Assessment Schedule – 2022

French: Demonstrate understanding of a variety of extended written and/or visual French texts (91546)

Assessment Criteria

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<i>Demonstrating</i> understanding involves making meaning of relevant information and varied perspectives in the texts.	Demonstrating clear understanding involves selecting relevant information and varied perspectives from the texts and communicating them unambiguously.	Demonstrating thorough understanding involves expanding on relevant information and varied perspectives, and communicating meanings or conclusions implied within the texts.
Responses as a whole show an understanding of the general meaning (gist) of the texts.	Responses as a whole show a clear understanding of the content of the texts. Information is selected and connected to provide responses supported by relevant detailed examples from the texts.	Responses as a whole show a comprehensive understanding of the content and underlying meaning of the texts, including nuance and meanings not obviously stated in the texts.

Evidence

N1	N2	A3	A4	M5	M6	E7	E8
Shows very little understanding and does not communicate the general meaning of the text.	Shows little understanding and does not communicate the general meaning of the text.	Demonstrates some understanding and communicates some of the general meaning of the text.	Demonstrates understanding and communicates the general meaning of the text.	Demonstrates clear understanding and unambiguously communicates some of the meaning by selecting and using relevant supporting detail from the text.	Demonstrates clear understanding and unambiguously communicates most of the meaning by selecting and using relevant supporting detail from the text.	Demonstrates thorough understanding and communicates some of the implied meanings by providing supporting detail from the text to justify conclusions.	Demonstrates thorough understanding and communicates most of the implied meanings by providing supporting detail from the text to fully justify conclusions.

NØ = No response; no relevant evidence.

Cut Scores

Not Achieved	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
0 – 7	8 – 12	13 – 18	19 – 24

Sample Evidence

What follows is not a complete list of all acceptable responses, nor is it an indication of the exact wording required.

Assessment judgments are based on the level of understanding shown, rather than knowledge of individual lexical items.

Quoting or direct translation alone are not sufficient evidence that the candidate understands the meaning of the text **clearly** or **thoroughly**.

The overall grade for a question must be judged after considering how much of the text as a whole has been understood, and to what depth. Refer to the Evidence statements above.

Question ONE	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
(a) Possible evidence showing understanding of why the authors have written this book	 So that people know how to buy clothes more responsibly. 	 To encourage people to become responsible consumers of fashion. 	 To share their expertise with people so that they can make good choices when buying clothes so that they become responsible consumers of fashion. To help people make up their own minds and develop a critical lens for buying clothes.
(b) Possible evidence showing understanding of how useful this book will be for people who want to shop more responsibly	 Very useful. It provides essential information you need to have when choosing clothes. It has good tips and teaches you how to recognise eco-friendly materials. The BISOU method helps people make purchases. 	 Very useful. It provides essential information to help readers make good choices in the purchase of an item of clothing. The authors realised there was a need to provide information about best practice in clothes buying. It is a precious tool to help readers create a responsible wardrobe, know how to recognise eco-friendly products. The BISOU method is an efficient way of validating a purchase. Translation of BISOU: B = need, I = immediately, S = similar, O = origin, U = use. It also teaches you how to care for your clothes to make them last longer. 	 Very useful. According to Vivienne Westwood the most important thing you can do for the planet is to buy less but buy quality. This book teaches you how to recognise eco-friendly materials. It provides easy-to-understand information to help you decode labels and know about materials. Explanation of why the authors did not just keep their label guide online. They put themselves in the place of a reader wanting to know what essential information would help them choose a garment well. The authors realised there was a lack of knowledge about labels and materials, and decided it was essential to bring together good practices to encourage responsible clothes buying. It enables readers to make enlightened – informed purchases with the knowledge they have gained. Explanation of BISOU method, e.g. origin – linked to poor workers' conditions in places where labour is cheap. Half the environment impact occurs after purchase, so a section on the care of clothes is important to make them last longer and be more sustainable.

