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French 6651

Specification

FR5C The Cultural and Social Landscape in Focus

Mark Scheme

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These criteria are provided to help teachers in the supervision and assessment of coursework. The coursework assignments test Assessment Objectives 2, 3 and 4.

The coursework assignments should be marked according to the criteria given below. They are not confidential and teachers may make them available to candidates at any point in the course. Where word limits are issued, these are for guidance only. Answers which do not meet a specified word length will not be penalised as short or long answers are usually self-penalising.

The assessment objectives will be allocated in the following way.

		% of A Level	Marks
AO2	Response to written language	2.5	5
AO3	Knowledge of grammar	2.5	5
AO4	Knowledge of society	10	20
TOTAL		15	30

The following criteria will be used.

Knowledge of Society (AO4)	
16-20	Demonstrates thorough knowledge and understanding of the task using a wide range of examples and evidence. The answer is fully relevant with a good depth of treatment.
11-15	Demonstrates sound overall knowledge and understanding of the task, using a good range of examples and evidence. The answer is mostly relevant, treating the task in some depth.
6-10	Demonstrates some knowledge and understanding of the task. Examples and evidence are mostly simple, but the answer is generally relevant.
1-5	Demonstrates only limited knowledge and understanding of the task. Limited range of examples and evidence, often superficial.
0	The answer shows no relevance to the task set. A zero score will automatically result in a zero score for the answer as a whole.

	Reaction/Response (AO2)
5	A good range of points evaluated with conclusions. Clear evidence of personal reaction, well illustrated/justified. Well organised structure with clear progression.
4	Some attempt at evaluation with some personal reaction and conclusions but not always convincingly illustrated/justified. Logical structure with some progression.
3	Some evaluation evident, but relies on received ideas with few conclusions and little personal opinion. Some attempts at structure. Ideas generally not well supported.
2	Little relevant reaction/opinion/evaluation, generally factual or descriptive. Very poor structure.
0-1	Little or no reaction. No real illustration or justification.

	Knowledge of Grammar (AO3)
5	Very good command of the language. Good use of idiom, complex structures and a wide range of vocabulary. Highly accurate grammar and sentence structure; only occasional mistakes.
4	Good command of the language. Attempts to use complex constructions and a wide range of vocabulary. Good grammar and sentence structure. Generally accurate.
3	A variety of linguistic structures used, generally effectively. Limitations in the use of more complex structures and more sophisticated vocabulary. Grammatical errors rarely impede comprehension.
2	Reasonable performance, tending to use unsophisticated constructions and vocabulary. Grammatical errors generally do not impede comprehension.
0-1	Generally comprehensible to a native speaker. Limited range of constructions, vocabulary and sentence patterns. Grammatical errors may significantly impede comprehension.

Teachers should keep records of their assessments during the course, in a form which facilitates the complete and accurate submission of the final assessments at the end of the course.

When the assessments are complete, the final marks awarded under each of the assessment criteria must be entered on the Candidate Record Form, with supporting information given in the spaces provided. A specimen Candidate Record Form appears as Appendix B; the exact design may be modified before the operational version is issued.

The Candidate Record Form must be attached to the candidate's work.