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PAPER 2 READING COMPREHENSION

Thursday **5 June 2025** 9:00 A.M.–9:50 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

Write your school number, candidate number, surname and initials in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

Answer **ALL** questions (in ink) in the spaces provided in this booklet.

You must read and **adhere to all instructions**.

You need not write complete sentences, but you must **give all relevant information**.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks available is shown in brackets [] at the end of each question.



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This question paper consists of 7 printed pages and 1 blank page.

Exercise 1

Questions 1–8

You are spending a month in Nice as part of your school's summer immersion programme.

Tick (✓) the box alongside the place you have to go to in each situation.

1. You need to take the subway.

A	GARE	
B	ARRÊT D'AUTOBUS	
C	STATION-SERVICE	
D	MÉTRO	

[1]

2. You would like to buy a baguette (bread).

A	BOULANGERIE	
B	BOUCHERIE	
C	BIJOUTERIE	
D	PARFUMERIE	

[1]

3. You need to purchase some fresh fruit.

A	FLEURISTE	
B	MARCHÉ	
C	FROMAGERIE	
D	MUSÉE	

[1]

4. You would like to see a live performance of *Les Misérables*.

A	THÉÂTRE	
B	STADE	
C	SUPERMARCHÉ	
D	KIOSQUE PRESSE	

[1]

5. You want to borrow a book from the library.

A	LIBRAIRIE	
B	BIBLIOTHÈQUE	
C	ÉCOLE	
D	LAVERIE	

[1]



6. Your classmates would like to go to the park.

A	PARC	
B	PLAGE	
C	PISCINE	
D	POISSONERIE	

[1]

7. You want to go shopping.

A	COIFFEUR	
B	CHARCUTERIE	
C	CENTRE COMMERCIAL	
D	COMMISARIAT	

[1]

8. You are looking for a pair of comfortable shoes. Which sign should you look for?

A	CHEMISES	
B	CHAPEAUX	
C	CHAUSSETTES	
D	CHAUSSURES	

[1]

TOTAL MARKS [8]

Exercise 2

Questions 9–15

You see the following advertisements while scrolling through a French blog. Read them through carefully and answer the questions that follow in **ENGLISH**.

EN SOLDE !
Réduction de 20% sur les vêtements
d'hiver

*Gants (*multicolores*)
*Blusons
*Bottes (*noires*)

9. Which season is mentioned?

_____ [1]

10. Name **TWO** items that are on special offer.

_____ [1]

_____ [1]

♦Menu de Noël♦
Entrée
~ Soupe à l'oignon ~
Plat
~ Canard rôti avec des pommes de terre et du maïs ~
Dessert
~ Tarte aux pommes ~
Boisson
~ vin rouge/ blanc ~

€25 pour tout
•Tous les dimanches en décembre•

11. Which holiday is mentioned?

_____ [1]

12. In addition to duck (*canard*), what is being served as the main course? Give **ONE** answer only.

_____ [1]

13. What can you order for dessert?

_____ [1]

14. What beverage (drink) is included?

_____ [1]

15. When is this menu available? Give a **COMPLETE** answer.

_____ [1]



TOTAL MARKS [8]

Exercise 3

Questions 16–23

Lise, Nicole and Martine are describing their homes. Read what they say and answer the questions that follow.

J'habite dans une maison près de la plage. La maison est bleue comme l'océan. Elle est très moderne avec deux étages et un grand garage. La vue sur la mer est magnifique.

Lise

Je vis au centre-ville dans un vieil immeuble. Même si c'est vieux, c'est confortable. Il n'y a pas de garage, mais il y a un balcon. Ce que je ne supporte pas est le bruit. C'est énervant* !

Nicole

Moi, j'habite à la campagne. Ma maison ressemble à une ferme avec les murs jaunes et verts. Derrière la maison, il y a un joli jardin et des grands arbres. J'aime habiter ici parce que c'est tranquille.

Martine

**énervant*, annoying

Answer each question by writing the appropriate person's name (Questions 16–18) or an appropriate response in **English**.

Do not translate any names.

16. Who lives downtown? _____ [1]
17. Who lives near the beach? _____ [1]
18. Whose lives in the countryside? _____ [1]
19. Nicole says her house is _____ but comfortable. [1]
20. What does Nicole not like about the area where she lives? _____ [1]
21. What does Martine's home look like? _____ [1]
22. What colour are the walls of Martine's house? _____ [1]
23. What can be found behind Martine's house? Give **ONE** answer. _____ [1]

TOTAL MARKS [8]

[Turn over

Exercise 4**Questions 24–34**

Charles, a high school student from Guadeloupe, wrote this letter while on holiday in France. Read it through and then answer the questions that follow.

Salut, mon amie ! J'espère que tout va bien.

Ma famille et moi sommes en vacances en France pour deux semaines pour fêter l'anniversaire de ma mère. Elle a cinquante ans maintenant. C'était le rêve de ma mère de voyager là depuis longtemps et mon père l'a surprise avec les billets la semaine dernière. Nous sommes arrivés lundi matin. Ma mère est très impatiente d'être en vacances.

Nous restons dans un grand hôtel luxueux situé à Chamonix. Chamonix est une très belle ville située dans les Alpes françaises, entourée des montagnes majestueuses. À mon avis, le centre de Chamonix est très charmant et il est aussi près des restaurants et pas loin de l'aéroport. L'hôtel dispose de trois piscines, d'un spa et d'une station de chocolat chaud.

Il y a beaucoup de choses à faire en ville. Hier, nous avons fait du ski pour la première fois. Après, nous avons dîné dans un restaurant espagnol. J'ai mangé du poulet avec des frites et des haricots. C'était super ! Demain, ma sœur Émilie va faire des courses. Elle a l'intention d'acheter un cadeau pas cher pour notre mère.

Comment se passent tes vacances ? Écris-moi vite.

Gros bisous
Charles



Answer in **ENGLISH** or tick (✓) the appropriate box:

24. Charles and his family are in France for...

A	...two days.	
B	...two weeks.	
C	...two months.	
D	...two years.	

[1]

25. Why are Charles and his family in France? (What reason does he give?)

[1]

26. When did they arrive? Give a **COMPLETE** answer.

[1]

27. How old is Charles's mother now?

[1]

28. What does Charles say about the location of the centre of Chamonix? Give **ONE** fact.

[1]

29. What kind of station does the hotel have? Give a **COMPLETE** answer.

[1]

30. Charles and his family...

A	... have always loved skiing.	
B	... are fearless skiers.	
C	... are not experienced skiers.	
D	... are going skiing this afternoon.	

[1]

31. In what type of restaurant did Charles and family have dinner?

[1]

32. Apart from potato chips (French fries), what did Charles eat at the restaurant?
Give **ONE** answer only.

[1]

33. When is Émilie going shopping?

[1]

34. What does Émilie plan to purchase? Give a **COMPLETE** answer.

[1]

TOTAL MARKS [11]

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