6.8 Customs, Festivals and Celebrations in the French-Speaking World: 10-minute Pack

AQA 8652 · about 10 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Accents and the cedilla are used throughout; reproduce them correctly in your answers. Full sentences are required for translation and writing tasks. Time guidance: 10 minutes.

1 Multiple choice: Which French word completes the sentence describing a repeated past action: 'Quand j'étais petit, nous ____ toujours des feux d'artifice le soir.' Options: A) avons vu B) voyions C) verrons D) voir. Context: choose the correct imperfect form.

- ☐ A) avons vu
- ☐ B) voyions
- ☐ C) verrons
- ☐ D) voir

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

2 Correct the mistake: 'Nous allons assister à la parade hier.' Context: student wrote a sentence mixing future structure with a past time expression.

(Total for Question 2 is 1 mark)

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3 Translate into English: 'Le 14 juillet, nous assistons au feu d'artifice sur la place du village.' Context: describing Bastille Day celebrations in a small French town.

(Total for Question 3 is 2 marks)

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4 Foundation short writing task (photo-based): Look at the photo of a small local carnival (assume an image showing people in costume, food stalls, and families watching a parade). Write about the carnival in about 90 words in French. Include: 1) a description of what is happening in the photo; 2) what you and your family did there last year; 3) what you will do if you go next year. Context: use present, perfect and near-future tenses. Mark on content and accuracy.

(Total for Question 4 is 8 marks)

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Question 1

choice B, voyions, the imperfect of voir to indicate repeated past action	**B1**

Answer: B

Question 2

correct version using past tense: Nous avons assisté à la parade hier. or Hier, nous avons assisté à la parade.	**B1**

Answer: Nous avons assisté à la parade hier. (oe: Hier, nous avons assisté à la parade.)

Question 3

correct rendering of le 14 juillet as Bastille Day or the 14th July	**M1**
we watch/attend the fireworks on the village square, e.g. we watch the fireworks on the village square	**A1**

Answer: On Bastille Day we watch the fireworks on the village square. (oe: On the 14th July we watch the fireworks on the village square.)

Question 4

Content point: description of the photo (who and what is happening) included	**M1**
Content point: reference to costumes or parade	**M1**
Content point: mention of food stalls or traditional food	**M1**
Content point: what you and your family did last year (past tense)	**M1**
Content point: a future plan if you go next year (futur proche)	**M1**
Language accuracy: mostly correct verbs in present, perfect and near future (basic agreement and tense)	**M1**
Language accuracy: vocabulary and simple connectives correct	**M1**
Language accuracy: spelling and sentence structure mostly correct for Foundation level	**M1**

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