



# Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit State Examinations Commission

JUNIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 2017

## FRENCH – ORDINARY LEVEL (320 MARKS)

WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE – MORNING, 9.30 to 12.00

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EXAMINATION NUMBER

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### GENERAL DIRECTIONS

- There are three sections in this paper: Listening Comprehension, Reading Comprehension and Written Expression.
- Pay particular attention to the instructions relating to each question as they are given on the Examination Paper.
- Before the commencement of the listening comprehension test proper, you will have 5 minutes to read the instructions dealing with it and the questions.** You may not ask any questions or make any comment while the test is in progress.
- When you have finished Section I (listening comprehension of recorded passages), you should proceed immediately to Sections II and III of the paper.
- MAKE SURE YOU WRITE YOUR EXAMINATION NUMBER IN THE SPACE PROVIDED ABOVE.**

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## **SECTION I**

### **Listening Comprehension (140 marks)**

**N.B.** Your answers must be in English.

#### **A**

You will hear each of **three** conversations **twice**. You may answer the question on each conversation at the end of either hearing by writing *a*, *b*, *c* or *d* in the appropriate box.

**1.** Where does this conversation take place?

- (*a*) In a post office.
- (*b*) In a supermarket.
- (*c*) In a train station.
- (*d*) In a bookshop.

**2.** What did Nathalie eat for lunch?

- (*a*) A salad.
- (*b*) A cheeseburger.
- (*c*) An omelette.
- (*d*) A ham sandwich.

**3.** What is Richard and Sophie's next class?

- (*a*) French.
- (*b*) English.
- (*c*) History.
- (*d*) Maths.

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<b>B</b>	
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## B

In this section, two people introduce themselves. Each of their stories will be played **three** times. Listen to them and fill in the information required in the grids at **1** and **2** below.

**1.**

Name:	<b>Gabriel</b>
Birthday:	
Number of sisters:	
<b>One</b> detail about his dog, Napoléon:	
Favourite dessert:	
<b>One</b> birthday present he received:	

**2.**

Name:	<b>Mélanie</b>
Age:	
What she says about the classrooms:	
Her husband Jérôme's job:	
Which day he likes to play bowls:	
Country she plans to visit this year:	

# C

You will hear **five** separate conversations. Each one will be played **twice**. Listen carefully and answer the questions.

1. To get to the library, the woman will have to

- (a) take the third street on the left
- (b) turn right at the roundabout
- (c) continue straight ahead
- (d) take the second street on the right.

2. Jacqueline has won a radio competition. Complete her surname by filling in the blanks below with the three missing letters.

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3. What is Franck's mother going to do in a few minutes time?

- (a) Make the beds.
- (b) Wash the clothes.
- (c) Load the dishwasher.
- (d) Set the table.

4. Which type of programme is Colette's father watching on TV?

- (a) A documentary.
- (b) The news.
- (c) A soap opera.
- (d) The weather forecast.

5. Complete Madame Boyer's phone number by filling in the missing figures below.

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# D

Mathieu, a French teenager, is talking to his friend Sarah about his holidays on a farm.

You will hear the conversation **three times**. First, you will hear it all right through; then it will be replayed in **four segments** with pauses. Finally, you will hear the whole conversation right through again.

**First section:**

1. Where did Sarah spend her holidays?

- (a) In a youth hostel.
- (b) On a boat.
- (c) At a campsite.
- (d) In a hotel.

**Second section:**

2. Why did Mathieu's parents decide to go on a Mediterranean cruise?

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**Third section:**

3. (i) What did Mathieu find difficult, while staying at the farm?

- (a) Cutting the hay.
- (b) Feeding the pigs.
- (c) Cleaning the yard.
- (d) Getting up early.

(ii) What did he enjoy doing with his cousins, while he was there?

- (a) Roller-skating.
- (b) Climbing trees.
- (c) Going fishing.
- (d) Playing football.

**Fourth section:**

4. Why was Mathieu's uncle cross with him one day?

- (a) He didn't close a gate.
- (b) He broke a window.
- (c) He didn't feed the animals.
- (d) He ate too many apples.

# E

You will now hear **five** items taken from radio. Each item will be played **twice**. Listen carefully and answer the questions on each one.

1. Which new building will the Minister visit tomorrow?

- (a) A hospital.
- (b) A school.
- (c) A courthouse.
- (d) A museum.

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2. Where in the store will this fashion show take place?

- (a) In the basement.
- (b) On the ground floor.
- (c) On the first floor.
- (d) On the second floor.

3. In which sport is Isabelle Roland a champion?

- (a) Waterskiing.
- (b) Hang-gliding.
- (c) Windsurfing.
- (d) Horse-riding.

