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Higher Tier Paper 1 Listening

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**Time allowed: 45 minutes approximately
(including 5 minutes' reading time
before the test)**

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At the front of this book, write your surname and forename(s), your centre number, your candidate number and add your signature.

MATERIALS

You will need no other materials.

The pauses are pre-recorded for this test.

INSTRUCTIONS

- **You must NOT use a dictionary.**
- **Use black ink or black ball-point pen.**



This is what you should do for each item.

- **After the question number is announced, there will be a pause to allow you to read the instructions and questions.**
- **Listen carefully to the recording and read the questions again.**
- **Listen to the recording again, and then answer the questions.**
- **When the next question is about to start you will hear a bleep like this (*).**
- **You may write at any time during the test.**

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- In **SECTION A**, answer the questions in **ENGLISH**.
In **SECTION B**, answer the questions in **FRENCH**.
- You must answer **ALL** the questions in the spaces provided. Do **NOT** write on blank pages.
- Write neatly and put down **ALL** the information you are asked to give.
- **ASK ANY QUESTIONS NOW**. You **MUST NOT** ask questions or interrupt during the test.
- You now have five minutes to read through the question paper. You may make notes during this time.
- **THE TEST STARTS NOW**.



INFORMATION

- **The marks for questions are shown in brackets.**
- **The maximum mark for this paper is 50.**
- **If you need extra space for your answer(s), use the lined pages at the end of this book. Write the question number against your answer(s).**

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SECTION A

Questions and answers in ENGLISH

Answer ALL questions in the spaces provided.

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ENVIRONMENT

You are visiting a Belgian town.

You hear the Mayor giving a speech on the environment.

What does the Mayor tell local residents to do?

Write the correct letters in the boxes, on the opposite page.



A	Buy organic products
B	Car share
C	Recycle
D	Save energy
E	Travel by public transport
F	Use bikes

☐☐☐

[3 marks]

[Turn over]

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FOOD

You are listening to French radio.

You hear people talking about food.

What have these people NEVER tried?

What do these people ENJOY?

Write the correct letters in the boxes.

A	Cooking their own food
B	Eating in fast-food restaurants
C	Fine dining in expensive restaurants
D	Going to cookery classes
E	Ordering takeaway meals online
F	Watching TV cooking shows



0	2
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Never tried

☐

Enjoys

☐

[2 marks]

0	3
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Never tried

☐

Enjoys

☐

[2 marks]

[Turn over]



A CHARITY

You watch a documentary on French TV.

**The documentary is about a charity
which provides assistance dogs.**

Complete the sentences in ENGLISH.

**ANSWER BOTH PARTS OF
QUESTION 4.**



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The charity places dogs with host families for ...

[1 mark]

0	4	.	2
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Then the dogs go to a centre where they are ...

[1 mark]

[Turn over]



ANSWER BOTH PARTS OF QUESTION 5.

05.1

The dogs learn to greet people and to ...

[1 mark]

05.2

The dogs must also listen carefully to ...

[1 mark]



Complete the sentences in ENGLISH.

ANSWER BOTH PARTS OF QUESTION 6.

0 6 . 1

The dogs become more patient by being around ...

[1 mark]

0 6 . 2

When the dogs are finally ready, they go and live with someone who ...

[1 mark]

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[Turn over]



MARRIAGE

You hear this news item in Belgium.

The news item is about marriage.

Write the correct letter in each box.

**ANSWER BOTH PARTS OF
QUESTION 7.**

0 7 . 1

**According to recent statistics, the total
number of weddings in Belgium has ...**

A	gone down.
B	gone up.
C	stayed the same.

[1 mark]



07.2

The main reason a Belgian couple get married nowadays is ...

A	because it's the tradition.
B	because they are older.
C	for the sake of their children.

☐**[1 mark]**

[Turn over]



ANSWER BOTH PARTS OF QUESTION 8.

08.1

What part of Nina’s wedding plans was a challenge?

A	Finding the right date in the calendar
B	Getting everything sorted in time
C	Paying for everything

[1 mark]

08.2

What caused arguments between Nina and her future husband?

A	The guest list
B	The menu choice
C	The seating plan

☐**[1 mark]**

[Turn over]



ANSWER BOTH PARTS OF
QUESTION 9.

09.1

Some people get married ...

A	in a theme park.
B	under water.
C	in a zoo.

☐ [1 mark]

09.2

On average, a couple go on honeymoon ...

A	to a neighbouring country.
B	for longer than a fortnight.
C	immediately after the wedding.

☐ [1 mark]

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[Turn over]

LIFE AT SCHOOL

You are on a French trip.

