lot) less (than here) (in France) <u>people her age have more freedom than in Italy</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> girls are as free as the boys in Italy she used to go out (a lot) less (than here) (in France) <u>people her age have more freedom than in Italy</u>
(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> here can wear old, not trendy / chic clothes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> here can wear old, not trendy / chic clothes <u>Italians follow fashion too much</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> here can wear old, not trendy / chic clothes <u>Italians follow fashion too much</u> (in Toulouse) nobody is shocked by what you wear
(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> in the evening people discuss / talk and drink 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> in the evening people discuss / talk and drink <u>one easily meets French youth / young people</u> (perhaps) <u>because her classes / courses filled with foreigners</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> in the evening people discuss / talk and drink <u>one easily meets French youth / young people</u> hard to make ties with French people in daytime (at university) (perhaps) <u>because her classes / courses filled with foreigners</u>
Judgement	2 dot points	5 dot points including 1 <u>underlined</u>	7 dot points, including 1 bolded and 2 others, <u>underlined</u> or bolded .
Four			
(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> not always nice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> not always nice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> not always nice
(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> winter is depressing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> winter is depressing <u>everyone is happy when the sky is blue</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> winter is depressing <u>everyone is happy when the sky is blue</u>
(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> she misses the sun 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> she misses the sun <u>she is making the most of her stay in the city of love</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> she misses the sun <u>she is making the most of her stay in the city of love</u> she has never been as / so white
Judgement	2 dot points	3 dot points, including 1 <u>underlined</u>	4 dot points, including 1 bolded and 1 other, <u>underlined</u> or bolded .
Five			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> student life is incredible half-price cinema tickets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> student life is incredible <u>not possible to be bored</u> half-price cinema tickets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> student life is incredible <u>not possible to be bored</u> half-price cinema tickets often invited to parties / evenings where she knows nobody
Judgement	2 dot points	2 dot points, including 1 <u>underlined</u>	3 dot points, including 1 bolded and 1 other, <u>underlined</u> or bolded .

Overall Judgement Statement

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
Any 3 A or M or E	2 x M 2 other A or M or E	2 x E 1 x M 1 other A or M or E