ST GEORGE'S COLLEGE

LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

13+ SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION IN FRENCH

2017

READING AND WRITING

The examination is separated into two sections.

You have this answer booklet with the questions for the Reading Exam, and the questions for the Writing Exam

You should also have a separate Reading Texts Booklet

You also require some File Paper for your Writing Exam

Section 1 is a READING EXAM

Section 2 is a WRITING EXAM

The examination is 60 minutes long

You should try to spend approximately 30 minutes on each section

The marks available for each question are indicated in brackets after that question

Dictionaries are NOT allowed

SECTION 1 – READING COMPREHENSION **48 marks Total**

Questions for TEXT 1

1. Where does the person he is writing to live?

…… (1)

2. When is he visiting him?

…… (1)

3. What does he say about the holidays in Belgium? Give 2 details.

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…… (2)

4. Does he have his own room?

…… (1)

5. Who is older, him or his brother?

…… (1)

6. Why does he find his brother annoying?

…… (2)

7. How does he often feel at school and what is the consequence?

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…… (2)

8. What does he say about relationships in his family in general?

…… (1)

9. Why do his parents sometimes argue? Give 2 details.

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…… (2)

10. What phrase from the text indicates that he is looking forward to meeting his host's family?

…… (1)

11. What activity does he suggest doing and with whom?

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…… (2)

12. Why does he suggest doing this activity? Give 2 details.

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…… (2)

18 marks

Questions TEXT 2

1. What tense are the verbs in the first sentence?

..... (1)

2. Where was his secondary school located?

..... (1)

3. Translate the expression « dû au fait qu' ».

..... (1)

4. What is the weather like in winter where he lives? Give 2 details.

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..... (2)

5. What did he not have to worry about at primary school?

..... (1)

6. What does he say about the school day at his primary school?

..... (1)

7. How does he describe his old teacher?

..... (1)

8. How did she get them to learn? Mention 2 things.

..... (2)

9. What does he believe his primary school teacher could have become and why?

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..... (2)

10. Why does he find life at secondary school much tougher?

..... (1)

11. Translate "Si on ne les suit pas à la lettre"

..... (2)

12. What happened to him last week at school and why?

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..... (2)

17 marks

TEXT 3 Questions

1. When did Pierre and his friends visit the lake?

.....(1)

2. Where is the lake located?

.....(1)

3. Why were they visiting the lake?

.....(1)

4. What does « une vague de chaleur » mean?

.....(1)

5. What was their reaction when they got to the lake?

.....(1)

6. What 3 types of litter were present?

.....(3)

7. What, according to the text, was even worse?

.....(1)

8. Why was there lots of oil in the water?

.....(1)

9. To whom did Pierre and his friends write after visiting the lake?

.....(1)

10. What were they trying to persuade this person (from question 9) to do? Give full details.

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.....(2)

13 marks

SECTION 2 - WRITING EXAM 2018

ANSWER ONE QUESTION FROM THIS SECTION ON FILE PAPER

You will be given credit for:

- Grammatical accuracy
- The use of past, present and future tenses
- The variety of vocabulary that you use
- The complexity of language that you use

You should aim to write approximately **120-150 words** 25 marks available

You are advised to plan beforehand.

You should check careful for accuracy at the end.

Question 1 – My Town

You might like to include the following:

- Mention where you live and where it is located
- What there is and isn't in your town
- Activities you can do in your town
- Opinions about your town
- What the climate/weather in like in your town
- What sort of transport there is in your town
- An activity that you and your friends recently did in your town
- Where you are going to live in the future

Question 2 – My Holidays

Free Time Activities

You might like to include the following:

- Where you normally go on holiday
- How you normally travel (e.g. by plane/car etc.)
- What sort of accommodation you stay in
- What the weather is like there
- Activities that you and your family do on holiday
- Where you went on your last holiday
- A meal you had on your last holiday
- Where you are going to go next year on holiday