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FREE RESPONSE

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1. **Answer ALL questions in Sections I, III and IV.**

2. **Answer ONE question only in Section II.**

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SECTION I

DIRECTED SITUATIONS

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.

Write in FRENCH the information required for EACH of the situations given below. Do NOT use more than one sentence for each situation. A complete sentence may not be necessary for each situation. DO NOT WRITE EACH ANSWER ON A DIFFERENT PAGE.

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1. Your pen pal sends you an email asking to be picked up at the airport at a specific time. What does the email say?

2. Leave a note for your brother telling him to get in touch with his friend Jeremy as soon as possible.

3. A friend sends you a photo via the Internet. You want to know more about someone in the picture. What do you write to your friend?

4. A notice on an elevator tells you to use the stairs while the elevator is not working. What does the notice say?

5. Your cousin writes to let you know that he won a prize trip for a song he composed. Congratulate him and express a wish.

6. Your mother sends a note to your teacher stating that you will be late the following day because of a dental appointment. What does the note say?

7. A notice on the door of a video arcade forbids children who are below a certain age from entering. What does the notice say?

8. Your sister leaves a note saying where she has gone and when she will be back. What does the note say?

9. Your mother leaves you a note reminding you to do a specific chore. What does the note say?

10. You receive a text message from your friend who has changed his/her mind about doing something you planned. What does the message say?

(25 marks)

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SECTION II

LETTER/DIALOGUE/COMPOSITION

Using ONE of the following outlines as a guide, write in FRENCH a letter, dialogue OR composition of NO MORE THAN 130 - 150 words. Use the tense or tenses appropriate to the topic which you have chosen.

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EITHER

LETTER

You are going to host an exchange student from Guadeloupe for two weeks in the holidays. Write him/her a letter in which you

(i) tell him/her about yourself and your family

(ii) find out more about the student and his/her likes and dislikes

(iii) describe one activity that last year's exchange student enjoyed

(iv) say how much you are looking forward to the visit.

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

OR

DIALOGUE

You are stuck in an elevator during a power outage. You discover that one of the elevator's occupants is a French visitor to your country. Write a dialogue in which

(i) you and the visitor introduce yourselves to each other

(ii) you find out what the person is doing in your country

(iii) you discuss why you like learning French

(iv) you reassure the visitor who is afraid of missing the bus back to his/her hotel.

OR

COMPOSITION

Your neighbours have gone to the beach for a few days and have asked you to look after their two dogs while they are away. Write a composition in which you

(i) explain how the arrangement came about

(ii) describe your reaction when you could not find one dog

(iii) say how you dealt with the situation

(iv) explain what happened in the end. **(30 marks)**

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SECTION III

READING COMPREHENSION

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.

Read the following selection carefully. Do NOT translate, but answer the questions in ENGLISH. Be sure to identify by number the question to which your answer refers.

The Family Computer

En France, l'ordinateur est un des cadeaux préférés dans de nombreuses familles à Noël. Les parents pensent souvent acheter un ordinateur pour aider les enfants dans leurs études. Ce qui est vrai et faux à la fois.

Vrai, car aujourd'hui il y a peu de professions où l'ordinateur n'est pas utilisé. Patrons, employés de bureau, même les fermiers en ont besoin. Mais, pour la plupart des personnes dans le monde du travail, l'ordinateur n'est qu'une machine à écrire sophistiquée. Il n'est donc pas nécessaire de faire un métier ultra qualifié pour se servir d'un ordinateur.

Les programmes éducatifs aident les enfants à acquérir des connaissances basiques, tout en leur permettant de s'amuser. De plus, images, vidéos et musique rendent la lecture plus intéressante.

Toujours est-il que la famille qui achète un ordinateur doit s'acheter aussi une imprimante*. Sans oublier le lecteur de CD rom et de DVD et le graveur de CD maintenant obligatoires.

*Une imprimante - printer

Answer the following questions based on the selection above, in ENGLISH, using a complete sentence for EACH response.

1. Why are so many computers sold in France at Christmas time?

2. Why do parents choose to buy this gift for their children?

3. Why are computers so widespread in the working world?

4. In what way do most working people use computers?

5. Why do children like educational software?

6. Why is reading on the computer more interesting?

7. What makes it hard for the average family to afford a computer? **(15 marks)**

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SECTION IV

EXPANDED PARAGRAPH

Use the information provided below to write in French a paragraph of about 80 - 100 words. Be sure to include all the information given.

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Vendredi dernier / anniversaire Pierre / 16 ans / aller cinéma / copain / film d'action / rentrer / voitures devant maison / Pierre entrer salon / surpris / parents, amis, musique.

(20 marks)

END OF TEST