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Paper 1 Listening, Reading and Writing

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No student should be disadvantaged on the basis of their gender identity and/or how they refer to the gender identity of others in their exam responses.

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tc = tout court ie with no addition or qualification

Section A

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Qu	Key Idea	Accept	Mark	Notes
01.1	C E (in any order)	C L'accès payant aux cathédrales est commun dans d'autres pays européens. E Les pratiquants ont du mal à trouver la paix dans les cathédrales.	2	

Qu	Key Idea	Accept	Mark	Notes
01.2	B D (in any order)	B Il y a d'autres manières de financer l'entretien des cathédrales. D Les vacanciers pourraient payer un peu plus pour leur hébergement.	2	

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02.1	P+N	Positive + Négative	1	

Qu	Key Idea	Accept	Mark	Notes
02.2	P	Positive	1	

Qu	Key Idea	Accept	Mark	Notes
02.3	N	Négative	1	

Qu	Key Idea	Accept	Mark	Notes
02.4	P	Positive	1	

Qu	Key Idea	Accept	Mark	Notes
02.5	P+N	Positive + Négative	1	

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Summary questions

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Summary task includes the bullet point *Ce qu'elle a fait avant de devenir médecin.*

Correct answer is *Elle a fait des études.*

Student writes in response to that bullet point *Après avoir fait des études elle est devenue médecin.*

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Qu	Key Idea	Accept	Mark	Notes
03	Bullet point 1 - Dans le monde du travail, il y a la discrimination envers les femmes maghrébines = 1 - elle ne voulait pas travailler dans l'enseignement = 1	Elle cherchait un travail dans un secteur dominé par <u>les hommes français</u> (de souche) elle n'a pas choisi l'enseignement/ l'enseignement ne l'intéressait pas	2	Reject: il y a la discrimination envers les femmes tc Answer must have reference to both sexism and racism at work Must refer to job in education
	Bullet point 2 - les employeurs ne peuvent pas identifier le demandeur d'emploi = 1 - on a plus de chances d'obtenir une entrevue = 1	le demandeur (d'emploi) est anonyme/on ne connaît pas le nom du demandeur il est plus facile d'obtenir une interview/un entretien	2	
	Bullet point 3 - il a créé sa propre entreprise (de nettoyage) = 1 - on utilise les produits écologiques = 1 - il emploie (plus de) 200 salariés = 1	il a commencé/fondé une nouvelle entreprise les employés utilisent des produits verts il a recruté 200 travailleurs	3	Reject: il travaille pour une entreprise de nettoyage son entreprise est originale Reject : incorrect number Reject : salaires

Question 04

Reject answers with extra information that changes or contradicts the meaning.

Reject answers with extra information as a result of indiscriminate/untargeted lifting from the source material.

Qu	Key Idea	Accept	Mark	Notes
04.1	les politiciens négligent les jeunes = 1	les jeunes n'ont pas de voix	2	Reject: les jeunes sont négligés tc/ils n'ont pas de voie on veut intéresser les jeunes tc
	on veut intéresser les jeunes à la politique = 1	on veut encourager les jeunes à voter		

Qu	Key Idea	Accept	Mark	Notes
04.2	ce sont des étudiants = 1	bénévoles	2	Reject : incorrect number of volunteers
	et des volontaires (dans le reste du pays) = 1			

Qu	Key Idea	Accept	Mark	Notes
04.3	des jeunes participent à une campagne électorale (fictive) = 1	on organise une campagne/des élections	3	Reject: les jeunes y participent tc/compagne
	ils doivent collaborer (avec les autres) = 1	les jeunes travaillent <u>avec les autres</u>		
	ils doivent défendre leurs <u>idées</u> en public = 1	ils donnent/justifient leurs <u>opinions</u> (en public)		Reject : ils parlent en public

