1.8 The Pluperfect Tense for Narrating Sequences of Past Events: 10-minute Pack

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Total Marks

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Accents and the cedilla are used throughout; reproduce them correctly in your answers. Complete the tasks below in French where requested. Use full sentences where indicated. Time guidance: 10 minutes. Note: the pluperfect is higher-tier extension content within AQA GCSE French; foundation students should still be able to attempt auxiliary-choice and basic agreement items.

1 Choose the correct past participle to complete the pluperfect clause in this travel sentence: Nous avions déjà ____ la valise quand il a téléphoné (options: A mis, B allé, C venu). Name the correct option letter.

- ☐ A mis
- ☐ B allé
- ☐ C venu

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

2 Complete the pluperfect clause in this narrative about a school trip: Je ____ déjà déjeuné quand le bus est arrivé.

(Total for Question 2 is 1 mark)

3 Correct the two mistakes in this sentence about a meeting. The sentence should use the pluperfect for the earlier action and correct past-participle agreement where needed: "Elle avait allé déjà quand je suis arrivée." Rewrite the corrected clause or sentence in full.

(Total for Question 3 is 2 marks)

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4 Translate into French the sentence that requires the pluperfect to show the earlier past action: "By the time I arrived, they had already left." Provide a natural French sentence using the pluperfect.

(Total for Question 4 is 3 marks)

5 Combine these two English clauses into one French sentence that shows the correct sequence using the pluperfect for the earlier action and the perfect for the later action: "He had already finished the homework before his sister arrived." Produce one natural French sentence.

(Total for Question 5 is 4 marks)

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Question 1

A mis correctly chosen as the past participle of mettre, matching the context 'mettre la valise' (we had already packed/put the suitcase) **B1**

Answer: A mis

Question 2

avais correctly supplied as the imperfect auxiliary for j'avais déjà déjeuné **B1**

Answer: avais

Question 3

use of the correct auxiliary être instead of the incorrect 'allé' formation: elle était **B1**

correct past participle with feminine agreement: allée (so full pluperfect clause elle était déjà allée) **B1**

Answer: Elle était déjà allée quand je suis arrivée.

Question 4

correct auxiliary in imperfect of être for 'they' (ils/elles) supplied: ils/elles étaient **B1**

correct past participle with agreement if needed: partis/parties **B1**

full natural sentence: "Quand je suis arrivé(e), ils/elles étaient déjà partis/parties." or equivalent natural word order **B1**

Answer: Quand je suis arrivé, ils étaient déjà partis.

Question 5

pluperfect of finir correctly formed: il avait fini **B1**

later action correctly formed: avant que takes the subjunctive (avant que sa soeur n'arrive / soit arrivée); if quand is used instead, the perfect (quand sa soeur est arrivée) is credited **B1**

correct sequencing connector: avant que (+ subjunctive) / avant l'arrivée de sa soeur (quand is also acceptable) **B1**

full combined sentence e.g. "Il avait déjà fini ses devoirs avant que sa soeur n'arrive." **B1**

Answer: Il avait déjà fini ses devoirs avant que sa soeur n'arrive.

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