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Question TWO	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
(a) Possible evidence showing understanding of the changes being made to metro tickets and why is this significant	• Paper tickets will no longer be sold.	 Paper tickets will soon no longer be sold. They have been in circulation for 121 years, despite technological advances. 	• Paper tickets will no longer be sold, after being replaced by a plastic card and an app / rechargeable magnetic card. This is significant as they have been part of the fabric of French life, having been sold for 121 years, and have so far survived almost all technological advances.
(b) Possible evidence showing understanding of whether this is a good idea	 Yes, because a lot of tickets are thrown on the ground. 1 in 10 tickets is lost or forgotten. Magnetic tickets don't work when they have been close to keys or money. Nowadays, we do everything on our phones. 	 There is too much wastage with paper tickets. 1 in 10 tickets, the equivalent of 165,000 tickets daily, are lost or forgotten. At least 5 million tickets become demagnetised and therefore unusable because of being close to keys or coins. There are lots of tourists in Paris and they will quickly throw away their card. There will be less waste, but the plastic card will take between 100 and 1000 years to decompose. People will have to make sure their phone is charged if they use the app so that they can access their ticket. Battery life can run out; internet connection is necessary. 	 Although there is wastage because one in 10 tickets isn't used because they are lost or forgotten, or even damaged because the magnetic strip no longer works after being in close proximity to keys or loose change, I think that the new system is bad for the environment, and makes life much more difficult for older people who have been used to the paper ticket and aren't necessarily able to use the smartphone app. Although people throw the paper tickets on the streets and parks in Paris, they take less time to decompose (two years) than a plastic card, which would also be thrown away, especially by the many tourists who visit Paris just for a short time. The plastic cards take between 100 and 1000 years to decompose. We rely on our phones for everything now, but this isn't a good thing. The environmental impact of a smartphone is huge, so keeping the paper tickets would be best, I think. The opposite argument is also possible, but a fully justified response is required, examining both points of view.

Question THREE	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
(a) Possible evidence showing understanding of the latest campaign by Tao Guides	The aim is to protect natural, unstable places from tourism.	• Their aim is simple: to protect natural, fragile places from the effects of tourism by making them unattractive.	• The latest campaign aims to create viral / online communication, making natural, fragile places unattractive to tourists, thereby protecting them, as tourists will not want to visit them.
(b) Possible evidence showing understanding of why this action is necessary and how effective it is likely to be	 The number of tourists around the world has grown to 1.5 billion. This has a terrible consequence for lots of places. The ecosystems of natural places will be destroyed. Most people search on the internet for reviews of places to visit. Tao Guides have posted negative comments about at-risk places to discourage people from visiting. 	 More and more people visit places around the world each year. There are 60 times more travellers than there were 70 years ago. The growing number of tourists will have a terrible effect on the hundreds of places that have, up to now, been protected from humans. The ecosystems of natural places will be destroyed, and species will be threatened. Since most people search reviews online when they are choosing a destination, Tao guides post negative comments on the most popular review sites. As well as discouraging travellers, they also provide advice for travellers to visit destinations reducing their environmental impact. 	 This campaign is important as it aims to protect natural, fragile places from tourism. The number of people visiting places all over the world has grown substantially. 1.5 billion tourists are predicted in 2023 – an increase of 60 times more people in 70 years. Using a viral communication campaign, the objective is simple: to protect natural, fragile places from tourism by making them unattractive. Otherwise, the growing number of tourists will have devastating effects on the hundreds of places which have, up to now, been protected from humans, resulting in natural places and ecosystems being destroyed, and species threatened. The campaign will be effective, as negative comments are posted on the most popular review sites, where most people seek reviews when choosing a destination. They have also chosen the natural places that are most at risk of being visited by a large number of tourists, which could cause damage to both ecosystems and species. They can sign up to a charter to actively protect the environment.