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## Level 2 French 2024

### 91121 Demonstrate understanding of a variety of written and/or visual French text(s) on familiar matters

Credits: Five

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
Demonstrate understanding of a variety of written and/or visual French text(s) on familiar matters.	Demonstrate clear understanding of a variety of written and/or visual French text(s) on familiar matters.	Demonstrate thorough understanding of a variety of written and/or visual French text(s) on familiar matters.

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Pull out Resource Booklet 91121R from the centre of this booklet.

**You should attempt ALL the questions in this booklet.**

Answer in your choice of English, te reo Māori, and/or French. If you need more room for any answer, use the extra space provided at the back of this booklet.

Check that this booklet has pages 2–8 in the correct order and that none of these pages is blank.

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**Excellence**

**TOTAL 23**

## Page 1

Answer in your choice of English, te reo Māori, and / or French.

Make sure you have the paper Resource Booklet 91121R.

### QUESTION ONE: *Trouver un boulot n'est pas si simple* (Finding a job is not that easy)

Read Text A on page 2 of the resource booklet.

(a) Why does Jayden want a job?

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There are many reasons why Jayden would like a job including earning money and to have something to do on weekends. Jayden would wish to profit from his weekends by working part-time as sometimes he is bored and it would be a good use of time. Another advantage of having a job for Jayden would be to have enough money to go out and relax with friends, as sometimes group activities such as watching a movie or eating a meal can be expensive. The majority of his friends already have a little job in the neighborhood, and that even before finishing their exams. There could be some social pressure from Jayden's friends for him to be employed like them also. Jayden would like to find not just any which job, and instead earn at least than \$25 an hour despite his lack of experience.

(b) Why has finding a job been difficult for Jayden?

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To get a job, you could think it would suffice to demonstrate that you are responsible, however in reality it is much harder than you think which has been apparent in Jayden's experience. It is difficult to get a job outside of school hours. In addition, when you study like Jayden, no one has the right to employ you between 10 o'clock at night and 6 o'clock in the morning which is the majority of his free time. Although this rule protects youth so they can achieve a balance between their job and their studies, it also limits the opportunities Jayden has for employment. Also, many of Jayden's friends are employed in the neighbourhood which has reduced his accessibility to suitable jobs that work around student hours.

(c) Based on the passage, what advice would you give Jayden for his job search?

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Based off the text, I would recommend to Jayden that he talks to his friends. Since they are mostly employed, they will help him finding a starting point and offer him a lot of suggestions. Finding a job, it is not easy, especially on your own. They could explain to Jayden how to write a CV and advise him how to you express himself during an interview so he makes the right impression. Practicing with his friends could be a useful way to improve his communication and interpersonal skills, as getting along with others is important in the workplace. Nowadays, it is necessary to not be shy and instead actively seek out employment opportunities. For more success, I would recommend that Jayden knock on the doors of different shops and factories in his neighbourhood. He needs to manage himself and make an effort, rather than just waiting patiently for a job to come his way.

Furthermore, I would suggest Jayden take advantage from his father, Sammy, and learn from what his father remembers of his experience getting a job. Jayden and Sammy get along well together, with Sammy encouraging Jayden from his own personal experience. He never gets annoyed and they don't often argue which helps Jayden grow his confidence in a task that might initially seem quite daunting. Sammy will also teach Jayden to drive which will help him have more luck to get a job and a good salary. I would recommend that he gets his license as soon as possible, allowing him to travel further for a job as the opportunities might be limited in his small suburb, especially with many of his friends being employed there.

## Page 2

### QUESTION TWO: *Achetons de façon raisonnable* (Let's buy sensibly)

Read Text B on page 3 of the resource booklet.

(a) Why does Aria buy her clothes in second-hand shops?

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Aria believes there are many benefits to buying clothes in second hand shops including convenience, price and the environmental impact. Firstly, Aria lives very close to the shops which are no more than 3 kilometres away, meaning she can go there on foot and easily access clothes whenever she needs without hurting the planet. Furthermore, they have clothes at a good price which is why they are popular in the community as people can find new things relatively inexpensively. This is why Aria encourages Vianney to accompany her to the second hand shops in her neighbourhood to find clothes, as they are easily accessible and inexpensive as Aria doesn't want to spend all of her money. Aria also recognises that clothing from second hand shops is able to be used again and again, and she will be by a lot of pretty things which she will use many times after the party. Aria recognises that of course, these second hand shop clothes are old, but she thinks that they will be very useful to go to work after classes. The unpredictability of second hand shops also attracts Aria and there are things of great value to discover in these shops that may not be found online or marketed by major brands.

(b) What motivates Vianney to buy his clothes online?