4. What are visitors forbidden to bring into the Louvre?

- (a) Drinks.
- (b) Laptops.
- (c) Rucksacks.
- (d) Umbrellas.

5. What will the weather be like in the Vosges this afternoon?

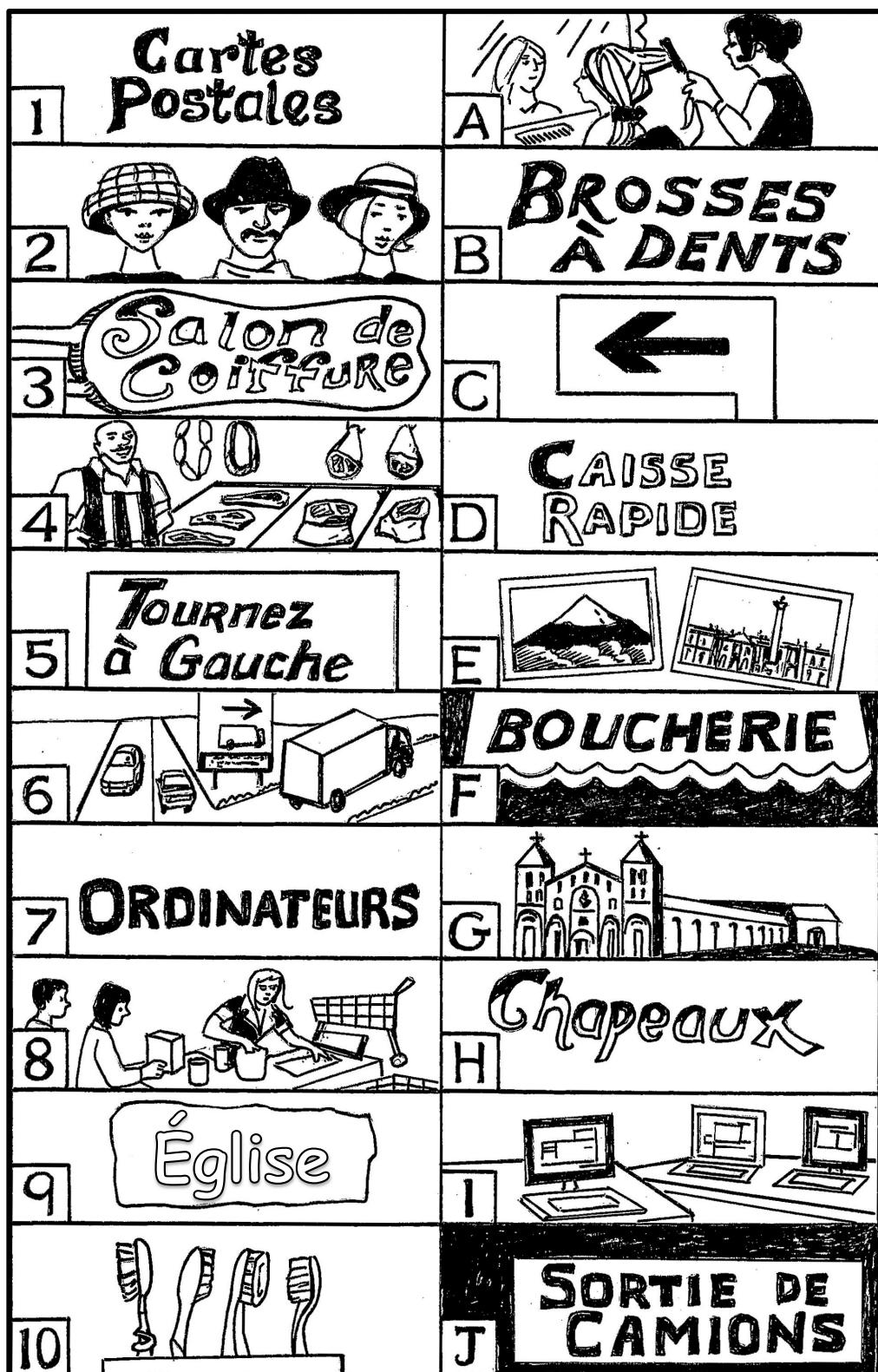
- (a) Windy.
- (b) Cold.
- (c) Sunny.
- (d) Dry.

## SECTION II

### Reading Comprehension (120 marks)

**N.B.** Your answers must be in English.

1. Match the following sets of signs and pictures. Indicate your answer in all cases by inserting the letters which correspond to the numbers in the boxes below.



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2. Read about this giant mechanical elephant and answer the questions which follow.

## Voyage en Grand Éléphant



Dans la ville de Nantes, montez sur le dos du grand éléphant métallique.

La promenade sur l'éléphant dure une demi-heure.

En haut, vous avez une belle vue sur la rivière.

Le site est accessible par le tramway ou par l'autobus.

