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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  |
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| 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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Merit

TOTAL 16

**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?

Jayden sees the value of working part time over the weekend - working will make quite a bit of money for going out with his friends. He also wants something to do over this time, as 'Sometimes he gets bored.' By getting a job now, while still in highschool, Jayden can demonstrate how he is 'responsible' and 'honest' - qualities any future employer will be looking for. He also wants to gain more experience so that he can earn more money, as most places pay less than \$25 dollars an hour. His friends also all have jobs too, making him feel a bit left out.

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

Jayden's job search has been difficult for many reasons, one being the fact he is still in high-school. He has to fit it 'inside the



hours of highschool'. He also has to study for exams, he cannot work hours between 10pm - 6am in the morning. It is a 'rule put in place to protect the youth, so that there can be 'balance between work and school'. ~~this to~~ Jayden also 'lacks experience' a lot of employers are working for. This all makes it difficult to find a job that's a good fit.

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

From the passage, I would offer the following advice to Jayden. First, ask your friends to help you out! 'They can suggest plenty of ideas', as the article says, and if they're already working they may know someone who can help you. Second, 'you cannot be timid' - if you don't believe in yourself, your future employer won't either. Use magazines in your suburb/area too, they might have some opportunities for you. Figuring out the 'way you express yourself during the interview' is important - you want to leave your employer with a good impression. So write that CV, ask your friends, read magazines and prove you are a good future employee.



**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?

Aria prefers buying clothes second hand because they are a 'good price', and doesn't understand why it's not more popular. She can also repurpose the clothes for after the party. She's also very aware that many big brands make clothes in underdeveloped countries and 'exploit the workers', and she doesn't want to support that. She admits the clothes can sometimes be old, but are 'very useful to work in after her classes'.

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

Vianney likes to buy online from ~~time~~ big brands. He knows the choice is very expensive, but recognises the good quality that his clothes are because of it. His clothes are also important to his identity - he 'likes to be fashionable', and he feels as though online clothes help him express himself the best. He knows that by ordering online he runs the risk of not getting what he ordered, but he still takes it.



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

I agree more with Aria's op-shop choices. Yes, the clothes may be 'old' and not as fashionable as Vianney's, but many of the big brands he buys from will indulge in labour exploitation, and that is something I do not want to be complicit in. I understand Vianney wanting to fit in and be fashionable and trendy, but using 1 of a kind pieces from op-shops and developing your style is a lot cooler in my opinion. Like Aria says 'discover the value of op-shops) - you get your clothes instantly unlike you would online, they're cheaper, and you know exactly what you're getting.



**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?

Because Zara got 'good results on her exams', her aunt bought tickets for her and her best friend Floyd to go see her favourite artist Benee. She is 'holding back tears' as she types it. She's happy that her aunt is 'proud' of her good results, and even happier she gets to see her favourite artist at the Christchurch stadium.

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

Benee became popular on Tiktok because of her 'exceptional voice' and the 'frank manner of way she treats the subject of stress. Her song 'Bagels' was in collaboration with neuroscientists to help those who listened to the song lower their stress levels. They tested the song on people aged 18-25 to study 'the way the body handled stress', and then played the song. The results were unbelievable - they were more calm after the song had finished playing. Zara writes she is 'incredibly gifted', but Benee also cares for the mental health of those around her - she is incredibly kind.

## Merit

**Subject:** French

**Standard:** 91121

**Total score:** 16

| Q     | Grade score | Marker commentary   |
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| One   | M5          | <p>The candidate showed a good understanding of the text. The response was largely accurate. There was more detail that the candidate could have included, particularly in Q1(c), where the candidate misunderstood the section of the text about potential employers.</p> <p>The candidate touched on some of the implied meaning in the text, mentioning that Jayden felt a bit left out due to not having a job while his friends did.</p> |
| Two   | M6          | <p>The candidate showed a good understanding of the text and used it to justify their response. There was more detail that the candidate could have included for a higher score, such as the proximity of the shops for Aria, her money concerns, and Vianney's parents paying for the big brand clothing. The candidate did not explore the implied meaning of the text.</p>   |
| Three | M5          | <p>The candidate demonstrated a good understanding of the text. The text was used to justify the response. The candidate touched on some of the implied meaning in the text. There was more information in the text that the candidate could have expressed to attain a higher grade, such as Zara dreaming about seeing a Benee concert, the expected atmosphere of the concert, and Zara having downloaded Benee's latest song.</p>         |