5.14 Food, Family Celebrations and Regional Customs: 30-minute Pack

AQA 8652 · about 30 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Write full sentences where asked. Complete all questions in approximately 40 minutes.

1 Grammar warm-up: Correct the mistake in each short French sentence about family celebrations and write the corrected version. Context: pronoun placement and agreement. Provide one corrected sentence for each part.

(a) Sentence 1: "Ma mère le offre un cadeau." (mother gives him a present) **(1)**

(b) Sentence 2: "On leur le offre après le repas." (we give it to them after the meal) **(1)**

(c) Sentence 3: "Elle nous le sert hier soir." (she served it to us last night) **(1)**

(Total for Question 1 is 3 marks)

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2 Grammar multiple choice: Choose the correct French phrase to complete the sentence about a habitual custom in the past. Context: using the imperfect tense for traditional habits.

(a) When I was a child we used to have family dinners every Sunday: "Quand j'étais petit, nous ____ le dimanche." **(1)**

- ☐ A. avons dînée
- ☐ B. dînions
- ☐ C. dînerons

(b) They used to give a small cake at baptisms: "On ____ un petit gâteau au baptême." **(1)**

- ☐ A. offrait
- ☐ B. a offert
- ☐ C. offrira

(c) In that region they always used to serve couscous on Sundays: "Là-bas, on ____ toujours du couscous le dimanche." **(1)**

- ☐ A. servait
- ☐ B. sert
- ☐ C. servira

(Total for Question 2 is 3 marks)

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3 Short text translation into French. Traduisez le texte suivant en français. Context: short English passage describing a family Christmas evening and a typical dish. Write in natural French, using appropriate tense and pronouns. Passage (5 sentences): "At Christmas we always stay at my aunt's house. She used to make a big fondue for the whole family. We used to open presents after the meal. She gives everyone a small slice of cake. This year we are going to eat at our grandparents house."

(Total for Question 3 is 10 marks)

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4 Short text translation into English. Traduisez le texte suivant en anglais. Context: French passage about a first communion and gifts. Passage (5 sentences): "Pour la première communion, la famille se réunissait à l'église. On lui offrait souvent une montre ou un chapelet. Après la cérémonie, il y avait un petit repas chez les grands-parents. Quand j'étais petit, je recevais toujours des vêtements en cadeau. Cette année, mes parents vont organiser un repas chez nous."

(Total for Question 4 is 10 marks)

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5 Short grammar item: Give the correct French indirect object pronoun to complete the sentence. Context: 'They offer him a present' = Ils ____ offrent un cadeau.

(Total for Question 5 is 1 mark)

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6 Short vocabulary multiple choice: Which French word means 'slice' as in a slice of cake? Context: describing serving portions at a birthday. Options: A. tranche B. morceau C. cuillère

- ☐ A. tranche
- ☐ B. morceau
- ☐ C. cuillère

(Total for Question 6 is 1 mark)

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Question 1

(a) correct sentence with proper indirect object pronoun placement: Ma mère lui offre un cadeau. **B1**

(a) Answer: Ma mère lui offre un cadeau.

(b) correct pronoun order fixed, direct object before indirect object: On le leur offre après le repas. **B1**

(b) Answer: On le leur offre après le repas.

(c) correct past tense placement: Elle nous l'a servi hier soir. or Elle nous l'a servie hier soir. depending on gender of object **B1**

(c) Answer: Elle nous l'a servi hier soir.

Question 2

(a) select imperfect of dîner for a repeated past habit: nous dînions **B1**

(a) Answer: B

(b) select imperfect offrait for a habitual past action **B1**

(b) Answer: A

(c) select imperfect servait for habitual past **B1**

(c) Answer: A

Question 3

At Christmas we always stay at my aunt's house: A correct French rendering using Noël / à Noël and rester / passer la nuit chez ma tante or rester chez ma tante with toujours **B1**

She used to make a big fondue for the whole family: correct imperfect for used to make (faisait) and mention fondue pour toute la famille **B1**

We used to open presents after the meal: correct imperfect ouvrions or on ouvrait and après le repas **B1**

She gives everyone a small slice of cake: present tense donne / offre à tous une petite part de gâteau **B1**

This year we are going to eat at our grandparents house: futur proche or present with nous allons manger chez nos grands-parents cette année **B1**

correct use of pronouns and possessives consistent with chosen subjects (ma tante, nous, elle, nos grands-parents) **B1**

accurate vocabulary: fondue, cadeaux, repas, part de gâteau, Noël, cette année **B1**

correct word order and basic agreement (petite part de gâteau, toute la famille) **B1**

coherent sentence structure and readable French with no major tense errors **B1**

minor spelling errors tolerated if meaning remains clear, but accents must be supplied by candidate in final exam **B1**

Answer: A model answer: À Noël, nous restons toujours chez ma tante. Elle faisait une grande fondue pour toute la famille. Nous ouvrions les cadeaux après le repas. Elle donne à tout le monde une petite part de gâteau. Cette année, nous allons manger chez nos grands-parents.

Question 4

Pour la première communion, la famille se réunissait à l'église: correct rendering 'For the first communion, the family used to gather at the church' or 'the family would gather at church' **B1**

On lui offrait souvent une montre ou un chapelet: 'They often gave him/her a watch or a rosary' capturing indirect object **B1**

Après la cérémonie, il y avait un petit repas chez les grands-parents: 'After the ceremony there was a small meal at the grandparents house' **B1**

Quand j'étais petit, je recevais toujours des vêtements en cadeau: 'When I was little I always received clothes as presents' using past habitual **B1**

Cette année, mes parents vont organiser un repas chez nous: 'This year my parents are going to organise a meal at our house' using near future **B1**

correct translation of reflexive/reunion forms and accurate sense for se réunissait (imperfect) **B1**

capture of indirect object pronoun lui as 'him/her' where gender unspecified **B1**

accurate translation of cultural terms: chapelet = rosary, repas = meal, la première communion = first communion **B1**

natural English phrasing and tense consistency **B1**

minor orthography or article differences tolerated if meaning clear **B1**

Answer: A model answer: For the first communion, the family used to gather at the church. They often gave him/her a watch or a rosary. After the ceremony there was a small meal at the grandparents house. When I was little I always received clothes as presents. This year my parents are going to organise a meal at our house.

Question 5

correct pronoun 'lui' supplied: Ils lui offrent un cadeau. **B1**

Answer: lui

Question 6

select A tranche as correct translation of 'slice' when referring to cake or bread **B1**

Answer: A

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