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FREE RESPONSE

2 1/4 hours

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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 SEPARATE PAGE.

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1. Leave a note for your mother, asking her politely to buy you a special article.

2. A friend in your class sends you a note inviting you to the cinema. Unfortunately, you cannot accept the invitation. Send back a note to your friend expressing regret and explaining why.

3. You write to a French magazine for a pen pal with a certain hobby. What do you say?

4. A sign in a store forbids people from eating in the store. What does the sign say?

5. Your father's cellphone is turned off. Send him a text message telling him something he must do urgently.

6. You enter a store and see an item of clothing which you were looking for, on sale. What does the advertisement say?

7. You arrive for your scheduled class, but see a note on the door stating that your teacher is absent, because of illness. What does the note say?

8. You want to know the subjects your pen pal will be doing in the coming year. How do you ask him/her this?

9. A music store is conducting a survey on CD sales. They want to find out the number of CDs you bought the previous year. How do they ask this?

10. Your mother leaves you doing a chore at home, but you are called away to help a friend. Leave a note for your mother, explaining why the chore is unfinished.

(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 have just returned from a prize trip to a foreign country. Write a letter to your Martinican friend, Jean-Paul, in which you

(i) tell him how you won the prize trip

(ii) say what you did while you were away

(iii) relate a funny incident that happened while you were away

(iv) discuss how this prize trip will affect your future plans.

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

OR

DIALOGUE

You have forgotten your schoolbag in the library and the library is closed. Write a dialogue in which you

(i) call the librarian at his/her home to explain this

(ii) explain why you need to get your things that evening

(iii) convince him/her to come to school to open the library for you

(iv) promise to help in the library for the remainder of the week.

OR

COMPOSITION

Your class went on an outing at the end of last term. Write a composition in which you

(i) say where you went and why

(ii) discuss the journey to get there

(iii) relate the teacher's and students' reaction when they got there

(iv) explain how the trip changed your relationship with someone in the class.

(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.

A Hero's Tale

Il y a quelques jours, deux touristes en vacances à Ste. Anne ont connu la plus grande peur de leur vie. S'ils sont encore là pour raconter, c'est grâce à un adolescent de seize ans et son chien.

Dimanche matin, Philippe Bonnaire se promène sur la plage. Il est alerté par les cris désespérés d'un enfant. Il voit deux touristes en très grande difficulté, au large. Sans hésiter, Philippe se jette à l'eau et les rejoint. Malheureusement, fatigué par son acte de courage, le jeune sauveteur a de la difficulté à regagner la plage.

Immédiatement, Philippe appelle son chien, Fido, qui l'attend sur la plage. Sentant qu'il se passe quelque chose de grave, celui-ci se jette dans l'eau à son tour. En quelques secondes, il tire d'abord son maître et ensuite les touristes sur la plage.

On dit souvent que le chien est le meilleur ami de l'homme. Ce jour-là, Philippe et les deux touristes ont bien compris pourquoi.

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

1. Who got into difficulty and where, a few days ago?

2. How did the person(s) feel as a result?

3. How did Philippe Bonnaire first become aware of what was happening?

4. What was his immediate reaction?

5. What prevented the rescue from taking place?

6. Give TWO reasons why Fido jumped into the water.

7. Who would you say was the hero of the story? Explain why.

(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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Patrick 15 ans / voir chemise / magasin / rentrer chercher argent / retourner magasin / chemise vendre / très triste / soir, père arriver / chemise / garçon très content.

(20 marks)

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