

French HG V1

Section A:

Although this text appeared to be very challenging, most of the candidates understood it well and scored a reasonable mark in the multiple-choice section.

We were pleased to see that nearly all of the candidates remembered to first say if each statement was true or false before giving a quote in substantiation.

Section B:

Candidates seemed to find this text and comprehension exercises more challenging than the first one. There is still a tendency for candidates to quote sections of the text as their answers, without any effort to rephrase the quotation in their own words. They were penalized for this.

Section C

We noticed an improvement in the performance of many centres. Teachers and candidates are now familiar with the format of the paper and knew what they needed to work on. The worst-answered question was Question 9, where candidates battled to choose the correct relative pronoun and then to get the word order correct.

Some centres had obviously not given enough attention to the active and passive voice. The pronouns in Question 7 gave some problems. Many candidates forgot that, if there is an infinitive in a sentence, the pronoun should come in front of the infinitive and not in front of the conjugated part of the verb.