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Vianney buys his clothes online as he has a particular taste and views clothing as a vessel for self-expression. He buys his things overseas, online and he prefers big brands which often have to be shipped from far away. Vianney recognises that this is a very expensive choice, especially for his parents as big brands and shipping can be very expensive. However, Vianney believes it is necessary to recognise that this cost means his clothes are of the best quality, are the most modern and will last for a long time. In his view, his way of dressing defines his identity as being in fashion for him is an marvellous feeling.

(c) Whose perspective do you agree with more, Aria's or Vianney's? Justify your answer using information from the passage.

B I U

I agree more with Aria's perspective as it has a better ecological impact whilst also being cheaper and more accessible. Since the shops are more accessible to Aria and she can walk there in less than 3 kilometres, she produces no greenhouse gas emissions. This starkly contrasts to the environmental impact that would come from ordering clothes from other countries that have to be shipped thousands of kilometres on boats or planes and then transported by trucks to houses which is a process that uses a lot of petrol and produces a lot of greenhouse gases.

Furthermore, there are several inconveniences for Vianney when he orders overseas. Because everything he buys is from other countries, they take a bit longer to arrive and they can get lost. Although this is a risk Vianney is willing to take, it may not be a good choice when he has an upcoming party and needs to buy clothing in a relatively short time span. It annoys Aria that the clothes that Vianney purchases from big brands sometimes come from under developed countries and people are exploited to make them. I do not support this idea and neither does Aria.

Another benefit of second hand shops is the cheaper price. Overseas clothing can be super expensive due to shipping and branding, whereas second hand shops have a lower price meaning you don't have to spend all of your money. It could be argued that ordering online from overseas is more convenient, however, second hand shops can also be ordered online in your city. Buying local is less expensive and if the clothes do not please you, you will be able to sell them and even make a profit.

Second hand shops also have a greater range and individuality. Of course, these second hand shop clothes are old, but that doesn't mean they are not unique and of value. Aria plans to use the pretty things she buys after the party and some clothes could even be used for working in the future. Thus Vianney could equally express himself with the fashion available in second hand shops.

## Page 3

### QUESTION THREE: *Une chanson pour se détendre (A song to relax)*

Read Text C on page 4 of the resource booklet.

(a) Why is Zara so happy?

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Zara is incredibly happy as one of her dreams has come true, getting tickets for the concert of her favourite artist, Benee. Since she got good results in her exams, Zara's aunt was proud of her and offered her tickets. Zara has two tickets for the concert booked for Saturday the 4th of June in a stadium in Christchurch. Zara's aunt knew that Zara has always dreamed to be present at one of Benee's concerts, so it was a deserving reward after all of the effort she put in. When Zara found out, she was very happy and she could not hold back from crying. Zara is excited to share the good news with her best friend Floyd, who she would really like to accompany her on this incredible adventure. Zara would really like to make Floyd discover Benee, promising him that the atmosphere at the concert will be awesome. Looking at safety, they do not need to worry, as no one is allowed to bring alcohol or drugs. Zara is looking forward to the concert as not only is she living one of her biggest dreams of seeing her favourite artist live, she will also spend wonderful moments together with her best friend.

(b) What do we learn from the text about Benee and her work?

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The text reveals a lot about Benee as an artist, not only in terms of her talent, but also considering her positive work in mental health. Benee became popular thanks to the social media platform TikTok several years ago. Her popularity is multi-faceted, on the one hand she has an exceptional voice, on the other hand she has a frank way to treat the subject of stress. Through her music she has not stopped helping others at fighting against stress, which is a growing problem amongst youth. Moreover, her latest song "Bagels", just downloaded by Aria which she recommends to Floyd, is scientifically made for relaxing. Benee collaborated with health associations and neuroscientists to make it, meaning it is backed up by research to ensure the best approach to fight stress. They tested the song on young people aged from 18 and 25 years old for studying the way that their bodies and their minds react. The results show that the people tested were more calm after listening to the song. This reveals that not only is Benee incredibly talented, but also conscious of the needs of young people and eager to create change and improve the mental health of others through her platform as an artist.

## Excellence

**Subject:** French

**Standard:** 91121

**Total score:** 23

Q	Grade score	Marker commentary
One	E8	The candidate demonstrated a thorough understanding of the text, and answered the question concisely, using the text to justify the response. The candidate demonstrated understanding of the implied meaning of the text, such as mentioning that Jayden may be experiencing social pressure, and Jayden's available hours restricting his employability.
Two	E7	The candidate answered the question thoroughly and concisely, demonstrating a clear understanding of the text. The candidate showed understanding of the implied meaning of the text, referencing the environmental impact of Vianney's choice, and the risk he takes of his clothing not arriving on time.
Three	E8	The candidate demonstrated a thorough understanding of all aspects of the text. The implied meaning was explored, referencing the song "Bagels" being backed up by scientific research, and Benee's awareness of, and contribution to the improvement of, mental health issues among youth.