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FRENCH

Paper 02 – General Proficiency

FREE RESPONSE

2 hours 15 minutes

READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

1. This paper comprises FOUR sections. Answer ALL questions in EACH section.
2. Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet.
3. Do NOT write in the margins.
4. If you need to rewrite any answer and there is not enough space to do so on the original page, you must use the extra lined page(s) provided at the back of this booklet. Remember to draw a line through your original answer.
5. **If you use the extra page(s) you MUST write the question number clearly in the box provided at the top of the extra page(s) and, where relevant, include the question part beside the answer.**

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SECTION I

DIRECTED SITUATIONS

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.

1. Write in FRENCH the information required for EACH of the situations given below. Do NOT write more than one sentence for each situation. For some situations a complete sentence may not be necessary. Do NOT translate the situations given. Do NOT use abbreviations. WRITE EACH ANSWER IN THE SPACES PROVIDED.

YOU WILL BE PENALIZED FOR DISREGARDING THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

(a) You leave a note for your fruit and vegetable vendor stating one item you would like to have. What does your note say?

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(3 marks)

(b) You are unable to attend an event to which you have been invited. Write a note expressing regret and giving a reason for not attending.

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(c) You watch a lady park her car in front of a sign which indicates that parking in that area is prohibited. What does the sign say?

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(d) You send a card extending birthday greetings to a particular relative. What do you write?

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(e) Your friend sends you an email thanking you for a gift on a special occasion. What does the message say?

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(f) Your French teacher is away from school and sends a note stating what specific work must be done in his absence. What does the note say?

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(g) You are going to be late returning home from school. Write a note to your mother explaining why you will be late.

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(h) Your house guest leaves you a note asking for directions to a specific location. What does the note say?

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(i) You send a note to a new student inviting him/her to go out. What do you write?

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(j) Your parents propose an activity for the weekend. Write a note expressing your disagreement and suggesting an alternative.

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(3 marks)

Total 30 marks

SECTION II

LETTER

2. Use the following outline as a guide to write a letter of NO MORE THAN 130–150 words in FRENCH. Use the tenses appropriate to the topic which you have chosen.

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You have just returned from an exchange visit to Martinique. Write to your brother who is studying in Montréal to tell him about your experience.

(i) Details about your trip (departure from your country, arrival in Martinique)

(ii) Details about your host and his/her family

(iii) An amusing or embarrassing incident during your stay

(iv) Why you would recommend a similar exchange to your friends

(Do NOT write your real name and address, but include the date in FRENCH and use an appropriate beginning and ending.)

Total 30 marks

SECTION III

CONTEXTUAL DIALOGUE

3. Use 80–100 words to complete the dialogue between you and the interviewer, by giving your responses in FRENCH.

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You are required to go to the French embassy to participate in an interview to attend a training course in a French-speaking country. You arrive late.

Responses to ALL of the cues listed below MUST be included in the completed dialogue.

(i) Greetings, introductions and reason for the interview

(ii) Apology and reason for your late arrival

(iii) Why you would be the best candidate for the training course

(iv) How you expect to benefit from the activity

(v) Questions for the interviewer

Interviewer: Bonjour. Je suis l'Attaché Culturel de l'ambassade de France, Giselle Legenre. Vous êtes ...?

Vous: .....

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Interviewer: Votre interview pour ce stage était à neuf heures et il est maintenant dix heures et demie! Pourquoi êtes-vous en retard?

Vous: .....

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Interviewer: Oh là là! D' accord. On va passer à l'interview étant donné que c'était une situation extraordinaire.

Vous: .....

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Interviewer: Il n'y pas de quoi. Toutefois, il faut noter qu'il y a d'autres excellents candidats. Pourquoi est-ce que vous serez le (la) meilleur(e) candidat(e) pour ce stage?

Vous: .....

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Interviewer: Ah, c'est bon. Le stage comprend plusieurs classes et ateliers pendant la journée. Ça ne vous gêne pas?

Vous: .....

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Interviewer: Oui, je vois. Et vous devez passer deux semaines avec une famille locale. Ça ira pour vous?

Vous: .....

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Interviewer: Et comment espérez-vous profiter du stage?

Vous: .....

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Interviewer: Deux bénéfices excellents! Mais comment pensez-vous passer vos week-ends et jours de congé?

Vous: .....

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Interviewer: Avez-vous des questions pour moi?

Vous: .....

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Interviewer: Le stage commencera le 10 juillet et durera deux mois.

Vous: .....

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Interviewer: On vous contactera la semaine prochaine avec les résultats de cet interview. Au revoir, jeune homme/jeune fille.

Vous: Au revoir, Madame.

Total 20 marks

SECTION IV

READING COMPREHENSION

4. Read the following selection carefully. Do NOT translate, but answer the questions in ENGLISH.

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Marianne's Purchase

Marianne était très contente. Elle avait dans sa poche la somme de deux cent cinquante euros et elle allait en ville pour la dépenser.

Marianne avait eu un job d'été dans un petit restaurant. Elle devait faire la vaisselle et sortir les poubelles. Elle n'aimait surtout pas sortir les poubelles et elle détestait le patron. Mais, le salaire était excellent et on lui offrait à manger, donc elle a supporté pendant huit semaines les conditions.

Et maintenant la voilà devant le grand magasin où elle allait acheter une nouvelle robe, des chaussures pour l'école et un cadeau pour son petit ami.

Elle est entrée en hâte dans le magasin et est allée dans le rayon des vêtements pour femme où elle a essayé la robe et les chaussures. Puis elle est allée dans le rayon de musique pour acheter le cadeau de son copain. Elle était sur le point de partir quand elle a vu sa meilleure amie Roxanne et s'est arrêtée pour lui parler. Elle s'est rendu compte qu'il était tard, a très vite pris ses affaires et est partie en hâte pour prendre le bus.

Arrivée chez-elle, elle est vite allée dans sa chambre pour regarder ses achats mais à sa grande surprise il n'y avait ni robe ni chaussures dans son sac et le cadeau du petit copain n'y était pas non plus. Dans son hâte elle avait pris les affaires de quelqu'un d'autre. Elle ne savait plus que faire.

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Answer, in ENGLISH, the following questions based on the selection you have just read. Use a complete sentence for EACH response.

(a) How much money did Marianne have to make her purchase?

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(1 mark)

(b) When did Marianne earn this money?

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(1 mark)

(c) Describe Marianne's job.

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(d) What did Marianne like about her job?

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(e) What did Marianne dislike about her job?

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(2 marks)

(f) List THREE things Marianne intended to buy.

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(3 marks)

(g) Why did Marianne NOT leave the store right away?

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(2 marks)

(h) What did Marianne do on arriving home?

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(2 marks)

(i) What did Marianne discover on opening the shopping bag?

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(2 marks)

(j) What lesson is Marianne likely to learn from this experience?

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(3 marks)

Total 20 marks

END OF TEST

IF YOU FINISH BEFORE TIME IS CALLED, CHECK YOUR WORK ON THIS TEST.