Qu	Key Idea	Accept	Mark	Notes
04.4	il faut mener une campagne sur les réseaux sociaux/on peut réaliser des vidéos (informatives) = 1	il faut utiliser des réseaux sociaux/des vidéos informatives	2	Reject : compagne
	il faut parler des sujets qui intéressent les jeunes = 1	les politiciens doivent parler des sujets comme le changement climatique/la pauvreté		

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Qu	Key Idea	Accept	Mark	Notes
05.1	B	Ils vendaient les paroles des chansons.	1	

Qu	Key Idea	Accept	Mark	Notes
05.2	C	Ils organisaient le travail des chanteurs.	1	

Qu	Key Idea	Accept	Mark	Notes
05.3	C	Parce qu'elle avait besoin d'argent.	1	

Qu	Key Idea	Accept	Mark	Notes
05.4	B	Elle en était déçue.	1	

Qu	Key Idea	Accept	Mark	Notes
05.5	A	Le succès s'est fait attendre.	1	

Qu	Key Idea	Accept	Mark	Notes
05.6	C	Elle a réussi à s'adapter aux changements dans son métier.	1	

Qu	Accept	Mark	Notes
06.1	part	1	Answers must have word in accept column, with no additions eg la part

Qu	Accept	Mark	Notes
06.2	fossé	1	Must have accent

Qu	Accept	Mark	Notes
06.3	affectés	1	Must have accent

Qu	Accept	Mark	Notes
06.4	principales	1	

Qu	Accept	Mark	Notes
06.5	défavorisés	1	Must have accents

Qu	Accept	Mark	Notes
06.6	imprévue	1	Musr have accent

Qu	Accept	Mark	Notes
06.7	de première nécessité	1	Must have accents

Qu	Accept	Mark	Notes
06.8	l'Hexagone	1	Reject : l'hexagone

Qu	Accept	Mark	Notes
06.9	épargné	1	Must have accents

Qu	Accept	Mark	Notes
06.10	appuyé	1	Must have accent

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07.1	V	Vrai	1	

Qu	Key Idea	Accept	Mark	Notes
07.2	V	Vrai	1	

Qu	Key Idea	Accept	Mark	Notes
07.3	F	Faux	1	

Qu	Key Idea	Accept	Mark	Notes
07.4	F	Faux	1	

Qu	Key Idea	Accept	Mark	Notes
07.5	ND	Information non-donnée	1	

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08	Bullet point 1 - le prix du sucre a chuté = 1 - le gouvernement n'a pas tenu ses promesses = 1	il y avait une dépression/crise économique le gouvernement n'a pas fait ce qu'il avait promis de faire/à cause des mensonges du gouvernement/le gouvernement était malhonnête/le gouvernement a brisé ses promesses	2	Reject: il y avait une crise tc
	Bullet point 2 - les gens/manifestants ont paniqué = 1 - des personnes étaient blessées = 1	la fusillade a provoqué/causé la panique/la peur il y avait des blessés/les gendarmes ont blessé vingt-cinq personnes	2	Reject: les gendarmes ont paniqué Reject : un lourd bilan/incorrect number of victims
	Bullet point 3 <u>le gouvernement</u> a essayé de l'empêcher <u>de parler à la presse</u> = 1 - il a rencontré des journalistes (malgré les menaces) = 1 - il a accusé/dénoncé le ministre (des Armées) = 1	<u>le gouvernement</u> ne voulait pas qu'il parle aux journalistes/ <u>les politiciens</u> l'ont menacé de <u>ne pas parler à la presse</u> les journalistes lui ont parlé/il a fait une interview il a dit que le ministre était responsable/coupable/raciste	3	

Qu	Key Idea	Accept	Mark	Notes
09.1	les détenus étaient enfermés 22 heures sur 24 = 1	la plupart du temps	3	Reject: les détenus étaient enfermés tc
	la maison d'arrêt/la prison était surpeuplée = 1	il y avait la surpopulation/il y avait trop de monde		Reject : surpopulé
	<u>les jeunes</u> étaient avec des malfaiteurs (les plus) sérieux = 1			Reject : il y avait des malfaiteurs graves

