



FRENCH IGCSE



 Topic areas

 Exam format



IGCSE

TOPIC (and sub-topic) AREAS

A - HOME AND ABROAD

Life in the town and rural life. Weather and climate. Travel, transport, directions. Holidays and tourist information. Services (telephone, bank, post office), customs and religion, everyday life, traditions, communities in a French speaking country

B - EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

Childhood, school life and routine, work/careers, future plans

C - HOUSE, HOME & DAILY ROUTINES

Types of home, information about self, family and friends, helping around the house, food and drinks

D-THE MODERN WORLD/ENVIRONMENT



Current affairs and social issues, environmental issues, the media (TV, film, radio, newspapers)

E - SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, FITNESS, HEALTH

special occasions, hobbies, interests, sports and exercise, shopping and money matters, accidents, injuries, common ailments and health issues



IGCSE EXAM

PAPER	SKILL	MARKS	TIMING	% of qualification
1	Listening	50	45 mins	25%
2	Reading/Writing	60 (30 reading) (30 writing)	1 hr 30	50% (25% reading) (25% writing)  GARDER LE CALME ET CONTINUER
3	Speaking	40 (20- Sect A)	10 mins	25% 



Final IGCSE exams are at the end of Year 11



NO controlled assessments !!

Paper 1



- . Instructions are in French and English
- . Extracts become longer as you work through the paper
- . Variety of task (complete a grid, multiple choice, box ticking, gap filling, true/false)
- . You hear each recording twice

LISTENING

Paper 2



- . Instructions are in French and English
- . 3 reading questions (range of texts - variety of task types)
- . 1st writing task (50 words in French!) on a topic that relates to preceding reading passage
- . 2 more reading questions
- . 2nd writing task (150 words in French!) - you choose one task from a choice of three - you may be required to write in a variety of styles (narrative/descriptive) and formats (article, letter, speech, diary entry)

READING and WRITING

Paper 3



SECTION A - 1 minute presentation in French on a picture YOU have chosen + 3 minute discussion about same picture

SPEAKING

SECTION B - 2 conversations of 3 mins each on 2 topic areas chosen by examiner

Ask yourself some questions
throughout the year:

What help is available and when is it? - French clinics!

Which skill do I need to improve
more than the others?

Which strategies, so far, have
helped me most

How do I
revise?



What can I do to improve
in all the skills?

In which of the 4 skills do I feel most confident (L, R, S, W) ?

Google translate is NOT your friend - do not use it!