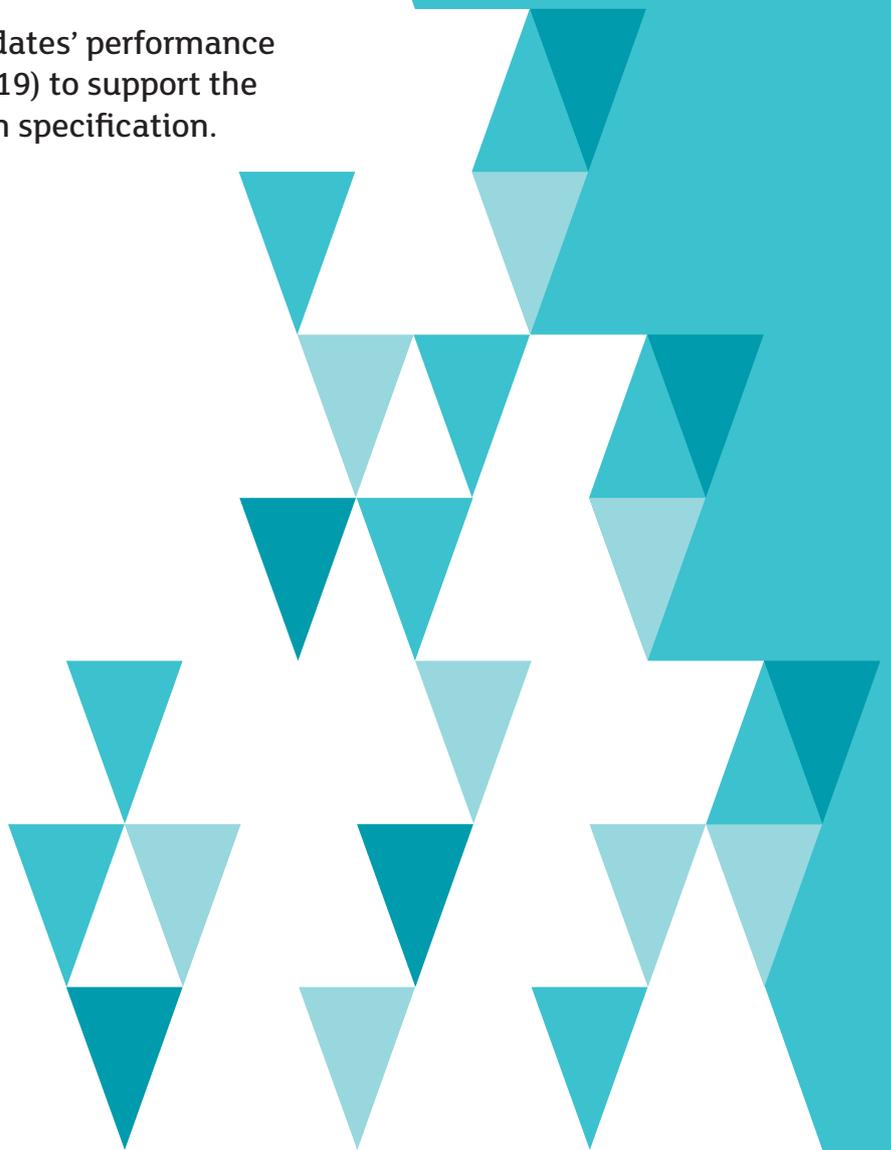


# GCSE



## CCEA GCSE Exemplifying Examination Performance French

This is an exemplification of candidates' performance in GCSE examinations (Summer 2019) to support the teaching and learning of the French specification.



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# EXEMPLIFYING EXAMINATION PERFORMANCE

## GCSE French

### Introduction

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Students' grade A responses are reproduced verbatim and accompanied by commentaries written by senior examiners. The commentaries draw attention to the strengths of the students' responses and indicate, where appropriate, deficiencies and how improvements could be made.

It is intended that the materials should provide a benchmark of candidate performance and help teachers and students to raise standards.

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Best wishes

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**GCSE: French**

**Unit 4: Writing**

**Grade: A Exemplar**



## Q1a School exchange



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You are participating in an exchange with a school in France.

Your French exchange partner is coming to stay with you and has asked for details about your family and your school.

Write a sentence for each answer.

Answer the questions **in French**.

Il y a combien de personnes dans ta famille? [2]

### Student's response

*Il y a cinq personnes dans ma famille.*

### Examiner's comments

Mark awarded 2/2

The response is fully communicated. There are no errors.

**Q1b** Quel âge as-tu? [2]

### Student's response

*J'ai seize ans.*

### Examiner's comments

Mark awarded 2/2

The response is fully communicated. There are no errors.