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09.2	il ne pouvait pas se former = 1	il n'avait pas de formation	3	Reject: la formation tc
	il s'ennuyait = 1	c'était ennuyeux		Il était ennuyant tc
	sa famille lui manquait = 1	il ne voyait pas sa famille		Reject la solitude tc/sa famille se manquait

Qu	Key Idea	Accept	Mark	Notes
09.3	il a parlé de ses problèmes <u>avec un gardien</u> = 1	il s'est confié à <u>un gardien</u>	3	Reject: il a parlé tc
	ils ont organisé (ensemble) une chorale = 1	il a créé une chorale		il a participé à une chorale
	ils ont enregistré un album = 1	ils ont sorti un album		

Qu	Key Idea	Accept	Mark	Notes
09.4	(on veut) faire changer le regard de la société sur les ex-détenus = 1	on veut combattre les préjugés de la société	3	Reject: on veut regarder la société
	combattre la récidive = 1	éviter la récidive		
	réinsérer les ex-détenus = 1	encourager la réinsertion		

Question 09.5 Guidance on level of accuracy in translations into the target language**Errors of accent**

Errors of accent are accepted unless (a) they are grammatical or (b) the inclusion of the accent(s) causes ambiguity.

Errors of spelling

Errors of spelling will not be tolerated.

Tense endings, irregular verb forms and adjective endings must be correct.

Errors of gender

Errors of gender will not be tolerated. Genders of nouns are clearly an area where guidance can be provided in the passage that supports the translation task.

Alternative answers

Alternative answers offered by the candidate – even if one is in brackets – will be rejected unless both answers are correct.

A successful translation

A successful translation is one which includes each element of the text to be translated and where there is no omission or paraphrase.

Repeated errors

Where a candidate repeats the same error within a question, no further penalty will be imposed in awarding the mark.

Qu			
09.5	The table below shows the type of answer that is acceptable for each section of the text. Award one tick per correct section then use the conversion grid to award a total of 10 marks.		
Box		Accept	Notes
1	Everyone agrees	Tout le monde est d'accord	Accept: Tous sont d'accord/tout le monde convient
2	that it is important to	qu'il est important de	Accept : c'est important de
3	rehabilitate criminals	réinsérer les malfaiteurs	Accept: réhabiliter les criminels Reject : <u>des</u> criminels
4	when they come out of prison.	quand ils sortent de (la) prison.	Accept: quand ils sont libérés/ils quittent la prison
5	They have been forgotten	On les a oubliés	Accept: ils ont été oubliés
6	in the past.	dans le/au passé.	Accept : auparavant
7	Obviously,	Evidemment,	Accept: Sûrement/bien entendu/incontestablement/clairement
8	by employing ex-prisoners,	en embauchant/employant des ex-détenus,	Accept: des/d'anciens prisonniers Reject : <u>les</u> ex-détenus
9	we will be able	nous pourrons	Accept: on pourra/on va pouvoir On va être capable de

10	to reduce the risk of reoffending.	réduire le risque de (la) récidive.	Accept: diminuer
11	This would be	Cela/ça/ce serait	
12	in society's interest.	dans l'intérêt de la société.	
13	Furthermore,	D'ailleurs,	Accept: En plus, en outre, ce qui plus est
14	if we fought against prejudices,	si nous combattons/on combattait les préjugés,	Accept: si nous luttons/on luttait contre
15	we would improve	nous améliorerions/on améliorerait	
16	the life of these people.	la vie de ces gens.	Accept: ces personnes
17	Such a measure	Une telle mesure	
18	would allow the government	permettrait au gouvernement de	
19	to spend its limited resources	dépenser ses ressources limitées	
20	in a more effective manner.	d'une/de manière plus efficace.	Accept: d'une façon
21	Without mutual aid,	Sans (l')entraide,	
22	it is impossible to	il/c'est impossible d'	
23	avoid neglecting	éviter de négliger	
24	those who	ceux qui	
25	often risk	risquent souvent de	Accept : souvent risquent de
26	falling into delinquency.	tomber dans la délinquance.	
27	Although they are	Bien qu'ils soient	Accept: Quoiqu'ils soient
28	still young,	toujours jeunes,	Accept: encore
29	they will become	ils deviendront/vont devenir	
30	ill and depressed.	malades et déprimés.	Accept: tristes

