



Shrewsbury School

SHREWSBURY SCHOOL

YEAR 9 ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

FRENCH - PRACTICE PAPER B

40 MINUTES

Instructions to candidates:

- There are two sections, A and B, both for equal marks.
- Answer on lined paper.
- You are advised to move onto the writing section (B) after 20 minutes.
- Only do **ONE** of the Writing questions.

Section A: Reading

Read what Sandrine has written about her school below. Then answer the questions in English.

Mon collège est un grand collège mixte. C'est un collège moderne qui est situé près du centre-ville et en face du centre sportif. Dans mon collège il y a cinq cents élèves et environ cinquante professeurs. Les cours commencent à neuf heures et finissent à quatre heures et demie tous les jours, sauf le mercredi quand on finit les cours à midi. Normalement après les cours je m'entraîne pour le sport. Je suis dans l'équipe de hockey et nous avons des matchs une fois par semaine. On joue bien et d'habitude on gagne nos matchs.

Ma matière préférée est l'anglais parce que je pense que c'est très utile et en plus je trouve les cours intéressants. Par contre je n'aime pas la physique parce que le prof nous donne trop de devoirs et aussi je ne comprends rien.

Malheureusement je dois porter un uniforme à l'école. Je porte une chemise blanche, une veste noire et une jupe noire et verte. Je n'aime pas l'uniforme parce que ce n'est pas confortable, surtout quand il fait chaud. J'ai envie de porter mes propres vêtements à l'école.

1. How is the school described in the first sentence? (2)
2. Give two details about the location of the school. (2)
3. How many pupils and teachers are there? (2)
4. When do the lessons start and finish? (1)
5. On what day is the timing different and why? (1)
6. How often does she play in hockey matches? (1)
7. Why does Sandrine like English? (2)
8. What subject does she not like and why? (2)
9. What is the problem with her school uniform? (1)
10. What would she like to wear to school? (1)

Section B: Writing

Do **either** Question 1 **OR** Question 2:

Advice: to score a high mark:

1. Follow **all** the instructions fully.
2. Take care with verbs and tenses.
3. Work quickly to finish. Don't write too much!
4. The number of words is not important: just do **all the tasks** and do not write lots on just one or two tasks.

Question 1

Write a letter **in French** to your French penfriend following the instructions fully.

Point 6 is optional and simply scores bonus marks. Write on alternate (i.e. every other) line please. See the advice above.

You are writing a message to a French friend about your school life:

1. Say how you travel to school. (2)
2. Say what your favourite subject is, and why. (2)
3. Describe a school teacher. (2)
4. Ask your penfriend a question about their school. (2)
5. Write about what you did at school last week. 2 sentences. (2)

The following question is **optional**:

6. What will you do next weekend, after school is over? (bonus marks)

OR:

Question 2

You are sending an email to a French friend.

In your email you must:

1. Say where you live. (2)
2. Give two details about your family. (2)
3. Mention an activity you like to do when you go out with your family. (2)
4. Mention something that you don't like to do when you go out. (2)
5. Ask your friend a question about things he/ she does with their family. (2)

The following point is **optional**:

6. Write about what you did with your family *last week* (bonus marks)

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