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Paper 4 – Foundation Writing Exam-style questions and model answers

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Question 1 – Picture-based task

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Lifestyle and Wellbeing



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Lifestyle and Wellbeing

Write to your friend about your favourite food

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Travel and Tourism

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Suggested answers

Question 1 – Picture-based task

My Personal World



Describe the photo. Write 4 short sentences **in French**.

1. Il y a trois personnes.
2. Il y a un père.
3. Je vois un enfant.
4. La famille est contente.

Lifestyle and Wellbeing



Describe the photo. Write 4 short sentences **in French**.

1. Il y a un enfant.
2. Il joue au basket.
3. Il y a un fauteuil roulant.
4. Sa chemise est rouge et blanche.

My Neighbourhood



Describe the photo. Write 4 short sentences **in French**.

1. Il y a un marché.
2. Je vois trois personnes.
3. Il y a beaucoup de légumes.
4. L'homme porte une chemise noire et blanche.

Media and Technology



Describe the photo. Write 4 short sentences **in French**.

1. Je vois deux personnes.
2. Ils jouent aux jeux vidéo.
3. Le garçon est très heureux.
4. Le père sourit.

Studying and My Future



Describe the photo. Write 4 short sentences **in French**.

1. Je vois beaucoup de personnes.
2. Ils sont dans un bureau.
3. Ils travaillent.
4. Les tables sont grises et blanches.

Travel and Tourism



Describe the photo. Write 4 short sentences **in French**.

1. Je vois le tour Eiffel.
2. Il y a deux femmes.
3. Elles sont contentes.
4. Une femme porte une robe rouge.

Question 2 – Open response, formal context (40-50 words)

My Personal World

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Mon meilleur ami s'appelle Bob et il a seize ans. Il a les cheveux noirs et les yeux marron.

J'aime Bob, parce qu'on joue au foot ensemble. À mon avis, il est important de faire les mêmes activités que tes amis.

La semaine prochaine, nous allons manger au café, pour mon anniversaire.

(52 words)

Lifestyle and Wellbeing

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- your opinion of the TV programme
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L'émission s'appelle « Le Couple Ennuyeux » et c'est une comédie britannique.

À mon avis, c'est très amusant et je trouve les personnages assez intéressants. J'aime regarder l'émission.

Je vais regarder l'émission à la télévision demain soir avec mes parents et mon frère.

(43 words)

My Neighbourhood

Write a review of a swimming pool for a website.

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- your opinion of the swimming pool
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La piscine se trouve au centre-ville, près du château.

J'aime la piscine parce que c'est propre et l'eau n'est pas trop froid. J'aime faire de la natation dans la piscine car c'est amusant.

Je vais aller à la piscine la semaine prochaine avec mon copain.

(45 words)

Media and Technology

Write an article about a new app.

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- what type of app it is (e.g. a new game)
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- when you will next use the app

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J'ai une nouvelle appli sur mon portable. C'est un jeu, qui s'appelle « Le chien fou ».
J'aime l'appli parce que c'est facile à jouer. J'adore les couleurs et le personnage du chien. Il est amusant !

Je vais jouer le jeu ce soir avec mon frère.

(47 words)

Studying and My Future

Write about work for an online newspaper.

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- where you work now
- your opinion of work
- what your future work plans are

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Je travaille dans un café chaque samedi après-midi.

Je n'aime pas travailler car c'est ennuyeux, mais j'aime gagner de l'argent.

À l'avenir, je voudrais être policier ou je veux travailler dans une prison. Je pense que c'est une carrière difficile, mais intéressante.

(42 words)

Travel and Tourism

Write a review of a castle for a website.

You **must** include the following points:

- where the castle is
- your opinion of the castle
- when you will next visit the castle

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Le château se trouve dans l'est de la France, à la montagne.

À mon avis, le château est ennuyeux car c'est trop vieux et historique. Je n'aime pas l'histoire !

Je vais visiter le château en juillet avec mes parents, mais je ne veux pas !

(46 words)

Question 3 – Open response, informal context (80-90 words)

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J'habite avec mon père, qui s'appelle Patrick.

Il a cinquante ans et il est très grand et assez gros. J'adore mon père parce qu'il est vraiment amusant et on s'entend très bien.

Hier, on a regardé la télé. On a regardé notre émission préférée, qui s'appelle MasterChef. Puis, on a fait la cuisine. On a fait des pâtes avec des légumes et c'était difficile mais délicieux.

L'été prochain, on va aller au bord de la mer et on va faire du camping. Ça va être agréable.

(86 words)

Lifestyle and Wellbeing

Write to your friend about your favourite food

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Ma nourriture préférée c'est le chocolat.*

J'adore manger du chocolat parce que c'est délicieux et j'aime boire du chocolat chaud, aussi. Mais, je n'aime pas la glace au chocolat.

J'ai mangé un gâteau au chocolat hier car c'était l'anniversaire de mon frère. C'était parfait !

En hiver, je vais aller au café dans ma ville pour boire du chocolat chaud. Je vais aller avec ma mère parce qu'elle adore le chocolat chaud et on va manger du gâteau au chocolat aussi ! Délicieux !