**Q1c** L'école commence à quelle heure le matin? [2]

### Student's response

*L'école commence à neuf heures.*

### Examiner's comments

Mark awarded 2/2

The response is fully communicated. There are no errors.

**Q1d** Qu'est-ce que tu fais pendant la récréation? [2]

### Student's response

*Pendant la récréation je fais mes devoirs dans la bibliothèque.*

### Examiner's comments

Mark awarded 2/2

The response is fully communicated. There are no errors.

**Q1e** Quel est le jour que tu préfères? [2]

### **Student's response**

*Le jour que je préfère est le Samedi.*

### **Examiner's comments**

Mark awarded 2/2

The response is fully communicated. There are no errors.

## Q2a Healthy lifestyle



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Your French friend, Marc, wants to know what you do to lead a healthy lifestyle. Write one sentence for each answer.

Answer his **five** questions **in French** in the spaces provided below.

Qu'est-ce que tu bois pour rester en forme? [2]

### Student's response

*Pour rester en forme je bois plein de l'eau.*

### Examiner's comments

Mark awarded 2/2

The response is fully communicated. There are very few errors.

**Q2b** Quels sont les fruits et légumes que tu aimes manger? [2]

### Student's response

*J'aime manger des fraises et des petits pois.*

### Examiner's comments

Mark awarded 2/2

The response is fully communicated. There are no errors.

**Q2c** Que penses-tu du fast-food? [2]

### Student's response

*Je deteste le fast-food car c'est très malsaine.*

### Examiner's comments

Mark awarded 2/2

The response is fully communicated. There are very few errors.

**Q2d** Quels sports as-tu faits récemment pour être en bonne santé? [2]

### Student's response

*Je joue au basket et je fais de la natation.*

### Examiner's comments

Mark awarded 0/2

The response is incorrect/inappropriate (an incorrect tense used twice).

**Q2e** Qu'est-ce que tu vas faire dans le futur pour vivre sainement? [2]

### **Student's response**

*Je vais aller au centre sportif pour vivre sainement.*

### **Examiner's comments**

Mark awarded 2/2

The response is fully communicated. There are no errors.

### Q3a New technology



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You are sending a message to your French friend about how you use new technology.

Translate the English sentences **into French**.

I have a new phone. [2]

### Student's response

*J'ai un portable nouvelle.*

### Examiner's comments

Mark awarded 2/2

The candidate has produced an accurate and competent translation. There are minor errors (position and gender of the adjective) but the meaning is clear.

**Q3b** I can talk with my friend. [2]

### Student's response

*Je peux parler avec mes amis.*

### Examiner's comments

Mark awarded 1/2

A fairly accurate and reasonably competent translation. There is some ambiguity: "mes amis".

**Q3c** I love to take photos. [2]

### Student's response

*J'adore prendre des photos.*

### Examiner's comments

Mark awarded 2/2

An accurate and competent translation. There are no errors.

**Q3d** I listen to music every day. [2]

### Student's response

*J'écoute de la musique tout les jours.*

### Examiner's comments

Mark awarded 2/2

An accurate and competent translation. There is one minor error ("tout" rather than "tous") but the meaning is clear.

**Q3e** The computer is useful for my homework. [2]

### Student's response

*L'ordinateur est utile pour mes devoirs.*

### Examiner's comments

Mark awarded 2/2

An accurate and competent translation. There are no errors.

**Q4** Choose **one** question from the three options provided and write your answer **in French**.

You **must** write **five** paragraphs.

You **must** include **all** bullet points.

**Q4a** Context 1:

Topic: Free time

Your French teacher has asked you to share your opinions on hobbies.

- Sports you participate in
- Music you enjoy
- Whether you prefer television or cinema
- A film you have seen recently
- A new hobby you would like to try [30]

**Question not exemplified**

#### **Q4b** Context 2:

Topic: Holidays

You are writing about holidays for French followers of your blog.

- The type of holiday you enjoy
- The type of accommodation you like
- Holiday activities you enjoy
- Details of a past holiday (e.g. a journey, weather)
- Your ideal holiday [30]

### **Student's response**

The type of holiday you enjoy

*J'adore aller à l'étranger pour mes vacances parce que je peux expérience des choses nouvelles. Aussi mes vacances préférées sont ceux que sont très chaud car j'adore me bronzer.*

The type of accommodation you like

*À mon avis les hôtels cinq étoiles sont les meilleurs parce que mon confort est presque garanti. Aussi il y a une gamme des choses à faire dans les hôtels, par exemple, une piscine pour faire de la natation.*

