Total marks — 20

Attempt ALL questions.

Write your answers clearly, in English, in the spaces provided in this booklet. Additional space for answers is provided at the end of this booklet. If you use this space you must clearly identify the question number you are attempting.

Use blue or black ink.

You will hear two items in French. Before you hear each item, you will have one minute to study the questions. You will hear each item three times, with an interval of one minute between playings. You will then have time to answer the questions before hearing the next item.

You may NOT use a French dictionary.

You are not allowed to leave the examination room until the end of the test.

Before leaving the examination room you must give this booklet to the Invigilator; if you do not, you may lose all the marks for this paper.
Item 1
Whilst in France you meet Sylvie. She talks about her job.

(a) When did Sylvie find a job in Paris?  

(b) Why did she find life in Paris difficult at the beginning? Mention any one thing.

(c) Mention any one reason she gives for loving her job.

(d) Mention any one disadvantage she says there is about her job.

(e) When she was young Sylvie often went on holiday to Spain. What did she always want to do when she was there?

(f) Mention any two advantages Sylvie gives for learning a foreign language.

(g) What does Sylvie mainly talk to you about? Tick the one correct box.

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Item 2

Martin, a young French student, speaks to his friend Julie about his weekend and school life.

(a) Martin has not had a good weekend. Why? Mention any two things. 2

(b) What does he normally do at the weekend? Mention any two things. 2

(c) Why is school Martin’s priority at the moment? 1

(d) Why is it sometimes hard for him to revise? 1

(e) English is Martin’s favourite subject.
   (i) What does he say about his English teacher? Mention any one thing. 1

   (ii) What else does he say about why he likes English? Mention any one thing. 1

(f) (i) What were the differences between school life in England and France? Complete the sentence. 2

   The lessons in England only lasted ________________ and the teachers were ________________ than in France.

   (ii) What did he not like about school in England? 1

   ____________________________________________

(g) Why does Martin want to find a part-time job? Mention any one thing. 1

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[END OF SPECIMEN QUESTION PAPER]
French

Listening Transcript

Date — Not applicable
Duration — 30 minutes (approx)

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(t) **Item number one.**

Whilst in France you meet Sylvie. She talks about her job.

You now have **one minute to study the question.**

(f) Bonjour, je m’appelle Sylvie. J’adore les langues étrangères et donc j’enseigne l’espagnol et l’allemand.

Je viens d’un petit village dans le sud de la France mais il y a deux ans j’ai trouvé un poste dans une école internationale à Paris.

Au début c’était un peu difficile car je ne connaissais personne et je trouvais la vie en ville trop bruyante. D’ailleurs, pendant les premiers mois je rentrais à la maison tous les week-ends.

Maintenant tout va beaucoup mieux. J’ai beaucoup d’amis et je sors régulièrement.

De plus j’adore mon travail. Les élèves sont en générale très sympa et je m’entends très bien avec mes collègues. Par contre il y a des inconvénients. Le métier de prof peut être parfois très stressant et on a beaucoup de cahiers à corriger.

J’ai toujours voulu parler d’autres langues que le français. Quand j’étais plus jeune on passait souvent nos vacances en Espagne et j’avais toujours envie de communiquer avec les espagnols.

Il y a beaucoup d’avantages à savoir parler une langue étrangère. On devient plus tolérant envers d’autres cultures, on a plus de chances de trouver du travail et bien sûr, apprendre une langue est vraiment amusant.

(2 minutes)
Item number two.

Martin, a young French student, speaks to his friend Julie about his weekend and school life.

You now have one minute to study the question.

Bonjour Martin, ça va?

Salut Julie, non je ne vais pas très bien. Je viens de passer un très mauvais week-end. D’abord vendredi soir j’ai dû faire les courses avec ma mère, samedi après-midi j’ai dû garder mon petit frère et puis dimanche j’ai passé toute la journée à faire mes devoirs. Le week-end dernier était vraiment nul.

Que fais-tu normalement le week-end, Martin?

Eh bien normalement, j’aime faire la grasse matinée, sortir en ville avec mes copains et j’adore promener mon chien. Mais en ce moment l’école est ma priorité.

Pourquoi?

Parce que je vais passer mes examens le mois prochain mais parfois c’est dur de réviser chez moi avec un petit frère énervant à la maison.

Quelles matières fais-tu cette année?

En tout j’en ai neuf mais ma matière préférée est l’anglais. Le prof est vraiment compréhensif et nous aide lorsqu’on a des difficultés.

De plus comme la lecture est ma passion, j’aime lire les classiques de la littérature anglaise. J’aime aussi apprendre des choses sur l’histoire britannique.

Es-tu déjà allé en Angleterre?

Oui quand j’avais 13 ans, j’ai fait un échange scolaire à Manchester. J’ai trouvé l’école bien différente de mon école en France. Ce que j’ai surtout aimé était que les cours ne duraient que 50 minutes et les profs étaient moins strictes qu’en France.

Par contre une chose que je n’ai pas aimé c’était que la pause déjeuner était trop courte. Mais à part ça je me suis bien amusé.

Que veux-tu faire à l’avenir?

Je ne sais pas encore. Mais après l’école je vais surement me trouver un petit boulot pour financer mes études et peut-être faire un voyage avec mes amis. On verra.

Je te souhaite bonne chance avec tes examens et j’espère que le week-end prochain se passera mieux.

Merci Julie et à bientôt.

(2 minutes)

End of test.

Now look over your answers.
Marking Instructions

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General Marking Principles for National 5 French Listening

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(a) Marks for each candidate response must *always* be assigned in line with these General Marking Principles and the specific Marking Instructions for the relevant question.

(b) Marking should always be positive, ie marks should be awarded for what is correct and not deducted for errors or omissions.

(c) For live Listening Marking Instructions, there will be a process of illustrating other acceptable answers.

(d) The utmost care must be taken when entering and totalling marks. Where appropriate, all summations for totals must be carefully checked and confirmed.

(e) The Marking Instructions indicate the essential idea that a candidate should provide for each answer.

(f) The answers for each question must come from the item.

(g) The assessment of overall purpose is always a supported question (for example, a grid) in Item 1.

(h) There are two or three supported marks across the two items. Where there are supported marks in the form of a grid, award zero marks where a candidate ticks all boxes.
Marking Instructions for each Question

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• Look after his (little) brother  
• Had a lot of homework  
*One mark each for up to two of these points* | 2 | Markers should use their professional judgement, subject knowledge and experience, and understanding to award marks to candidate responses. |
| 2 b      | • Has a lie in  
• Goes to town with friends  
• Walks the dog  
*One mark each for up to two of these points* | 2 | |
| 2 c      | • Sitting his exams next month | 1 | |
| 2 d      | • Annoying brother at home | 1 | |
| 2 e i    | • Teacher is understanding  
• Helps with difficulties  
*One mark for one of these points* | 1 | |
| 2 e ii   | • He loves reading the classics in English/English literature  
• Learning about British history  
*One mark for one of these points* | 1 | |
| 2 f i    | • 50 minutes  
• Less strict | 2 | |
| 2 f ii   | • Lunch break was too short | 1 | |
| 2 g      | • To pay for his studies  
• Go on a trip with friends  
*One mark for one of these points* | 1 | |

[END OF SPECIMEN MARKING INSTRUCTIONS]
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Change since last published:
Change to marking instruction (Question 2b)