

**General Certificate of Secondary Education**  
**French**  
**Reading (Foundation Tier)**  
**Specimen Paper**

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## A703

Time: 35 minutes

Candidates answer on the question paper.  
**Additional materials:** None

Candidate  
Forename

Candidate  
Surname

Centre  
Number

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### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the space provided at the top of this page.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Use blank ink only.
- Answer **all** the questions.

### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks for each question is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **40**.
- Dictionaries are **not** allowed.

#### FOR EXAMINER'S USE

1	
2	
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5	
<b>TOTAL</b>	

This document consists of **14** printed pages and **2** blank pages.

**Exercise 1: Part 1 Questions 1 – 4**

You are out for the day with some friends in a French town.

Everyone wants to go somewhere different.

**Example:**

“I want to go swimming”

**B**

- 1 “I would like to see some French shops”  [1]
- 2 “Where can we catch a bus back to school?”  [1]
- 3 “Where is the football match?”  [1]
- 4 “Is the market on today?”  [1]

**[4 marks]**

Find the French words for each place. Write the correct letter in each box.

- |          |                   |
|----------|-------------------|
| <b>A</b> | Stade             |
| <b>B</b> | Piscine           |
| <b>C</b> | Lycée             |
| <b>D</b> | Marché            |
| <b>E</b> | Centre commercial |
| <b>F</b> | Gare routière     |

**Exercise 1: Part 2 Questions 5 – 8**

Can you recognize these French signs?

**Example:**

OUVERT

**B**

5

**SORTIE**

[1]

6

**ATTENDEZ**

[1]

7

**DÉFENSE DE FUMER**

[1]

8

**SOLDES**

[1]

**[4 marks]**

Choose from this list. Write the correct letter in each box.

- A. You must not smoke here.
- B. The shop is open (example).
- C. Wait before crossing.
- D. There is a sale on.
- E. No parking.
- F. Exit.

**Exercice 2: Questions 9 – 16**

You are with your family on holiday in France and you have information about shops in the town.

- A. Près du port on peut acheter du poisson.
- B. Au marché on vend des chaussures et des sandales.
- C. À la bijouterie il y a un choix de belles montres.
- D. La section boucherie/charcuterie a de la viande et du jambon.
- E. On peut trouver des journaux et des magazines ici.
- F. Bananes – cerises – pêches – abricots.
- G. Il y a la boulangerie pour votre pain et vos baguettes.
- H. Notre pharmacie vend tous les médicaments.
- J. Nous avons un choix de chocolat et de bonbons.
- K. Tous les légumes – produits frais de la région.

Match the item you want with the correct information.

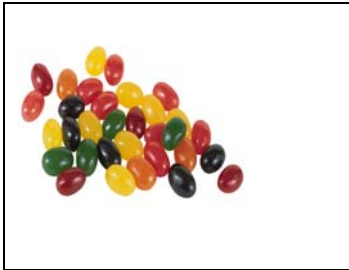
Write the correct letter in each box.

Example:



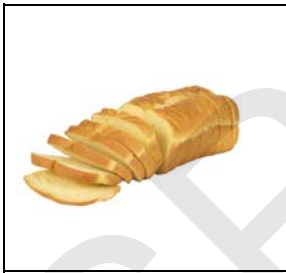
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9



[1]

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[1]  
[8 marks]

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**Exercise 3: Questions 17 – 24**

Your family is planning a camping holiday in Belgium. Look at this leaflet.



Près de la ville de la Roche en Belgique venez découvrir le Camping Le Vieux Moulin!

Notre petit camping se trouve à seulement cent mètres d'un joli lac avec une belle plage. Un endroit bien spécial pour vos vacances.

Il y a 40 emplacements en tout, aménagés pour tentes et caravanes.

On organise un programme d'activités sportives pour enfants et adultes.

Notre magasin d'alimentation est ouvert tous les jours.

La piscine chauffée est surveillée.

Location de vélos pour toute la famille.

Au restaurant il y a des plats à emporter.

Blocs sanitaires avec douches chaudes.

Animaux admis.

(ouvert juin, juillet, août)

Answer these questions briefly **in English**.

Example: Where in Belgium is the Camping Le Vieux Moulin?

Answer: Near to the town La Roche.

**17** What does the leaflet say about the size of the campsite?

..... [1]

**18** How far is it from the beach?

..... [1]



19 What do they organize?

..... [1]

20 When is the shop open?

..... [1]

21 Give one piece of information about the pool.

..... [1]

22 What can you hire on the site?

..... [1]

23 What can you get from the restaurant?

..... [1]

24 What does it say about animals?

..... [1]

[8 marks]

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**Exercise 4: Questions 25 – 32**

Read what Sylvie and Audrey who live in Québec in Canada have written about themselves.

