

FOUNDATION WRITING
(PAPER 4)
Overview of the exam paper.

3 Questions and Translation.

Question 1 – 20-30 words in French, describe a photo; present tense only, must include an opinion.

Question 2 – Choose 2a or 2b, 40-50 words in French, four bullet points – each one must be referred to, not necessarily in equal detail, present tense and at least one other from a different time frame.

Question 3 – Choose 3a or 3b, 80-90 words in French, four bullet points – each one must be referred to, not necessarily in equal detail, present tense and at least one other from a different time frame.

Translation – 5 separate statements English to French, 3 different time frames.

Question 1

Écris une description de la photo et exprime ton opinion sur les restaurants.
(Write a description of the photo and give your opinion about restaurants)

! The focus of the opinion will be linked to the theme) of the photo)

PALMS – People – Action – Location – Mood – something Special



Example answer for Question 1.

Je peux voir cinq personnes, trois hommes et deux femmes. Ils sont dans un restaurant et ils mangent . Ils sont très heureux . Sur la table, il y a une bouteille bleue . J'adore le restaurant italien!

Key structures

Je vois

Je peux voir

Il y a ...

Il/elle est

Il/elle a

Ils/elles sont

Ils/elles portent

Ils/elles ont

J'aime/je n'aime pas

Parce que/car

I see

I can see

There is/there are

He/she is

He/she has

They are

They wear

They have

I like/I don't like

because

Question 2: **CHOOSE** 2a **OR** 2b.

Write 40 – 50 words in French, respond to **EVERY** bullet point, use verbs in the present tense and in a future tense, give a range of opinions.

Un festival de musique

2 Vous êtes allé(e) à un festival de musique.

Écrivez une critique pour votre professeur de français avec les informations suivantes :

- quelques détails sur le festival
- vos impressions sur le festival
- l'importance de la musique pour vous
- un événement musical à l'avenir.

Écrivez 40-50 mots environ **en français**.

Madame/Monsieur,

Tips for question 2

- ❖ Read the bullet points carefully
- ❖ Identify requirements (opinion/preference/detail)
- ❖ Identify the tense (the last bullet point is always in the future)
- ❖ All the bullet points must be covered (some might be more detailed than others)

Key structures

Je pense que...
Je trouve que...
C'est (très) important
Je préfère
J'aime ...
A l'avenir
Dans le futur
L'année prochaine

I think that
I find that...
It is (very) important
I prefer
I like
In the future
In the future
Next year, ...

Question 3: **CHOOSE** 3a **OR** 3b.

Write 80 – 90 words in French, respond to **EVERY** bullet point, use verbs in the present tense, a past tense and in a future tense, give opinions in each time frame.

If you answer Question 3(b) put a cross in the box .

Habiter à l'étranger

(b) Un site Internet français cherche à connaître tes opinions. Que pensent les jeunes de l'idée d'habiter à l'étranger ?

Écris un article pour ce site Internet.

Tu dois faire référence aux points suivants :

- la région où tu habites
- une visite que tu as faite dans un pays différent
- habiter à l'étranger ou non
- où tu vas habiter à l'avenir.

Écris 80-90 mots environ **en français**.

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Tips for question 3a or 3b

- ❖ Read the bullet points carefully
- ❖ Identify requirements; (opinion/preference/detail)
- ❖ Identify the tense (the second bullet point is always about a past event; the last bullet point is always in the future)
- ❖ All the bullet points must be covered (some might be more detailed than others)

Key structures

Je pense que...

Je trouve que...

A mon avis,

L'année dernière,

Je suis allé(e)

J'ai fait

A l'avenir, ...

L'année prochaine,

I think that...

I find that...

In my opinion,...

Last year,...

I went,,,,

I did,,,,

In the future

Next year, ...

Question 4 Translation

Le temps qu'il fait

4 Traduis les phrases suivantes **en français** :

(a) Today it is very cold.

(2)

(b) I prefer warmer weather.

(2)

(c) I always look at the weather report on my mobile.

(2)

(d) Yesterday, I went to a restaurant with my parents.

(3)

(e) When we left, it was raining and we went home by taxi.

(3)

Tips for Translation

- ❖ Read the **WHOLE** sentence;
- ❖ **Underline or highlight** what you can do instantly ;
- ❖ Think about word order in French;
- ❖ Translate by phrase - not by word; (where possible)
- ❖ Look at any gaps, can you think logically what needs /could go there?
- ❖ Points will be awarded for partial communication (any accurate words)
- ❖ Question (d): always includes a tense other than present;
Question e: Always uses 2 tenses.

Scan this QR, watch a short video (8 minutes) about revision tips for the GCSE French writing exam.

