

Building a clear French essay

French 4 (high school) · Test

Name: _____ Date: _____ Class: _____ Score: ____ / 20

Level: French 4 (high school, ACTFL Intermediate Mid) · **Standards:** ACTFL Intermediate Mid, WL 1.2 Interpretive, WL 1.3 Presentational, WL 4.1 Language Comparisons

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

Question 1 Name the parts (2 points)

Give the French name of each part.

- The central question of the essay. (1 point)
- The sentence that previews the order of the ideas. (1 point)

Question 2 Choose the connector (2 points)

Complete with the best connector.

- Le train est rapide ; ____, il coûte cher. (1 point)
- Il a bien étudié ; ____, il a réussi. (1 point)

Question 3 Read the outline (3 points)

Sujet : Le vélo est-il la solution pour la ville ?

Introduction : les rues de Lyon sont pleines de voitures.

I. Le vélo est rapide et économique
exemple : une étudiante gagne vingt minutes par jour

II. Le vélo a des limites
exemple : danger sous la pluie et en hiver

Conclusion : oui, mais avec des pistes cyclables.

An essay outline.

- Write the guiding question. (1 point)
- Which part presents a limit? (1 point)

- c. Write one connector to link I and II. (1 point)

Question 4 Plan the argument (2 points)

For the topic Les jeux vidéo aident-ils les jeunes ? do the following.

- a. Rewrite it as a guiding question if needed, or keep it. (1 point)
- b. Write one sentence announcing the plan. (1 point)

Question 5 Translate into French (3 points)

Translate into French.

- a. First, the park is free. (1 point)
- b. However, it is often crowded. (1 point)
- c. In conclusion, it is a good idea. (1 point)

Question 6 Correct the mistake (2 points)

Correct the mistake in each sentence.

- a. Car, il est tard, nous partons. (1 point)
- b. En conclusion, je vais dire que le sport est bon. (Make it impersonal.) (1 point)

Question 7 Build a paragraph (2 points)

Write a three-sentence paragraph about the benefits of reading: one idea, one example, one conclusion. Use two connectors.

Question 8 Write an introduction (4 points)

Write an introduction of 4 to 5 sentences for the topic Faut-il apprendre une deuxième langue étrangère ? Include the hook, the guiding question and the plan.