You hear these young people talking about their day at school.

Answer the questions in ENGLISH.

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Why did Magali have a good day at school? Give TWO reasons. [2 marks]

1 _____

2 _____



1	1
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Why was Rémi's first day at school a catastrophe? Give TWO reasons.

[2 marks]

1 _____

2 _____

[Turn over]

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JOB INTERVIEWS

You hear this podcast.

The podcast is about job interviews in Switzerland.

Complete the sentences in ENGLISH.

ANSWER BOTH PARTS OF QUESTION 12.

1 2 . 1

First, remember to ...

[1 mark]

1 2 . 2

You can go online to ...

[1 mark]



**ANSWER BOTH PARTS OF
QUESTION 13.**

13.1

**Call the employer if you are concerned
about ...**

[1 mark]

13.2

Finally, check where to ...

[1 mark]

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[Turn over]



PHONE APPS

You are in a café in Quebec.

You hear these young people talking about phone apps.

Which TWO types of apps do these young people use?

Write the correct letters in the boxes.

A	Dating
B	Gaming
C	Health
D	Navigation
E	Shopping
F	Sports
G	Weather



1	4
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Édouard

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[2 marks]

1	5
---	---

Charlotte

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[2 marks]

[Turn over]

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SCHOOL NEWS

You are listening to French radio.

You hear these news items about local schools.

What is each item about?

Write the correct letter in each box.

A	A-level exams starting today
B	A fire
C	A new canteen opening
D	A teacher shortage
E	Record exam results
F	Return to school delayed
G	Teachers receiving threats
H	Vandalism



1	6
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[1 mark]

1	7
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[1 mark]

1	8
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[1 mark]

1	9
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[1 mark]

[Turn over]



LOCAL AREA

You are listening to Belgian radio.

You hear these people talking about where they live.

What is their opinion on the following aspects?

Write P for a POSITIVE opinion.

N for a NEGATIVE opinion.

**P + N for a POSITIVE and
NEGATIVE opinion.**



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Neighbours

[1 mark]

2	1
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Buses

[1 mark]

2	2
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Restaurants

[1 mark]

[Turn over]



2	3
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City centre

[1 mark]

2	4
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Area

[1 mark]

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SECTION B

Questions and answers in FRENCH

Answer ALL questions in the spaces provided.

UN FESTIVAL DE MUSIQUE

Voici une publicité pour un festival de musique en France.

Ecrivez A (seulement si A est correct)

B (seulement si B est correct)

A + B (si A et B sont tous les deux corrects).

Ecrivez la/les lettre(s) dans la case.

RÉPONDEZ AUX DEUX PARTIES DE LA QUESTION 25.



25.1

Ce festival a lieu ...

A	en semaine.
B	devant la mairie.

[1 mark]

25.2

Tous les musiciens du festival sont ...

A	étudiants.
B	français.

[1 mark]

[Turn over]



2	6
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PROBLÈMES EN VACANCES

Sur 'WhatsApp', vous entendez ces messages de vos amis français.

Ils ont quels problèmes en vacances ?

Complétez les phrases suivantes en FRANÇAIS.

RÉPONDEZ AUX DEUX PARTIES DE LA QUESTION 26.



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A l'aéroport, il y avait une ...

[1 mark]

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L'avion n'a pas pu ...

[1 mark]

[Turn over]



**RÉPONDEZ AUX DEUX PARTIES DE
LA QUESTION 27.**

27.1

A l'hôtel, il y a un problème avec la ...

_____.

[1 mark]

27.2

Il est interdit de ...

_____.

[1 mark]

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INTERVIEW AVEC UN ARTISTE BELGE

**Sur Internet, vous entendez une
interview avec Ludovic, un artiste belge.**

**Choisissez la bonne réponse. Ecrivez la
bonne lettre dans la case.**

**RÉPONDEZ AUX DEUX PARTIES DE
LA QUESTION 28.**



28.1

Le thème d’une chanson récente était les problèmes ...

A	dans les familles.
B	des réseaux sociaux.
C	de l’environnement.

☐ [1 mark]

28.2

Le concert de Ludovic aide ...

A	les femmes.
B	les malades.
C	les SDF.

☐ [1 mark]

[Turn over]



RÉPONDEZ AUX DEUX PARTIES DE LA QUESTION 29.

29.1

Pour garder la forme, Ludovic ...

A	dort assez.
B	fait du sport.
C	mange bien.

☐ [1 mark]

29.2

A l’avenir, Ludovic voudrait un rôle ...

A	au cinéma.
B	au théâtre.
C	dans une publicité.

☐ [1 mark]

END OF QUESTIONS

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