Holiday activities you enjoy

*Pendant mes vacances j'aime être très active alors je ferais de la planche à voile avec ma sœur où je jouerais au tennis avec mon père. Pour me détendre je vais à la plage avec ma mère et je me bronze. Je le trouve un bon moyen détendre.*

Details of a past holiday (e.g. a journey, weather)

*L'année dernière ma famille et moi sommes allées au Ghana pour notre grand vacances. Le vol a duré seize heures mais je ne pensai pas c'était trop long. Le temps faisait beau et il n'a plu que une fois. C'était chouette!*

Your ideal holiday

*Pour les vacances de mes rêves je logerais dans un hôtel cinq étoiles. Je voyagerais en première classe pour le vol. Pendant mon séjour je mangerais la nourriture délicieux dans le meilleur restaurant et j'achèterais beaucoup des vêtements de la mode. Ça serait une rêve devenue réalité.*

## Examiner's comments

The type of holiday you enjoy

Communication band awarded 5

The candidate has carried out the task effectively using clear and concise language, whilst displaying excellent knowledge of the topic, including unsolicited detail. The candidate has expressed and justified personal ideas and opinions.

Grammar and structures band awarded 5

The candidate's response is well organised and coherent. The candidate has attempted to use more complex language. The candidate has used a comprehensive range of vocabulary and structures. There are few errors and these are largely of a minor nature.

The type of accommodation you like

Communication band awarded 5

The candidate has carried out the task effectively using clear and concise language. The candidate also displays excellent knowledge of the topic by offering a lot of relevant information. The candidate has expressed and justified ideas and opinions.

Grammar and structures band awarded 5

The candidate's response has been written with a high level of competence and coherence. The candidate has attempted to use more complex language and displays the ability to manipulate language. The range of vocabulary and idiom used is excellent. There are very few errors and these are of a very minor nature.

Holiday activities you enjoy

Communication band awarded 5

The candidate has produced a clear, concise and fluid response, whilst displaying excellent knowledge of the topic. The candidate has expressed and justified ideas and opinions.

Grammar and structures band awarded 5

The candidate's response is well organised and coherent. The candidate has attempted to use more complex language. Two verbs are incorrectly in the conditional tense but there are few other errors. Overall, this is a threshold Band 5 performance.

Details of a past holiday (e.g. a journey, weather)

Communication band awarded 5

The candidate has again carried out the task effectively producing a clear, concise and fluid response. The use of two conditional tenses is incorrect but not significant enough to preclude this candidate accessing Band 5 for communication. The candidate displays excellent knowledge of the subject matter including a lot of relevant information. The candidate has expressed and justified ideas and opinions.

Grammar and structures band awarded 5

The candidate's response is written with a high level of organisation, competence and coherence. The candidate has attempted to use more complex language. The range of vocabulary and structures used is excellent, in particular the accurate use of a number of verbs in the perfect and imperfect tenses. There are very few errors and these are of a minor nature.

Your ideal holiday

Communication band awarded 5

The candidate has carried out the task effectively using clear and concise language appropriately. The candidate also displays excellent knowledge of the topic; the omission of a specific holiday destination does not adversely affect the communication mark as that particular detail was not specifically asked for. The candidate has expressed and justified ideas and opinions.

Grammar and structures band awarded 5

The candidate's response is well organised and coherent. The candidate has attempted to use more complex language, most notably a range of accurately used verbs (including regular and irregular verbs) in the conditional tense. The range of vocabulary, structures and idiom used is excellent. The few errors present are of a minor nature.

Overall bands/marks awarded

Communication band 5 20/20

The candidate has responded to the task set very effectively. The language used is clear throughout, producing a concise yet fluid response. The candidate displays excellent knowledge of all five parts of the question, including a lot of relevant information and, at times, unsolicited detail. Personal ideas and opinions are expressed and justified in all five parts of the response. In the main, inaccuracies are of a minor nature and do not impede communication. Overall, the candidate has produced an engaging response which is equally balanced against the bullet points.

Grammar and structures band 5 9/10

The candidate demonstrates the ability to write with a high level of competence and coherence within a highly organised and fluent response. Overall, there is an excellent range of appropriate vocabulary, structures and idiom. Spelling, punctuation and grammar are largely used accurately. Language is competently manipulated with most verbs and tenses being used appropriately. Errors are few in number and are largely of a minor nature.

**Q4c** Context 3:  
Topic: Part-time jobs

Your French assistant has offered to help you find a summer job in France and needs you to provide some information.

- Why you want to work in France
- Which part of France you want to work in
- The type of job you want and why you are suited to it
- What you did to help at home last week
- What you will do with the money you earn [30]

**Question not exemplified**

