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FRENCH 2

FINAL MARKING SCHEME

PREAMBLE

This paper consists of two compulsory questions. Question one consists of short answer questions and carries 20 marks. Question two consists of an essay question and carries 40 marks.

In Question 1, each of the correct short answers to the 10 items will be rewarded with 2 marks. However, candidates will be penalised for spelling mistakes and for not following the specified instructions.

Question 2: The composition should be marked based on the following criteria:

A.	GRAMMAR	-	-	-	-	05 MARKS
B.	CONTENT	-	-	-	-	20 MARKS
C.	CLARITY	-	-	-	-	05 MARKS
D.	OVERALL EXPRESSIVENESS	-	-	-	-	<u>10 MARKS</u>
	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	<u>40 MARKS</u>

PRORATA

Every candidate is supposed to write an essay of 50 to 60 words. A candidate who writes less than 50 words will have his /her essay marked on prorata. E.g. A candidate who writes only half the expected length, that is, about 30 words will have his or her grammar marked over half of the total mark, which is $2\frac{1}{2}$.

Therefore, such a candidate cannot score more than $2\frac{1}{2}$ for grammar. If this candidate makes 10 mistakes, he/she scores 0 for grammar. Where this criterion is used, it should be clearly stated by the examiner; e.g. total length of essay 30 words, therefore, grammar is marked on prorata.

N.B. A candidate loses a $\frac{1}{4}$ mark for every grammatical mistake made.

PRORATA TABLE

NO. OF WORDS	GRAMMAR MARK	MISTAKES TO SCORE ZERO
50 and above	5	20
40 - 49	4	16
30 - 39	3	12
20 - 29	2	08

For example, if a candidate writes about 30 words and commits 12 mistakes, the calculation of his or her grammar mark should be as follows: -

$$12 \times \frac{1}{4} = 3$$

$$3 - 3 = 0$$

This candidate's grammar mark = 0.

Please, where the examiner is marking the essay using the prorata formula, this should be clearly stated on the answer script.

E.g. Essay of 30 words;

GR is over 3

$$12 \text{ errors; GR} = 12 \times \frac{1}{4} = 03$$

$$3 - 3 = 0$$

IMPRESSION MARK

A candidate who writes below 20 words should have his/her essay marked on impression only. This should carry a maximum mark of 3.

N.B. The essay must be read and errors underlined before the impression mark is awarded.

DEVIATION

A candidate deviates completely when the whole essay has nothing to do with the subject matter. A candidate who deviates completely from the subject matter should be awarded a maximum mark of 2. Partial deviation occurs when a portion of the essay has no bearing whatsoever on the subject matter. Where there is partial deviation in the essay, please circle the deviated portion. This should not be counted as part of the essay.

MEANINGLESS ESSAY:

This is an essay that does not make sense. e.g. compilation of words either in French or English words or both or in any other language. Such an essay attracts zero.

- I. A candidate scores zero (0) if he/she:
 - (a) writes in any language other than French
 - (b) copies the comprehension passage
 - (c) copies question guidelines **only**

- II. Any answer written in any language other than French does not attract a mark for content. It must be circled and not counted among written words of the essay.

E.g. Naomi boit (water), un (fowl) est près de Kofi.

NOTE

However, where the essay has words other than French, these words should be circled and not considered or counted as part of the essay.

INDICATION OF MARKS FOR QUESTION 1

Each grammar mistake is underlined, and a stroke put in the left-hand margin to represent the error made. Each stroke represents a $\frac{1}{4}$ mark.

Content marks are indicated in the right-hand margin while grammar mistakes are indicated in the left-hand margin.

The total number of mistakes is deducted from the marks for content to score the total mark for the question.

The total is written in the bottom right-hand corner of the paper and ringed after all fractions, deductions have been taken care of. This is then transferred to the front page of the answer sheet.

INDICATION OF MARKS FOR QUESTION 2

Each grammar mistake is underlined, and a stroke put in the left-hand margin to represent the error made. Each stroke represents a $\frac{1}{4}$ mark; therefore, a candidate who makes 20 mistakes will lose all the 5 marks allocated to grammar.

Content marks are indicated in the right-hand margin while grammar mistakes are indicated in the left-hand margin.

The total is written in the bottom right-hand corner of the paper and ringed after all fractions, deductions have been taken care of. This is then transferred to the front page of the answer sheet.

All fractions are retained until the grand total mark for Questions 1 and 2 are calculated, when the half or three quarters ($\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$) is approximated to one full mark.

NOTE

A **consequential error** should be ringed but should not be penalised. e.g. "C'est un montre blanc". **Blanc** is a consequential error because the candidate used "**blanc**" to agree with 'un'. Hence, we should not penalize him for the use of 'blanc', instead of "**blanche**". We should penalize him for the use of 'un' before 'montre'.

A **repeated error** is also ringed but not penalised.

DETAILS

1. CONTENT

This refers to a correct logical or appropriate response to an item or question. The candidate scores the full mark if he / she correctly provides the information required (Question 1) or response correctly in full sentences (Question 2).

However, a correct but incomplete answer attracts half ($\frac{1}{2}$) the mark (Question 1).

