



FR.W11 My Studies and Life at School or College

AQA 8652 • Calculators not allowed • about 50 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Write full sentences for translation and reading answers where required. Accents have been omitted for print compatibility; write accents correctly in your written French. Allow 50 minutes.

- 1** Translate into English: Je choisis les sciences parce que c'est interessant et utile.

(Total for Question 1 is 2 marks)

- 2** Translate into English: Mon professeur de maths est tres severe mais il explique bien.

(Total for Question 2 is 2 marks)

- 3** Translate into English: Nous avons organise une sortie scolaire la semaine derniere.

(Total for Question 3 is 2 marks)

- 4** Translate into English: L'ecole commence a neuf heures et finit a quinze heures trente.

(Total for Question 4 is 2 marks)

- 5** Translate into French: My English teacher gave us too much homework yesterday.

(Total for Question 5 is 2 marks)

6 Translate into French: We go to the library every Tuesday after school.

(Total for Question 6 is 2 marks)

7 Translate into French: Last week I played football with my classmates and we won.

(Total for Question 7 is 3 marks)

8 Choose the correct translation into English for: 'Le laboratoire est plus petit que la salle de sport.'

- ☐ A The laboratory is smaller than the sports hall.
- ☐ B The laboratory is bigger than the sports hall.
- ☐ C The laboratory is the smallest room.
- ☐ D The laboratory is next to the sports hall.

(Total for Question 8 is 1 mark)

9 Correct the mistake in this French sentence: 'Les eleves doit porter l'uniforme complet.'

(Total for Question 9 is 1 mark)

10 Complete the gap with the correct present tense form of finir: 'Il _____ les devoirs avant le diner.'

(Total for Question 10 is 2 marks)

11 Read the short passage about school life and answer the questions in English. Passage: 'Dans mon école il y a environ sept cents élèves. J'étudie six matières cette année: anglais, français, histoire, mathématiques, biologie et techno. Mon professeur d'histoire est sympa et explique bien, mais la prof de techno est très sévère. À midi je mange à la cantine avec mes amis. Hier nous avons participé à un concours de sciences et nous avons gagné une coupe pour notre collège.'

- (a) How many pupils are there at the school? (1)
- (b) List two subjects the student studies this year. (1)
- (c) Which teacher is described as 'très sévère'? (1)
- (d) Where does the student eat at midday? (1)
- (e) What did they win at the science competition yesterday? (1)
- (f) Give one opinion the student has about a teacher and the reason. (1)

(Total for Question 11 is 6 marks)

12 Translate this short French passage into English. Passage: 'Cette annee j'ai commence un nouveau club apres le college: le club de theatre. Nous pratiquons chaque semaine et la semaine derniere nous avons joue une courte piece pour les parents. C'etait fatigant mais tres amusant et mes amis ont adore.'

(a) Cette annee j'ai commence un nouveau club apres le college: (2)

(b) le club de theatre. Nous pratiquons chaque semaine (2)

(c) et la semaine derniere nous avons joue une courte piece pour les parents. (3)

(d) C'etait fatigant mais tres amusant et mes amis ont adore. (2)

(Total for Question 12 is 9 marks)

- 13** Foundation short writing task (photo-based): Look at a photo of pupils in the school library working together. Write about 90 words in French including these three bullet points: 1) what you and your friends are doing in the library, 2) why you like or dislike studying there, 3) one thing you did there last week. Write accents correctly on your paper although the task text omits them.

(Total for Question 13 is 15 marks)

- 14** Higher structured writing task: You must write about 150 words in French. Include these four bullet points: 1) describe your school day and subjects you study, 2) explain what extra-curricular activities you do, 3) give a justified opinion about the school rules or the uniform, and 4) say what you will do next term to improve at school. Use at least two tenses. Write accents correctly on your paper although the task text omits them.

(Total for Question 14 is 15 marks)

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Question 1

- **M1** correct rendering of Je choisis les sciences: I choose/I am choosing science(s)
- **A1** because it is interesting and useful
- **Answer: I choose (or I am choosing) science because it is interesting and useful.**

Question 2

- **M1** Mon professeur de maths correctly rendered: my maths teacher
- **A1** is very strict but explains things well, or is very strict but he explains well
- **Answer: My maths teacher is very strict but he explains things well.**

Question 3

- **M1** perfect tense correctly rendered: we organised / we have organised
- **A1** a school trip last week
- **Answer: We organised a school trip last week. (oe: We have organised a school trip last week.)**

Question 4

- **M1** correct rendering of start time: school starts at nine o'clock / at 9:00
- **A1** correct rendering of finish time: and finishes at 3:30 / at half past three
- **Answer: School starts at nine o'clock and finishes at 3:30 / half past three.**

Question 5

- **M1** correct subject and verb in perfect tense: Mon professeur d'anglais nous a donne or Mon professeur d'anglais m'a donne if singular object
- **A1** trop de devoirs hier correctly expressed
- **Answer: Mon professeur d'anglais nous a donne trop de devoirs hier.**

