2.10 Festivals and Celebrations in French-Speaking Countries: 30-minute Pack

AQA 8652 · about 30 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Use full sentences for translation tasks where asked. Time guidance: 30 minutes.

1 Écrivez environ 90 mots en français sur une fête que vous aimez. Mentionnez : la fête et la date ou la saison ; ce que vous faites normalement ; ce que vous avez fait l'année dernière ; pourquoi vous aimez cette fête.

(Total for Question 1 is 12 marks)

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2 Complétez: Fill the blanks in the festival descriptions using the word bank. Context: vocabulary for how festivals are celebrated in francophone countries.

(a) On célèbre Noël le 25 _____. **(1)**

(b) Pour la Chandeleur on fait des _____. **(1)**

(c) À Pâques on cherche des _____ en chocolat. **(1)**

(d) Au Carnaval les gens se _____ en personnages et portent des masques. **(1)**

(e) Le 14 juillet il y a un grand _____ militaire dans les rues de Paris. **(1)**

(f) Au Québec on a l'habitude de faire des feux et des grandes _____ pendant certains festivals. **(1)**

(g) À l'Épiphanie on mange la _____ des rois pour trouver la petite figurine. **(1)**

(h) Pendant les feux d'artifice on admire les _____ dans le ciel la nuit. **(1)**

(Total for Question 2 is 8 marks)

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3 Traduisez: Translate each French sentence about festivals into natural English. Context: short statements describing when and how events are celebrated.

(a) On fête la Chandeleur en faisant des crêpes en famille. **(2)**

(b) Les enfants cherchent des œufs en chocolat pour Pâques au parc. **(2)**

(c) À Québec il y a des carnavals d'hiver avec des sculptures de glace. **(2)**

(d) Le défilé du 14 juillet est souvent à la télévision nationale. **(2)**

(e) On se déguisait autrefois pour certaines fêtes en Afrique francophone. **(2)**

(f) Nous avons l'habitude de regarder les feux d'artifice après le repas de famille. **(2)**

(Total for Question 3 is 12 marks)

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Mark scheme · 2.10 Festivals and Celebrations in French-Speaking Countries: 30-minute Pack

Question 1

Content (AO3)

Level 1 Some relevant information is communicated, but ideas are simple or partly unclear. **1-2**

Level 2 Relevant information is communicated clearly, with some opinions or reasons. **3-4**

Level 3 A clear response covers the bullet points with developed ideas, opinions and reasons. **5-6**

Range and accuracy (AO3)

Level 1 Limited vocabulary and simple structures. Errors may often impede communication. **1-2**

Level 2 Some variety of vocabulary and structures. Errors are present but meaning is usually clear. **3-4**

Level 3 Good variety of GCSE vocabulary and structures, with generally accurate verbs and agreements. **5-6**

Indicative content:

- Names a relevant festival such as Noël, l'Épiphanie, la Chandeleur, le Carnaval or le 14 juillet.
- Describes usual activities using present tense vocabulary accurately.
- Includes at least one past event using the perfect or imperfect tense.
- Gives opinions and reasons with appropriate adjectives and connectives.
- Uses accurate agreements for festival vocabulary, dates and family members.

Question 2

(a) Correctly fills 'décembre' to complete the date **B1**

(a) Answer: décembre

(b) Correctly fills 'crêpes' or 'crêpe' (plural accepted) as the food eaten **B1**

(b) Answer: crêpes

(c) Correctly fills 'œufs' for chocolate eggs **B1**

(c) Answer: œufs

(d) Correctly fills 'déguisent' (se déguiser) conjugated to match 'les gens' implicit plural **B1**

(d) Answer: déguisent

(e) Correctly fills 'défilé' to name the parade **B1**

(e) Answer: défilé

(f) Correctly fills 'célébrations' or 'fêtes' but 'fêtes' preferred; accept 'fêtes' **B1**

(f) Answer: fêtes

(g) Correctly fills 'galette' to refer to the Epiphany cake **B1**

(g) Answer: galette

(h) Correctly fills 'lumière(s)' or 'couleurs'; accept 'lumière' or 'lumières' or 'couleurs' **B1**

(h) Answer: lumières

Question 3

(a) Either 'We/people celebrate Candlemas by making crêpes with family' or 'Candlemas is celebrated by making crêpes with the family' conveying meaning **B1**

(a) Reference to family and crêpes included accurately **A1**

(a) Answer: Candlemas is celebrated by making crêpes with the family.

(b) Correct sense: Children look for chocolate eggs at Easter in the park **B1**

(b) Place 'in the park' and 'chocolate eggs' correctly expressed **A1**

(b) Answer: The children search for chocolate eggs for Easter in the park.

(c) Reference to Quebec winter carnivals and ice sculptures **B1**

(c) Correct translation of 'sculptures de glace' and 'carnavals d'hiver' **A1**

(c) Answer: In Quebec there are winter carnivals with ice sculptures.

(d) Correctly conveys that the 14 July parade is often on national television **B1**

(d) Includes 'often' and 'national television' in the translation **A1**

(d) Answer: The 14 July parade is often on national television.

(e) Correct use of past habitual: people used to dress up for some festivals in francophone Africa **B1**

(e) Includes location and idea of dressing up for festivals **A1**

(e) Answer: People used to dress up for certain festivals in francophone Africa.

(f) Uses habitual present: we usually watch the fireworks after the family meal **B1**

(f) Includes 'after the family meal' and 'watch fireworks' correctly **A1**

(f) Answer: We usually watch the fireworks after the family meal.

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