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Listening

Higher

Finalised Marking Instructions

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General marking principles for Higher French Listening

Always apply these general principles. Use them in conjunction with the detailed marking instructions, which identify the key features required in candidates' responses.

- (a) Always use positive marking. This means candidates accumulate marks for the demonstration of relevant skills, knowledge and understanding; marks are not deducted for errors or omissions.
- (b) If a candidate response does not seem to be covered by either the principles or detailed marking instructions, and you are uncertain how to assess it, you must seek guidance from your team leader.
- (c) Award a mark to each answer. Marks are not transferable between questions and the answers for each question must come from the item.
- (d) Award marks according to the accuracy and relevance of the candidate's answers. Award marks to candidates where the answer is accurate but expressed in their own words.

Marking instructions for each question

Item 1

Question		Expected response(s)	Max mark	Additional guidance
				Do not accept:
1.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (it allows her) to work independently (it allows her) to use her creative side/be creative/use her creativity/imagination <p>Any 1 from 2</p>	1	creation
	(b)	(i)	1	study creation art sector on its own is too specific
		(ii)	1	notes it is what she is/was best at
	(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> look for/find/get work for the summer/a summer job contact (several) regional/local employers in this domain/sector <p>Any 1 from 2</p>	1	research work experience employer (singular is too specific)
	(d)	(i)	2	job
		(ii)	2	knowledge to see if she likes architecture college

Item 2

Question		Expected response(s)	Max mark	Additional guidance	
				Do not accept:	
2.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (have the opportunity to) meet students/people from all/different nationalities/all over the world • she was not ready to enter the world of work 	2		
	(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there are (sometimes) classes of more than/over fifty students/people • it is (very) difficult to make friends • lecturer(s)/teacher(s)/professor(s) is/are not always available (when you need help) <p>Any 2 from 3</p>	2	to talk to friends	
	(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hillwalking/hiking (club) 	1	walking (on its own) climbing/mountain climbing/rock climbing	
	(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (she tries) not to revise at the last minute • avoid going out too often/as often/too much/as much with her (new) friends/go out less/less often/limits going out often with her (new) friends 	2		
	(e)	(i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there are small rooms where you can concentrate (more easily) • (it is very practical because) it is always open/it is open day and night/open all the time 	2	classrooms
		(ii)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (you can waste time because) there are too many distractions/too distracting • (some) students chat/gossip/talk with their friends rather than work 	2	lots of/many distractions laugh/socialise are too specific

Question		Expected response(s)	Max mark	Additional guidance
				Do not accept:
	(f)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • she passed/was successful in her exams • she has become more mature <p>Any 1 from 2</p>	1	

[END OF MARKING INSTRUCTIONS]