

Summarizing a long text with precision

French B2 (upper intermediate) · Test Answer Key

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

Question 1 Nominalization (2 points)

- a. **l'augmentation (la hausse) du prix du pain**
- b. **la décision du maire de fermer la piscine**

Scoring: 1 point per correct noun phrase.

Question 2 Reporting verbs (2 points)

- a. **dénonce**
- b. **souligne**
- c. **conclut**

Scoring: 0.5, 0.5 and 1 point.

Question 3 Word limit (2 points)

- a. $720 \div 3 =$ **240 words**
- b. 10 % of 240 = 24: **216 to 264 words**

Scoring: 1 point per answer.

Question 4 Reading: find the main ideas (3 points)

- a. **They removed disposable cups and introduced a reusable cup with a deposit.**
- b. **Less waste (or: less cleaning time for the volunteers).**
- c. **Mostly positive; a few people complained about queues.**

Scoring: 1 point per accurate answer, in English or in French.

Question 5 Correct the summary (2 points)

- a. Opinion removed: **L'auteur insiste sur la gravité du problème.** (or any neutral sentence)

- b. **L'auteur explique que le bruit nuit à la santé.**

Scoring: 1 point each: neutral tone, present tense.

Question 6 Connectors (2 points)

- a. **cependant** (or: pourtant, en revanche)
b. **par conséquent** (or: donc, ainsi)

Scoring: 1 point each, logical relation.

Question 7 Shorten with tools (2 points)

- a. **un village désert**
b. **à cause de la tempête**

Scoring: 1 point each.

Question 8 Short summary (3 points)

Model answer (27 words): **Des élèves de Bordeaux cultivent un potager et vendent leurs légumes pour financer une sortie ; ils deviennent plus attentifs, mais l'entretien pendant les vacances reste difficile.**

Scoring: 1 point for the ideas (project, benefit, difficulty), 1 point for reformulation and register, 1 point for the word count.

Question 9 Translation (2 points)

- a. **Le texte explique pourquoi les villes plantent plus d'arbres.**
b. **Cependant, l'auteur regrette le manque d'argent.**

Scoring: 1 point each: minus 0.5 per error.