(84 words)

**Higher vocabulary*

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- what you bought at the shopping centre recently
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Il y a un centre commercial dans la grande ville à trente kilomètres de chez moi. Je n'aime pas le centre commercial car c'est trop grand et les magasins sont très chers. Le mois dernier, je suis allé(e) au centre commercial pour acheter un nouveau pantalon. J'ai acheté un pantalon noir pour porter au collège, mais c'était vraiment cher !
Je ne voudrais pas visiter le centre commercial à l'avenir, mais je dois aller au magasin de chaussures la semaine prochaine car j'ai besoin* de nouvelles chaussures.
(87 words)

**Higher vocabulary*

Media and Technology

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Mon influenceur préféré est une personne non-binaire, qui s'appelle Sacha Faux. Sacha est un influenceur français, et ses vidéos sont vraiment amusants. Je suis un grand fan ! Hier, j'ai regardé un vidéo de Sacha Faux sur YouTube - c'était extraordinaire et très intéressant. Sacha a parlé de l'environnement, un sujet que je trouve important et nécessaire.
La semaine prochaine, je vais regarder le nouveau vidéo de Sacha, sur les risques des portables et les problèmes avec les réseaux sociaux.
(80 words)

Studying and My Future

Write to your friend about your school

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- what you did yesterday at school
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Je porte un pantalon noir, une chemise blanche et une cravate bleue au collège.
Je n'aime pas mon uniforme scolaire, mais j'aime mon collège. C'est assez grand et les bâtiments sont modernes. Aussi, j'adore le grand terrain de foot, car j'aime jouer au foot avec mes amis.

Hier, j'ai joué avec mes amis et nous avons appris beaucoup de choses intéressantes.
J'ai eu les maths, les sciences et l'EPS, ma matière préférée.

L'année prochaine, je vais étudier l'EPS, le français et l'anglais et ça va être génial !
(88 words)

Travel and Tourism

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Il y a beaucoup d'hôtels près de chez moi, car il y a beaucoup de touristes ici.
Dans ma ville, il y a un grand hôtel et c'est extraordinaire ! J'adore cet hôtel car il y a une piscine dans le jardin.

L'année dernière, je suis allé(e) en France et je suis resté(e) dans un petit hôtel à Paris.
C'était terrible et pas propre !

En août, je vais aller à Londres et je vais rester dans un grand hôtel avec mes parents.
J'espère que ça va être mieux !

(90 words)

Question 4 – Translation into French

NB For each translation, other words might be acceptable (e.g. 'gentil' as a translation of "kind"), but I have only included words that are on the prescribed vocab list in the suggested answers here.

My Personal World

- f) I have one brother and two sisters. *J'ai un frère et deux sœurs.*
- g) They are funny and kind. *Ils sont amusant(e)s et sympa.*
- h) I love my dog. *J'adore mon chien.*
- i) Last weekend, I went to the cinema with my family. *Le weekend dernier, je suis allé(e) au cinéma avec ma famille.*
- j) If I have time, I help my parents at home. *Si j'ai le temps, j'aide mes parents à la maison / chez moi / chez nous.*

Lifestyle and Wellbeing

- f) I am very sporty. *Je suis très sportif/sportive.*
- g) My friend eats lots of fruit every day. *Mon ami(e) mange beaucoup de fruit(s) tous les jours/chaque jour.*
- h) I think it is important to be active. *Je pense qu'il est important d'être actif.*
- i) I walk to school, to stay in shape. *Je marche/je vais à pied au collège/à l'école, pour rester en forme.*
- j) Yesterday evening, I watched a film on television. *Hier soir, j'ai regardé un film à la télé(vision).*

My Neighbourhood

- f) I live in a small village. *J'habite dans un petit village.*
- g) There is a park and some shops. *Il y a un parc et des magasins.*
- h) My neighbourhood is very clean and quiet. *Mon quartier est très propre et calme.*
- i) When I go into town, I take the bus. *Quand je vais en ville, je prends le bus.*
- j) Last summer, I visited a museum and a castle. *L'été dernier, j'ai visité un musée et un château.*

Media and Technology

- f) I like playing video games. *J'aime jouer aux jeux vidéo.*
- g) My favourite app is very useful. *Mon appli(cation) préférée est très utile.*
- h) I use my mobile phone every day to send messages. *J'utilise mon portable tous les jours/chaque jour pour envoyer des messages.*
- i) Yesterday, I bought a new jumper online. *Hier, j'ai acheté un nouveau pull en ligne.*
- j) I think that the internet can be dangerous. *Je pense/crois qu'Internet peut être dangereux.*

Studying and My Future

- f) I study French at school. *J'étudie/j'apprends le français au collège/à l'école.*
- g) My favourite subject is history. *Ma matière préférée (c')est l'histoire.*
- h) My brother wants to be a police officer. *Mon frère veut être policier.*
- i) If I work hard, I can go to university. *Si je travaille dur, je peux aller à l'université.*
- j) Last week, I participated in a drama club. *La semaine dernière, j'ai participé à un club de théâtre.*

Travel and Tourism

- f) I like going on holiday. *J'aime aller/partir en vacances.*
- g) Every year, I go to Canada. *Chaque année, je vais au Canada.*
- h) The beach is very beautiful. *La plage est très belle.*
- i) Last summer, the weather was nice and hot. *L'été dernier, il faisait beau et chaud.*
- j) If I visit Paris, I want to see the Eiffel Tower. *Si je visite Paris, je veux voir la tour Eiffel.*