Conversion grid	
Number of ticks	Mark
28–30	10
25–27	9
22–24	8
19–21	7
16–18	6
13–15	5
10–12	4
7–9	3
4–6	2
1–3	1
0	0

Question 10 Acceptable quality of English in translations into English**Errors in spelling**

Where the candidate's attempted spelling is a recognisable form of the correct spelling and does not correspond to another English word, the attempted spelling is accepted eg *weight* mis-spelt as *waight* is acceptable but mis-spelt as *wait* gives another word and so causes ambiguity.

Alternative answers

Examiners will be provided with a range of alternative answers in mark schemes but in the event that these do not legislate for all versions and variations which candidates might produce, the guiding principle will be that answers that convey the same intended meaning are accepted.

Successful translation

Translation will be deemed successful if an English speaker would understand the translation and if each element of the original text figures in the translation.

Example

	Accept	Reject
Ce jour-là, il pleuvait.	That day it was raining. That day it was wet. It was a rainy day, that day.	It rained all day. That day the weather was bad.

Qu			
10	The table below shows the type of answer that is acceptable for each section of the text. Award one tick per correct section then use the conversion grid to award a total of 10 marks.		
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1	Être parent et vivre seul	Being a parent and living alone	Accept: To be a parent
2	avec au moins un enfant	with at least one child	Reject: infant
3	de moins de dix-huit ans	under eighteen years of age/ younger than 18	Accept: under 18 Reject: wrong number
4	est devenu une situation plus fréquente	has become a more frequent/common situation	
5	de nos jours.	nowadays.	Accept: today/at the present time. Reject: of our days.
6	Comparés aux parents	Compared with parents	Accept: In comparison with
7	vivant en couple,	living in a couple,	Accept: as a couple/together
8	les monoparents,	single parents,	Accept: parents on their own Reject: mono parents,
9	dont la plupart sont des femmes,	of which the majority are women,	Accept: who are mainly/mostly/for the large part women/females

			Reject: who are women to
10	sont la seule source de revenus du ménage.	are the only source of revenue in the house(hold).	Accept: are the only source of income
11	Selon une enquête récente,	According to a recent survey,	Accept: study Reject: following a recent enquiry
12	ces parents étaient plus touchés	these parents were more affected	Accept: hit by/affected Reject: wrong tense (eg are more affected)
13	par le chômage	by unemployment	Accept: by being out of work
14	ou exerçaient des emplois à temps partiel.	or carried out part-time jobs.	Accept: did/undertook/worked part-time Reject: temporary jobs.
15	Le niveau de vie de ces familles	The standard of living of these families	Reject: the level/the life to
16	est nettement plus faible	is clearly weaker/lower	Accept: distinctly/obviously/noticeably
17	que celui des familles traditionnelles.	than that of traditional families.	Accept: conventional/two parent families
18	Si le gouvernement avait tenu ses promesses,	If the government had kept its promises,	Accept: had stuck to its promises Reject: wrong tense
19	il y aurait eu plus de soutien pour les mères célibataires	there would have been more support for (the) single mothers	Reject: wrong tense
20	qui élèvent des enfants.	who are bringing up children.	Accept: who are raising children. Reject: wrong tense

Conversion grid	
Number of ticks	Mark
19–20	10
17–18	9
15–16	8
13–14	7
11–12	6
9–10	5
7–8	4
5–6	3
3–4	2
1–2	1
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