



FR.G8 The Pluperfect Tense for Narrating Sequences of Past Events

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Total Marks

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Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Accents have been omitted for print compatibility; write accents correctly in your answers. Complete the tasks below in French where requested. Use full sentences where indicated. Time guidance: 30 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** Complete the pluperfect clause in this narrative about a school trip: Je ____ deja dejeune quand le bus est arrive.

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

- 2** Complete the pluperfect clause in this family story: Avant de demenager, elle ____ deja vendu sa voiture.

(Total for Question 2 is 1 mark)

- 3** Complete the pluperfect clause in this narrative about arrival: Quand nous sommes arrives, le magasin ____ deja ferme.

(Total for Question 3 is 1 mark)

- 4** Complete the pluperfect clause in this story about a friend: Avant que je la voie, elle ____ deja quitte la bibliotheque.

(Total for Question 4 is 1 mark)

- 5 Complete the pluperfect clause in this short report about a match: Le joueur ____ deja marque deux buts avant la mi-temps.

(Total for Question 5 is 1 mark)

- 6 Choose the correct past participle to complete the pluperfect clause in this travel sentence: Nous avions deja ____ la valise quand il a telephone (options: A mis, B alle, C venu). Name the correct option letter.

- ☐ A mis
☐ B alle
☐ C venu

(Total for Question 6 is 1 mark)

- 7 Choose the correct past participle to complete the pluperfect clause in this family sentence: Elle avait deja ____ la lettre avant le diner (options: A ecrit, B parti, C tombe). Name the correct option letter.

- ☐ A ecrit
☐ B parti
☐ C tombe

(Total for Question 7 is 1 mark)

- 8 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 alle deja quand je suis arrivee." Rewrite the corrected clause or sentence in full.

(Total for Question 8 is 2 marks)

- 9 Spot and correct the past-participle agreement error where a preceding direct object requires agreement: "Les photos que j'avais pris etaient floues." Rewrite the corrected clause or sentence in full.

(Total for Question 9 is 2 marks)

- 10** Complete the pluperfect clause in this combined sequence. The second clause is in the perfect tense and is already given. Fill the left-hand pluperfect blank correctly: "_____ deja prepare le repas quand il a sonne a la porte." Write the auxiliary and participle needed for the pluperfect clause (two words).

(Total for Question 10 is 3 marks)

- 11** 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 11 is 3 marks)

- 12** Translate into French this two-clause sentence that sequences an earlier action (pluperfect) before a later past action (perfect): "After she had written the email, she called her manager." Provide a natural French translation using the pluperfect for the earlier action and passe compose for the later action.

(Total for Question 12 is 4 marks)

- 13** 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 13 is 4 marks)

14 Multiple choice: which full pluperfect sentence is correct for this context? 'When we reached the cinema, the film had already started.' Options: A Quand nous etions arrives, le film avait deja commence. B Quand nous sommes arrives, le film avait deja commence. C Quand nous arrivions, le film avait deja commence. Choose the best option letter.

- ☐ A Quand nous etions arrives, le film avait deja commence.
- ☐ B Quand nous sommes arrives, le film avait deja commence.
- ☐ C Quand nous arrivions, le film avait deja commence.

(Total for Question 14 is 2 marks)

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Question 1

- **B1** avais correctly supplied as the imperfect auxiliary for j'avais deja dejeune
- **Answer: avais**

Question 2

- **B1** avait correctly supplied as the imperfect auxiliary for elle avait deja vendu
- **Answer: avait**

Question 3

- **B1** avait correctly supplied as the imperfect auxiliary for le magasin avait deja ferme
- **Answer: avait**

Question 4

- **B1** avait correctly supplied as the imperfect auxiliary for elle avait deja quitte
- **Answer: avait**

Question 5

- **B1** avait correctly supplied as the imperfect auxiliary for avait deja marque
- **Answer: avait**

Question 6

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

Question 7

- **B1** A ecrit correctly chosen as the past participle of ecrire appropriate for 'la lettre'
- **Answer: A ecrit**

Question 8

- **B1** use of the correct auxiliary etre instead of the incorrect 'alle' formation: elle etait
- **B1** correct past participle with feminine agreement: allee (so full pluperfect clause elle etait deja allee)
- **Answer: Elle etait deja allee quand je suis arrivee.**

Question 9

- **B1** correct past participle agreement: prises (adding -es to pris to agree with les photos, feminine plural)
- **B1** full corrected sentence given: Les photos que j'avais prises etaient floues
- **Answer: Les photos que j'avais prises etaient floues.**

Question 10

- **B1** imperfect auxiliary correctly supplied: avait
- **B1** past participle correctly supplied: prepare (past participle of preparer is prepare)
- **B1** full logical combination implied: avait prepare correctly forming 'avait deja prepare le repas'
- **Answer: avait prepare**

Question 11

- **B1** correct auxiliary in imperfect of etre for 'they' (ils/elles) supplied: ils/elles etaient
- **B1** correct past participle with agreement if needed: partis/parties
- **B1** full natural sentence: "Quand je suis arrive(e), ils/elles etaient deja partis/parties." or equivalent natural word order
- **Answer: Quand je suis arrive, ils etaient deja partis.**

Question 12

- **B1** correct connector for sequencing: Apres qu' / Apres (avec infinitive if rephrased) or equivalent natural French phrasing
- **B1** pluperfect of écrire correctly formed: elle avait écrit
- **B1** perfect tense for appeler correctly formed: elle a téléphoné (or elle a appelé)
- **B1** full natural sentence given, for example: "Après qu'elle avait écrit le courriel, elle a téléphoné à son responsable."
- **Answer: Après qu'elle avait écrit le courriel, elle a téléphoné à son responsable.**

Question 13

- **B1** pluperfect of finir correctly formed: il avait fini
- **B1** perfect tense of arriver correctly formed for the later action: elle est arrivée
- **B1** correct sequencing connector: avant que / avant que sa sœur n'arrive / avant l'arrivée de sa sœur or 'avant que sa sœur n'arrive' rendered appropriately
- **B1** full combined sentence e.g. "Il avait déjà fini ses devoirs avant que sa sœur n'arrive."
- **Answer: Il avait déjà fini ses devoirs avant que sa sœur n'arrive.**

Question 14

- **B1** correct choice B selected which uses the perfect for the later action 'nous sommes arrivés' as in the context and the pluperfect 'le film avait déjà commencé' for the earlier action
- **B1** recognition that A uses étions (imperfect) which is odd with the perfect/pluperfect pairing here, and C uses arrivions which is imperfect and not the natural choice for a completed punctual arrival
- **Answer: B Quand nous sommes arrivés, le film avait déjà commencé.**