



FR.R11 Theme 3.1/3.2: School Life, Subjects and Daily Routine

AQA 8652 • Calculators not allowed • about 50 minutes

Total Marks

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Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Write full English sentences where asked. Note: accents have been omitted from the French texts for print compatibility; students should write accents correctly when required. Allow 50 minutes.

- 1** School blog post: 'Le college de la Source - mes matieres preferees' (match three subjects to translations). Text: "Au college j etudie les matieres suivantes: francais, mathematiques, histoire, sciences, EPS et dessin. J aime surtout le dessin parce que c est creatif." From the six French subjects given match the correct English translation for the three underlined in the blog: francais, dessin, EPS. Provide ONE answer per line.

(Total for Question 1 is 3 marks)

- 2** Reading comprehension: short school blog paragraph. Text: "Mon emploi du temps change tous les jours. Le lundi j ai francais, mathematiques, EPS et un atelier de musique. Le mercredi matin je n ai pas cours, j ai du temps pour faire mes devoirs. Les profs sont gentils mais il y a trop de regles parfois." Decide whether each statement about the blog is True, False or Not Mentioned. Statements: (a) The writer has music on Monday. (b) The writer has lessons on Wednesday morning. (c) The teachers are strict. (d) The timetable is the same every day.

(Total for Question 2 is 4 marks)

- 3** Timetable gap-fill task. Prompt shows a short school day timetable text: "Mon emploi du temps: 8h30 - 9h30: (1) _____. 9h40 - 10h40: (2) _____. 11h00 - 12h00: (3) _____. 14h00 - 15h00: (4) _____." Word bank: Histoire, Francais, Dejeuner, Mathematiques. Fill the FOUR gaps with the most natural options for a school day, using each word once.

(Total for Question 3 is 4 marks)

- 4** Short translation into English from a student forum post: "A mon ecole, il faut arriver a l'heure et on ne doit pas utiliser le telephone en classe." Translate this sentence into English.

(Total for Question 4 is 2 marks)

- 5** Short answer in English from a reading: 'Manon explique pourquoi elle n aime pas les sciences' Text excerpt: "Je n aime pas les sciences parce que je trouve les experiences difficiles et le professeur est trop severe. En plus, il y a beaucoup de devoirs apres les cours." Give TWO reasons why Manon does not like science. Write each reason in English on a separate line.

(Total for Question 5 is 2 marks)

- 6** Opinion matching. Text: Short student review: "J aime le francais parce que j adore lire, mais je deteste le sport parce que je suis nul en foot. Mon professeur de maths est sympa et explique bien." From the list of opinions below, tick the FOUR that match the student. Options: (a) The student enjoys reading. (b) The student loves PE. (c) The student is bad at football. (d) The maths teacher explains things well. (e) The student hates French. (f) The student thinks the maths teacher is unfriendly.

(Total for Question 6 is 4 marks)

- 7 True / False / Not Mentioned. Text: short comparison post: "En France, beaucoup de colleges n ont pas d uniforme, mais ici en Angleterre la plupart des ecoles en ont un. Les cours commencent generalement a 8h30 dans les deux pays." Decide: (a) French state schools usually have no uniform. (b) Most schools in England have a uniform, according to the post. (c) Classes start at 9am in both countries. Answer with True, False or Not Mentioned for each.

(Total for Question 7 is 3 marks)

- 8 Translate into English a short timetable sentence: "Le vendredi, j ai double cours de mathematiques le matin et une heure d anglais apres le dejeuner." Translate this sentence into English.

(Total for Question 8 is 3 marks)

- 9 Grammar gap-fill: Complete the classroom rule in French. Text: "Dans notre classe, on doit toujours _____ nos livres et _____ ses devoirs a l heure." Word bank: apporter, finir, respecter, rendre. Fill the TWO blanks with the most suitable verbs from the bank.

(Total for Question 9 is 3 marks)

- 10 Short comparison answer in English. Question: 'Give ONE difference mentioned between school in France and school in the UK from the comparison post.' Use the comparison text: "En France, beaucoup de colleges n ont pas d uniforme, mais ici en Angleterre la plupart des ecoles en ont un. Les cours commencent generalement a 8h30 dans les deux pays."

(Total for Question 10 is 2 marks)

- 11** Multiple choice: Which lesson is NOT mentioned in the short timetable text used earlier in Q3?
Options: A: Francais. B: Mathematiques. C: Sciences. D: Histoire. Circle the correct letter.

- ☐ A
☐ B
☐ C
☐ D

(Total for Question 11 is 1 mark)

- 12** Correct the mistake in this sentence from a student note: "Le professeur demande aux eleves rendre leurs devoirs demain." Rewrite the sentence correctly in French, fixing the verb structure error.

(Total for Question 12 is 1 mark)

- 13** Reading: short parent comment to school blog: "Mon fils commence a 8h30 mais il prefere quand les cours commencent a 9h00 parce qu il est toujours fatigue le matin. Les pauses sont importantes pour se concentrer." Question: According to the parent, give TWO things the child or parent prefers or thinks are important. Write each on its own line in English.

