

**FRENCH HIGHER WRITING  
(PAPER 4)**  
**Overview of the exam paper.**

2 essay questions and translation.

**Question 1** – Choose 1a or 1b, write 80-90 words in French, four bullet points – each one must be referred to, not necessarily in equal detail, include references to present tense, past tense and future tense.

**Question 2-** Choose 2a or 2b, write 130-150 words in French, four bullet points- each one must be referred to, not necessarily in equal detail, include references to present tense, past tense and future tense.

**Translation** – One paragraph English to French, it will include 3 different time frames.

Use this link to revise key vocabulary: [GCSE French exam materials](#) Click on the topic links for focused vocabulary lists

Question 1: **CHOOSE** 1a **OR** 1b.

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.

1 (a) Écris un email sur le travail.

Tu **dois** faire référence aux points suivants :

- le genre de travail que tu préfères
- pourquoi gagner de l'argent est important
- un petit job que tu as fait dans le passé
- ce que tu vas faire après les examens.

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

### Tips for question 1a or 1b

- ❖ 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 (examples)

Je pense que...	I think that
Je crois que...	I think that...
Hier	Yesterday
La semaine dernière	Last week
Samedi dernier	Last Saturday
Je suis allé/allée (+ noun)	I went ...
C'était (+ adjective)	It was ...
J'ai visité ...	I visited
C'est (très) importante	It is (very) important
Je préfère	I prefer
Je préfère faire .....	I prefer to do...
J'aime	I like
J'aime jouer au...	I like to play....
A l'avenir ...	In the future
L'année prochaine	Next year, ...

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

Write 130-150 words in French, respond to **EVERY** bullet point, use verbs in the present tense, a past tense and in a future tense, give opinions and justifications in each time frame.

2 (a) Tu voudrais organiser un concert de charité dans ton école. Écris un email à ton directeur.

Tu **dois** faire référence aux points suivants :

- détails de ton événement proposé
- pourquoi la musique est importante pour les jeunes
- une activité que tu as déjà faite pour aider les autres
- comment tu vas dépenser l'argent collecté par le concert.

Justifie tes idées et tes opinions.

Écris 130-150 mots environ **en français**.

## Tips for question 2a or 2b

- ❖ Read the bullet points carefully
- ❖ Identify requirements; (opinion/preference/detail)
- ❖ Identify the tense- present, past and future tense?
- ❖ **All** the bullet points must be covered (some might be more detailed than others)
- ❖ Include some "wow" phrases and "uncommon" language.

## Key structures (examples)

Je pense que...

A mon avis

Hier

La semaine prochaine

Samedi dernier

C'est (vraiment) important

Je m'intéresse ...

Je veux (+ infinitive)...

J'aime.../J'adore...

D'habitude...

J'ai l'intention de (faire)

L'an prochain

I think that

I think that...

Yesterday

Last week

Last Saturday

It is (very) important

I'm interested in...

I want to...

I like

Usually ....

I intend to...

Next year, ...

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### "wow" phrases:

**Si j'étais riche j'acheterais ...If I were rich, I would buy**

**Si J'avais le temps, je voyagerais autour du monde- If I had time, I would travel the world**

**Quand j'étais jeune, j'allais ... When I was little, I used to go to...**

## Question 3 Translation

### Learning languages

#### 3 Traduis le passage suivant **en français** :

I like French and Spanish, which I study at school. I often go to a village in Martinique where I talk to the people every day. Last year my family and I went to Switzerland for the first time. The experience of going abroad and learning about the culture of the country is interesting.

I often go (Often I go ) = Souvent je vais

Where = ou

Last year = l'année dernière

...is interesting – c'est intéressant/ ...m'intéresse

### Tips for Translation

- ❖ Read the **WHOLE** of each 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)
- ❖ Look for clues (Time markers) to identify the appropriate tense
- ❖ Think about tenses – check verb endings.