

# Combining several documents into one synthesis

French B2 (upper intermediate) · Test

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**Level:** French B2 (CEFR upper intermediate) · **Standards:** CEFR B2, Reading

Time: 45 minutes · 8 questions · Total: 20 points · No dictionary

## Question 1 Key idea (2 points)

Choose the key idea: Faute de places en résidence, beaucoup d'étudiants louent des chambres chez l'habitant. (a) Students dislike residences. (b) A lack of residence places pushes students to rent rooms in private homes. (c) Landlords refuse students.

## Question 2 Reformulate (3 points)

Reformulate each sentence with other words. (a) Les prix augmentent. (b) Le maire a décidé de fermer la piscine. (c) Les jeunes quittent la région.

## Question 3 Reporting verbs (2 points)

Complete with *souligne*, *s'accordent* or *nuance*. (a) Les deux auteurs \_\_\_\_\_ sur le coût. (b) Le document 2 \_\_\_\_\_ cette idée.

## Question 4 Compare two documents (4 points)

Document 1 : Les bibliothèques municipales ouvrent désormais le dimanche. Cette mesure attire surtout des étudiants, qui y trouvent un lieu calme pour réviser.

Document 2 : Les bibliothèques voient leur fréquentation progresser, mais leur budget stagne. Les bibliothécaires craignent de ne pas pouvoir renouveler leurs collections.

*Documents for Question 4.*

- Write the idea common to both documents. (1 point)
- What does document 1 add? (1 point)

- c. What does document 2 add? (1 point)
- d. Write one sentence combining both documents with *alors que*. (1 point)

**Question 5 Fact or opinion** (1 point)

Which sentence has no place in a synthesis? (a) La ligne ferme en juin. (b) C'est scandaleux.

**Question 6 Translate into French** (2 points)

Translate: *According to document 2, rents are rising, whereas salaries are not.*

**Question 7 Noun form and passive** (2 points)

Rewrite. (a) With a noun: Les bibliothèques ouvrent le dimanche. (b) In the passive: Les élus ont voté ce budget.

**Question 8 Write a short synthesis** (4 points)

Write a synthesis paragraph of 60 to 80 words based on the two library documents. Group the ideas, use two reporting verbs and avoid copying.