

The examination paper will consist of two sections; Section A Reading, Section B Writing / Grammar. The whole paper will last 1½ hours. The level of difficulty of the material will be no greater than that to which students should be accustomed, i.e. the higher standard of GCSE/IGCSE, and the topics covered will again reflect the language learnt for these syllabuses.

In the Reading section several passages will be set with a variety of question types. Some questions will require non-verbal answers. Other tasks will ask for verbal responses in French and/or English. The quality of the French here will only be taken into account as far as communication of the desired message is concerned.

In the Writing section candidates will be asked to produce two pieces of writing of at least 150 words each. It will be judged from the point of view of content and quality of language. Candidates should thus seek to convey the information asked for in the task and write in French which is as accurate and fluent as possible. The tasks will seek to find out if candidates can write effectively in the three main tenses – present, past and future. There will also be a section which tests grammar.

In line with current trends in Sixth Form examinations, dictionaries will not be allowed.

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