(Total for Question 13 is 4 marks)

- 14** Translate into English a short school notice: "Attention: le voyage scolaire partira a 7h30, alors les eleves doivent arriver au college avant 7h15. Les parents doivent signer l autorisation et payer la contribution avant vendredi." Translate this notice into English.

(Total for Question 14 is 4 marks)

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Question 1

- **B1** francais = French
- **B1** dessin = art / drawing
- **B1** EPS = PE / physical education
- **Answer: francais = French; dessin = art/drawing; EPS = PE (physical education)**

Question 2

- **B1** (a) True, because 'un atelier de musique' on lundi is mentioned
- **B1** (b) False, because 'Le mercredi matin je n ai pas cours' says there are no lessons
- **B1** (c) Not Mentioned, the blog says 'les profs sont gentils' not 'stricts'
- **B1** (d) False, because 'Mon emploi du temps change tous les jours' indicates it is not the same
- **Answer: (a) True. (b) False. (c) Not mentioned. (d) False.**

Question 3

- **B1** gap (1) Francais
- **B1** gap (2) Mathematiques
- **B1** gap (3) Dejeuner
- **B1** gap (4) Histoire
- **Answer: (1) Francais. (2) Mathematiques. (3) Dejeuner. (4) Histoire.**

Question 4

- **M1** correct rendering of 'il faut arriver a l'heure' as 'you must / it is necessary to arrive on time' or equivalent
- **A1** correct rendering of 'on ne doit pas utiliser le telephone en classe' as 'you must not use your phone in class' or equivalent natural English
- **Answer: At my school, you must arrive on time and you must not use your phone in class.**

Question 5

- **B1** Reason 1: The experiments are difficult / she finds experiments difficult
- **B1** Reason 2: The teacher is too strict OR there is too much homework after lessons (either second point from the text)
- **Answer: 1. She finds the experiments difficult. 2. The teacher is too strict. (Also accept: There is a lot of homework after lessons.)**

Question 6

- **B1** (a) True, 'j adore lire' shows enjoyment of reading
- **B1** (b) False, the student detests sport
- **B1** (c) True, 'je suis nul en foot' indicates they are bad at football
- **B1** (d) True, 'Mon professeur de maths est sympa et explique bien' indicates the teacher explains well
- **Answer: Tick: (a), (c), (d). Do not tick (b), (e), (f).**

Question 7

- **B1** (a) True, the post states 'beaucoup de colleges n ont pas d uniforme'
- **B1** (b) True, the post says 'ici en Angleterre la plupart des ecoles en ont un'
- **B1** (c) False, the post says courses start generally at 8h30, not 9h00
- **Answer: (a) True. (b) True. (c) False.**

Question 8

- **M1** correct rendering of 'Le vendredi' and 'j'ai double cours de mathématiques le matin' as 'On Fridays / On Friday, I have a double maths lesson in the morning' or equivalent
- **M1** correct rendering of 'et une heure d'anglais' as 'and one hour of English' or 'a one-hour English lesson'
- **A1** correct rendering of 'après le déjeuner' as 'after lunch'
- **Answer: On Friday, I have a double maths lesson in the morning and one hour of English after lunch.**

Question 9

- **B1** first blank: apporter (apporter nos livres = bring our books)
- **B1** second blank: rendre (rendre ses devoirs à 1 heure = hand in / return homework on time)
- **B1** both verbs must come from the bank and fit the sense; alternatives from the bank that are grammatically impossible are not credited
- **Answer: Dans notre classe, on doit toujours apporter nos livres et rendre ses devoirs à 1 heure.**

Question 10

- **B1** difference: French state schools often do not have a uniform whereas most schools in England do
- **B1** alternative wording accepted: 'In France many schools have no uniform; in England most schools have one.'
- **Answer: French schools often do not have a uniform, but most schools in England do.**

Question 11

- **B1** C is correct, Sciences was not listed in the Q3 timetable gaps final answer
- **Answer: C**

Question 12

- **B1** correct sentence: Le professeur demande aux élèves de rendre leurs devoirs demain. or Le professeur demande aux élèves qu'ils rendent leurs devoirs demain is acceptable but less natural
- **Answer: Le professeur demande aux élèves de rendre leurs devoirs demain.**

Question 13

- **B1** Preference 1: The child prefers lessons to start at 9am
- **B1** Preference 2: The child is always tired in the morning (accept as stated reason)
- **B1** Opinion 1: Breaks/pauses are important to concentrate
- **B1** Any two distinct points from the three earn 2 marks each, up to 4
- **Answer: 1. He prefers lessons to start at 9am. 2. Breaks are important for concentrating. (Also present: the child is always tired in the morning.)**

Question 14

- **M1** correct rendering of start time and instruction: 'the school trip will leave at 7:30' and 'pupils must arrive at school before 7:15' or equivalent
- **M1** correct rendering of 'Les parents doivent signer l'autorisation' as 'parents must sign the permission slip / authorisation'
- **M1** correct rendering of 'et payer la contribution' as 'and pay the contribution / fee'
- **A1** correct rendering of 'avant vendredi' as 'before Friday'
- **Answer: Notice: The school trip will leave at 7:30, so pupils must arrive at school before 7:15. Parents must sign the permission form and pay the contribution before Friday.**