Ouvert tous les jours à partir du 30 avril. Fermé en cas de vents forts.

Tarifs :      Adultes : 8,50 €                      Étudiants : 6,90 €                      Enfants : 5,80 €

(i) How long does the ride on the mechanical elephant last?

- (a) Fifteen minutes.
- (b) Half an hour.
- (c) Forty-five minutes.
- (d) One hour.

(ii) Name **one** method of public transport mentioned.

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(iii) The elephant ride is closed if there is a lot of

- (a) fog
- (b) rain
- (c) wind
- (d) snow.

(iv) How much does a student ticket cost?

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3. The following is a recipe for a snack.

## Ballons de protéine

Pour toute la famille

### Ingédients :

- 2 bananes
- 1 poire
- 250 g de chocolat
- 100 g de noisettes
- 10 ml de lait
- 3 cl d'eau
- 5 g de sucre
- 25 g de beurre
- 1 pincée de sel



Tick the box (✓) to indicate which **four** of the following ingredients **are** mentioned in the above recipe.

**NOTE: Marks will be deducted for giving more than 4 answers.**

		✓
a.	Sugar	
b.	Cream	
c.	Strawberries	
d.	Water	
e.	Flour	
f.	Salt	
g.	Honey	
h.	Bananas	

4. This article gives advice about how to organise a party at home.

## Organiser une fête à la maison



1. Fixe une date et une heure : l'idéal est de choisir un vendredi ou un samedi soir.
2. Enlève les choses fragiles dans le salon, et protège le canapé et le tapis.
3. Décide combien d'argent tu vas dépenser sur la nourriture et les boissons.
4. Préviens les voisins à l'avance. Ils auront le temps d'organiser leur soirée à l'extérieur.
5. Trouve un thème pour assurer une soirée cool : par exemple, demande à tous tes invités de porter des vêtements noirs.
6. Quelques jours avant la soirée, envoie des textos à tes amis. Comme ça, ils n'oublieront pas de venir.

In which paragraph is each of the following mentioned?

		Paragraph Number
a.	Wearing black clothes.	
b.	Spending money on food and drink.	
c.	Choosing a Friday or Saturday night.	
d.	Warning the neighbours about the party.	

5. Read what these six teenagers have to say about their problems.



**Philippe**

Je me couche vers 21h30 mais je ne peux jamais dormir avant 23 heures. Du coup, je suis moins attentif en classe et je suis tout le temps fatigué. Mes parents insistent que je vais au lit tôt. Ils ne m'écoulent jamais. Du conseil, s'il te plaît.

**Clémence**

Je n'aime pas les vacances. Nous n'allons jamais à l'étranger parce que mes parents ne gagnent pas assez d'argent. Donc, nous restons toujours à la maison et je m'ennuie beaucoup. Ce n'est pas juste. Que faire ?

**Simon**

Je travaille dur et j'ai toujours de meilleurs résultats que les autres élèves. Quelquefois, ils ne font pas leurs devoirs, et ils me demandent de copier mon travail. Ça m'énerve mais je n'ose rien dire par peur qu'on me déteste. Aide-moi.

**Lisette**

J'aimerais me faire percer les oreilles comme toutes mes amies. Malheureusement, ma mère ne veut pas. Pourtant, elle s'intéresse à la mode, donc je ne comprends pas pourquoi elle refuse. Comment la persuader ?

**Félix**

Mes parents me demandent de poser mon portable tous les soirs après le collège. Est-ce normal ? Ils disent que je ne passe pas assez de temps avec eux ! Après, je ne peux pas aller sur Snapchat. Comment faire ?

**Régine**

Une copine m'a prêté ses lunettes de soleil mais je les ai cassées ! Je ne lui ai pas encore dit la vérité, car je n'ai pas assez de sous en ce moment pour acheter de nouvelles lunettes pour elle. Au secours !

Write the **name of the person** who

		<b>Name</b>
a.	never goes abroad on holiday.	
b.	is not allowed use his/her mobile phone in the evening.	
c.	finds it difficult to fall asleep.	
d.	broke his/her friend's sunglasses.	
e.	would like to get his/her ears pierced.	
f.	has classmates who want to copy his/her work.	

6. Read the following short newspaper items and answer the questions.



### Le château de Brissac

Brissac est le plus haut château de France. Rien de plus agréable que de venir en famille dans le parc pour la chasse aux œufs de Pâques. Cinquante mille petits œufs en chocolat sont cachés dans les bois. Les enfants s'amusent beaucoup !

(i) When does this children's event take place?

- (a) New Year's Day.
- (b) Easter.
- (c) Halloween.
- (d) Christmas.



