

IGCSE FRENCH

Marking Scheme

Writing Paper

Section 3

mark out of 8 for Accurate use of verbs

Generic mark scheme for Accurate use of verbs (Question 3):

- (i) Place a tick above the **first** occurrence of each correct verb, up to a maximum of 18 ticks (details of how to award ticks are provided below).
 (ii) Convert the total number of ticks to a mark out of 8 using the Conversion table below.

Conversion table for Accurate use of verbs (Question 3)

Number of ticks	Mark
18+	8
16,17	7
14,15	6
12,13	5
10,11	4
8,9	3
6,7	2
4,5	1
0,1,2,3	0

Total marks for Accurate use of verbs: 8

• **How to award ticks for Accurate use of verbs (Question 3):**

(a) Subject (noun or pronoun) + any finite verb

- both subject and verb must be correct for the verb to score a tick
- verb must be in the appropriate tense to score a tick
- inaccuracies in the use of accents are ignored except for in the case of *-er* verbs and *être* where there must be an accent on the past participle in a compound tense, and the absence of such an accent in the present tense
- do not tick verbs contained in the 'letter etiquette': appropriate beginnings and endings to letters are considered for reward under Other linguistic features.

Tick	No tick	Note
Je suis (✓)		
J'aime (✓)	Je aime (<i>no tick</i>)	
Il est allé (✓)	Il est allée (<i>no tick</i>)	insist on correct agreement
	Les professeurs sont (<i>no tick</i>) gentils	incorrect subject

With direct and indirect object pronouns

Tick	No tick	Note
Je l'aime (✓)		
Je le joue (✓)	Je se joue (<i>no tick</i>)	«jouer» is not a reflexive verb
Je lave (✓) les voitures	Je me lave (<i>no tick</i>) les voitures	«laver» should not be used reflexively in this statement
Je t'ai dit (✓)		
J'ai te dit (✓)		basic verb formation is correct

Reflexive/passive

Tick	No tick	Note
Elle s'est levée (✓)	Elle est se levée (<i>no tick</i>)	
Elle a été attrapée (✓)		
Je me lave (✓) les mains		

Impersonal

Tick	No tick	Note
C'est comique (✓)		
Il y a (✓)		
Est-ce que (✓)		

With negative

Tick	No tick	Note
Ils ne jouent pas (✓)		tick is awarded for the correct verb; the negative is considered for reward in 'Other linguistic features'
Ils ne pas jouent (✓)		

Correct verb within meaningless statement

Tick	No tick	Note
La journée est longue (✓)	La journée est (<i>no tick</i>) intelligente	do not reward correct verb in a meaningless statement

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(b) Imperative

Tick	No tick	Note
Viens (✓)		
Ne touche pas (✓)		

(c) Interrogative

Tick	No tick	Note
Tu viens? (✓) / Tu viens. (✓)		question mark not required for mark to be awarded
Est-ce que (✓) tu viens(?) (✓)		
Comment ça va(?) (✓)		

(d) Infinitive

Tick	No tick	Note
Je veux (✓) sortir (✓)		
Je veut (<i>no tick</i>) sortir (✓)		
Je veux (✓) sortir (<i>no tick</i>)	Nous allons organiser	Meaningless statement
Il a décidé (✓) de sortir (✓)		
Il a décidé (✓) à sortir (<i>no tick</i>)		
Sans hésiter (✓)	Sans hésité (<i>no tick</i>)	

(g) Reward only the first occurrence of a verb, e.g.

- J'aime (✓) la natation. J'aime (*no tick*) aussi le tennis
- J'aime (✓) la natation. Je n'aime (*no tick*) pas le tennis
- Dans ma région il y a (✓) des montagnes et des rivières. Il y a (*no tick*) aussi des...

However,

- Je préfère (✓) la natation et mon frère préfère (✓) le tennis – 2 different persons of the verb
- Mon frère préfère (✓) la natation et ma sœur préfère (*no tick*) le tennis – both third person usage
- Elle est (✓) fâché, ce n'est (*no tick*) pas amusant – both third person usage

Other linguistic features : 12 marks

11-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 different examples of linguistic features • Highly accurate • Wide range of vocabulary
9-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 different examples of linguistic features • Good range of structures, usually accurate • Variety of vocabulary
7-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 different examples of linguistic features • Simple structures are correct • Errors with more ambitious structures • Sufficient vocabulary to add some interest
5-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 different examples of linguistic features • Attempts more than basic structures • On balance the work is more accurate than inaccurate • Straightforward vocabulary relevant to the task
3-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 different examples of linguistic features • Reliant on basic structures and vocabulary • Meaning usually conveyed
1-2	A few phrases or short sentences are accurate enough to be comprehensible Very simple sentence structure

Adjectives	<i>beau/belle, bien, génial(e), etc</i>
Possessives	<i>mon / ma / mes, etc</i>
Demonstratives	<i>ce / cette / ces</i>
Negatives	<i>ne ... pas, ne...jamais, ne ...plus</i>
Adverbs	<i>vraiment, rapidement</i>
Quantity	<i>beaucoup, trop, assez</i>
<i>Pendant, depuis</i>	
Linking words	<i>cependant, malheureusement</i>
<i>Car, parce que</i>	
Relative pronouns	<i>qui, que</i>
Indirect speech	<i>Je pense que, je crois que</i>
<i>quand, si</i>	
Comparatives and superlatives	<i>Plus patient que moi, le meilleur jour de ma vie</i>
<i>chez nous, avec lui, sans moi</i>	