2. GRAMMAR

Grammar mistakes include; wrong tense, omitted word, wrong article, preposition, gender, number, person, adverb, pronoun, wrong expression and any other wrong form of grammar. Omission of accents should not be penalized except in the past participle form.

Misapplication or the wrong use of **capital** or **small** letters are not penalized. In case of consistent use of wrong tense, penalise the first four mistakes and circle the subsequent ones.

SUPERFLUITY

A superfluous word is a grammatical mistake where it touches on a point of grammar and it is penalized; e.g. "Kofi se lève de bonne heure/tôt le matin. The "tôt" is superfluous and it is penalized.

NB: A candidate loses a $\frac{1}{4}$ mark for every grammatical mistake made.

3. CLARITY

Has the examiner clearly understood what the candidate has written? If yes, then it is clear.

4. OVERALL EXPRESSIVENESS (OE)

This is the examiner's assessment of the whole composition taking into account presentation, range of vocabulary, grammatical/idiomatic expressions, etc.

Guidelines for scoring Overall Expressiveness:

Mark	Designation
09-10	Excellent
07-08	Very Good
06	Good
05	Average
03-04	Below Average
01-02	Poor

Guidelines for scoring Clarity:

Mark	Designation
05	Excellent
04	Very Good
03	Good
2½	Average
02	Below Average
01	Poor

TOTAL SCORE FOR PAPER 2

QUESTION 1	-	-	-	-	20 MARKS
QUESTION 2	-	-	-	-	40 MARKS
GRAND TOTAL	-	-	-	-	<u>60 MARKS</u>

COMPOSITION

Question 1 : Il y a eu, chez vous, un vol auquel vous êtes témoin. La police vous donne une fiche à remplir pour identifier le criminel. Remplissez la fiche.

(2 points pour chaque item bien répondu)

(a) Votre nom

2 marks

- Nom de famille et prénom

(b) Date (en toutes lettres)

2 marks

- Date du vol (avant le vendredi 12 juillet, 2024) ou la date du jour de l'examen acceptable

Eg. Vendredi 12 juillet, 2024 (le mois doit être en lettres)

- (Accept any date before or on the day of the filling of the form).
- Give full marks for any date before or on the day of the filling of the form and half (½) the mark for any date after the filling of the form.

(c) Moment du vol 2 marks

- Le matin, l'après-midi, le soir, la nuit, le minuit, entre 2 heures et 3 heures du matin, etc.
- Pendant une veillée / la pluie / un orage / une coupure d'électricité
- Quand on dormait / on était en voyage / on n'était pas là

(d) Lieu du vol 2 marks

- Chez moi / chez nous
- Dans notre maison / notre quartier / notre village
- Nom du village / de la ville / du quartier est acceptable
- Le salon, la chambre à coucher / la cuisine / etc.

(e) Objet(s) volé(s) 2 marks

- De l'argent / un vélo / une moto / une bicyclette / une télévision / un téléphone portable / un ordinateur / des vêtements

(f) Taille du voleur 2 marks

- Grand / petit / gros / mince / costaud / musclé / élancé / géant / nain / etc.

(g) Teint du voleur 2 marks

- Clair / chocolat / café au lait / noir / blanc / etc.

(h) Habillement du voleur 2 marks

- Pantalon/jeans avec T-shirt noir/brun, boubou déchiré, chemisier, chemise noire/rouge, masqué, chapeau brun, en culottes, en complet/cravate/ avec lunettes noires, en veste/manteau rouge, etc.

(i) Numéro de téléphone 2 marks

- 024 000 0000 / 053 000 0000 / 054 000 0000
- 020 000 0000 / 050 000 0000
- 027 000 0000 / 057 000 0000

N. B. Dix chiffres avec un préfix correct (020, 023, 024, 025, 027, 050, 053, 054, 055, 057)

(j) Signature et date 2 marks

- Date du vol (avant le vendredi 12 juillet, 2024) ou la date du jour de l'examen acceptable
- Signature / Vendredi 12 juillet, 2024

- ~~SECRET~~
- Signature / 12-07-2024
 - Signature / 12/07/2024

Total = 20 marks

Question 2 : Vous venez de terminer votre BECE. Votre oncle qui habite en France vous fait un cadeau de mille cedis pour organiser une fête. Dans un message WhatsApp, dites-lui comment vous allez utiliser l'argent.

A. INTRODUCTION (05 marks)

Salutation (2 marks)

Mots de Reconnaissance /Gratitude /Remerciement pour le cadeau, etc. (3 marks)

B. CORPS (10 marks)

Comment vous allez dépenser l'argent (boissons, nourriture, divertissement)

- Type de fête envisagé (musique et danse, jeux populaires, jeux de football et de cartes, des jouissances générales, réunion d'adieu, rassemblement des anciens élèves, etc.
- Préparatifs :
 - Lieu/endroit pour la fête ;
 - Invitation aux participants (camarades – anciens/actuels/récents, comédiens, musiciens, autres membres de la communauté – parents, enseignants, amis, etc.);
 - Matériels requis (ballon, instruments, boissons, nourriture,) etc.

C. CONCLUSION (05 marks)

Prise de congé/remerciement/assurance de bien utiliser l'argent / souscription

D. GRAMMAR (05 marks)

E. CLARITY (05 marks)

F. OVERALL EXPRESSIVENESS (10 marks)