### Les bulles de Grenoble

Le téléphérique de Grenoble fête ses soixante-dix ans. Des bulles, rondes et transparentes, relient le centre-ville à la montagne. Grenoble se trouve dans l'est de la France, dans les Alpes. La montagne est le lieu touristique le plus populaire de la région.

(ii) How old is the cable car of Grenoble?

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(iii) What is the most popular tourist attraction?

- (a) The lake.
- (b) The city centre.
- (c) The mountain.
- (d) The river.



### Vol de couverts

Il y a un problème dans le restaurant universitaire de Royan. Chaque année, on vole des centaines de cuillères, de couteaux, et de fourchettes. L'université a lancé une campagne pour encourager les étudiants de ne plus voler.

(iv) Name **one** item stolen from this restaurant.

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7. Nilusi is a French singer with the group *Kids United*.

## Nilusi

1. Nilusi a 16 ans. Sa mère est prof de chant. Donc Nilusi chante toujours à la maison. En ce moment, elle apprend aussi à jouer de la batterie. Elle est la plus âgée du groupe *Kids United*. Il y a quatre autres personnes dans le groupe, deux garçons et deux filles.
2. Nilusi aime s'amuser et elle fait souvent des bêtises. La semaine dernière, par exemple, elle a laissé tomber sa tablette dans le bain. Elle a dû demander à ses parents de lui acheter une nouvelle tablette. Nilusi adore les animaux. Elle a un oiseau vert et jaune qui s'appelle Loulou.
3. À l'école, Nilusi préfère le dessin et la géographie. De temps en temps, les garçons lui offrent des cadeaux, par exemple des bonbons et des bracelets. Cela l'a fait sourire. En automne, elle est partie en vacances en Autriche. Là, elle a passé un mois dans un chalet situé près d'un lac. Elle dit que la nature l'inspire pour composer des chansons.



(i) Which musical instrument is Nilusi learning to play at the moment? **(Paragraph 1)**

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(ii) What happened to Nilusi's tablet last week? **(Paragraph 2)**

- (a) It fell into the bath.
- (b) The screen got broken at school.
- (c) She left it on a bus.
- (d) Her parents took it away from her.

(iii) What type of pet does Nilusi have? **(Paragraph 2)**

- (a) Hamster.
- (b) Mouse.
- (c) Bird.
- (d) Rabbit.

(iv) How long did Nilusi spend in Austria last autumn? **(Paragraph 3)**

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8. This article is about the French tennis player Pierre-Hugues Herbert.

## Pierre-Hugues Herbert

**Nom :** Herbert

**Prénom :** Pierre-Hugues

**Âge :** 23 ans

**Nationalité :** Français

**Signe Astrologique :** Poissons

**Situation de famille :** Célibataire



### École :

- Je suis né à Strasbourg, mais je suis allé à l'école en Allemagne. C'est pourquoi je parle couramment l'allemand.

### Famille :

- Mon père est mon entraîneur personnel et ma mère est monitrice de tennis. J'ai commencé à jouer avec mon frère aîné quand j'avais quatre ans.

### Premier match :

- Je me souviens bien de mon premier match : j'ai pleuré parce que j'ai perdu. J'étais vraiment triste.

### Passe-temps :

- Après une longue journée d'entraînement ou de match, j'aime bien me reposer. Mais le week-end, quand j'ai du temps libre, j'adore conduire très vite sur les autoroutes.

Having read the article about **Pierre-Hugues Herbert**, answer the following questions.

- (i) In which country did Pierre-Hugues go to school?

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- (ii) Who played tennis with Pierre-Hugues when he was four years old?

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- (iii) What does Pierre-Hugues remember about his first match?

- (a) He injured his knee.
- (b) It rained heavily.
- (c) He played against his cousin.
- (d) He lost the match.

- (iv) What does Pierre-Hugues like to do at weekends?

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## **SECTION III**

### **Written Expression**

**(60 marks)**

1. Write a first **letter in French** to your French pen-pal, Robert / Rosaline. Include at least **four** of the following points:

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- Say that you live in a small village.
- Tell him/her what date your birthday is.
- Tell him/her that you play basketball with your friends.
- Say how you help with the housework.
- Tell him/her that you are going to the cinema tomorrow.
- Say that you bought a red jumper yesterday.
- Say that you don't like video games.
- Ask him/her if he/she listens to the radio.
- Say that you are going to the seaside in June.

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**2.** Answer (a) or (b).

(a) Write a **postcard** in French to a French friend. In it say

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- that you are in a hotel in Italy
- what the weather is like
- that you are spending two weeks there
- that you like the swimming pool.

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**OR**

(b) You are staying with a French family. One morning, you decide to go out with a friend. Write a **note** in French. In it say

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- that your friend Marie phoned
- that you are going to the supermarket
- that you will buy some flowers
- that you will be back at 1 p.m.

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