Question 6

- **M1** present tense nous allons or nous allons a la bibliotheque correctly used
- **A1** tous les mardis apres l'ecole / every Tuesday after school expressed
- **Answer: Nous allons a la bibliotheque tous les mardis apres l'ecole.**

Question 7

- **M1** time phrase in past: la semaine derniere
- **M1** perfect tense with jouer: j'ai joue au football avec mes camarades or mes camarades de classe
- **A1** and we won: et nous avons gagne
- **Answer: La semaine derniere j'ai joue au football avec mes camarades et nous avons gagne.**

Question 8

- **B1** A selected: correct comparative translation
- **Answer: A**

Question 9

- **B1** correct verb agreement: Les eleves doivent porter l'uniforme complet.
- **Answer: Les eleves doivent porter l'uniforme complet.**

Question 10

- **M1** correct present form finit
- **A1** sentence reads: Il finit les devoirs avant le diner.
- **Answer: Il finit les devoirs avant le diner.**

Question 11

- (a) **B1** seven hundred pupils or about 700 pupils
- **(a) Answer: About seven hundred pupils.**
- (b) **B1** any two of: English, French, history, maths, biology, design technology
- **(b) Answer: For example: English and history.**
- (c) **B1** the design technology teacher / the technology teacher
- **(c) Answer: The technology teacher (the tech teacher).**
- (d) **B1** in the canteen with friends / at the school canteen
- **(d) Answer: In the canteen with friends.**
- (e) **B1** a cup/trophy for their school
- **(e) Answer: They won a cup / a trophy for their school.**
- (f) **B1** the history teacher is nice and explains well or the tech teacher is very strict
- **(f) Answer: The history teacher is nice and explains well.**

Question 12

- (a) **B1** This year I started a new club after school
- (a) **B1** recognition that it is the theatre club as the context continues (partial credit if later text gives clarity)
- **(a) Answer: This year I started a new club after school.**
- (b) **B1** the theatre club
- (b) **B1** We practise every week / we rehearse every week
- **(b) Answer: The theatre club. We practise every week.**
- (c) **B1** and last week we performed/played a short play
- (c) **B1** for the parents
- (c) **B1** perfect tense recognised: we performed last week (nous avons joué)
- **(c) Answer: And last week we performed a short play for the parents.**
- (d) **B1** It was tiring but very fun
- (d) **B1** and my friends loved it / my friends adored it
- **(d) Answer: It was tiring but very fun and my friends loved it.**

Question 13

- **M1** Content: mention activity with friends in the library (B1)
- **M1** Content: state a reason for liking or disliking the library (B1)
- **M1** Content: include one thing done there last week (B1)
- **M1** Content: include details or an extra sentence about the school context (eg books, silence, ressources)
- **M1** Content: use at least one time phrase correctly (eg la semaine dernière)
- **M1** Content: inclusion of opinion phrase (eg j'aime / je n'aime pas) with justification
- **M1** Content: reference to friends (mes amis, avec mes camarades) to show interaction
- **M1** Content: attempt to organise into more than one short paragraph or clear sentences
- **M1** Content: vocabulary relevant to school and library used correctly (eg livres, ordinateurs, recherches)
- **M1** Content: overall coherence and communication of the three bullet points
- **M1** Accuracy: use of present tense verbs with mostly correct conjugation
- **M1** Accuracy: correct basic agreement of adjectives and nouns in at least two places
- **M1** Accuracy: correct use of a past time phrase or perfect tense for 'last week' reference
- **M1** Accuracy: correct use of common prepositions (a, dans, avec) in more than one sentence
- **M1** Accuracy: spelling mostly correct, limited errors that do not impede communication

Question 14

- **Level 1** (1-3): Basic communication of a few simple ideas, limited vocabulary and frequent errors, little control of tenses
- **Level 2** (4-6): Some clear communication, vocabulary for school and activities, some attempt at different tenses, noticeable errors but message generally clear
- **Level 3** (7-9): Clear, organised communication covering most bullet points, use of at least two tenses with reasonable control, good range of school-related vocabulary and opinions, some lapses in accuracy
- **Level 4** (10-15): Detailed and convincing response, well developed justification of opinion, secure use of multiple tenses and varied structures, wide vocabulary and good accuracy overall
- **Indicative content:**
 - Describe the school day: start and finish times, number and names of subjects, favourite and least favourite subjects
 - Extra-curricular activities: club names, frequency, what you do and who you do it with
 - Justified opinion about rules or uniform: give a clear view with reasons and examples, mention fairness, comfort, identity, or discipline
 - Plans for next term: near future or simple future tense (je vais, je vais essayer, je voudrais), study strategies, attend extra classes, ask teachers for help
 - Use at least two tenses: present, perfect (j'ai participe), near future (je vais faire) or simple future (je ferai)
 - Range of language: comparatives (plus interessant que), connectives (parce que, cependant), opinion phrases (a mon avis, selon moi)
 - Accuracy: correct agreement, verb forms, basic punctuation and accents on candidate paper