Sylvie



J'ai 14 ans. J'habite avec mes parents.

Je ne fais rien pour aider à la maison mais je suis sociable.

Je ne pratique pas de sports, mais je suis normalement en bonne santé.

J'aime bien lire, aller au cinéma, et écouter de la musique.

Je rencontre mes amies et nous rions ensemble.

Je ne sais pas ce que je veux faire dans la vie.

Audrey



J'ai 15 ans.

Je suis heureuse et pleine d'énergie.

J'aime rencontrer des personnes nouvelles.

De temps en temps, cependant, je préfère rester sur mon lit à écouter mes chanteurs préférés.

J'aime les sports nautiques. Je nage aussi.

Je suis rarement malade.

Je n'ai pas encore décidé quel métier je vais suivre.

Read these statements. To which girl does each statement apply?

For each statement tick one box (✓) for Sylvie **or** Audrey **or** Both.

**Example:**

	Sylvie	Audrey	Both
I'm 15		✓	

		Sylvie	Audrey	Both
<b>25</b>	I like sport.			
<b>26</b>	One of my hobbies is reading.			
<b>27</b>	I want to be on my own sometimes.			
<b>28</b>	I'm really energetic.			
<b>29</b>	I like music.			
<b>30</b>	I enjoy having fun with my friends.			
<b>31</b>	I am lazy at home.			
<b>32</b>	I am unsure about my future.			

[8 marks]

**Exercise 5 : Questions 33 – 40**

Read this review that Nidi posted about what she did last November in Pondicherry in India.

**Un saut à l'élastique \***

Je m'appelle Nidi et j'habite près de Chennai à Pondichéry en Inde. J'ai toujours voulu faire des exploits un peu fous. En novembre, j'ai eu la chance de sauter d'une hauteur de 65 mètres, attachée par un élastique aux chevilles.

Le jour de mon saut, je suis arrivée à la tour de saut. Immédiatement, j'ai entendu les cris des sauteurs sans les voir pourtant. Je me suis dépêchée pour les observer de plus près.

Au pied de la tour des gens attendaient leurs camarades. Je suis allée m'inscrire pour le saut. Un membre de l'équipe m'a pesée.

J'ai été obligée de faire la queue. Il y avait une dizaine de sauteurs avant moi. J'étais la seule fille et la plus jeune de tous. J'ai vu les autres sauter.

Après une attente qui me semblait interminable, un employé m'a attachée à l'élastique.

On a crié mon nom. C'était mon tour. Une autre animatrice m'a tenue par la ceinture. Elle m'a parlé pour me détendre et pour maintenir mon courage.

Voilà, c'est parti ! J'ai poussé un cri. J'avais l'impression de voler.

Malheureusement, le saut a duré seulement quelques secondes.

En bas, ma famille soulagée et contente de me voir saine et sauve, a couru vers moi pour me demander mes impressions.

- **un saut à l'élastique= a bungee jump**

**Choose and copy a word from this list to complete each sentence.**

best	bridge	disappointed
discourage	dreaming	fewer
flying	November (example)	more
photographed	pleased	relax
shouting	silent	tower
weighed	youngest	

**Example:**

Nidi did the jump in ... *November*...

- 33 The jumping-off point was a high..... [1]
- 34 The people were ..... as they jumped. [1]
- 35 Nidi had to be .....before jumping. [1]
- 36 There were .....boys. [1]
- 37 Nidi was the .....jumper. [1]
- 38 The organiser tried to .....Nidi. [1]
- 39 For Nidi the jump was like ..... [1]
- 40 Nidi was ..... that it was over quickly. [1]

**[8 marks]**

**Paper Total [40]**

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**Specimen Mark Scheme**

The maximum mark for this paper is 40.

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**GCSE READING      GENERAL MARKING INSTRUCTIONS**

1. The mark scheme is intended to enable markers to operate in a consistent and reliable way. Conventional features of the scheme are:
  - alternative answers separated by an oblique stroke, e.g. (closed/shut)
  - brackets indicate that information within them is optional
  - underlining to indicate that a key word or idea is essential for the answer,
  - t.c. (tout court)
  - h.a. (harmless addition).
2. If a candidate writes information in brackets, ignore the brackets, marking anything inside them in the usual way.

There are three types of exercise on the Reading papers, exercises requiring answers in English and objective exercises requiring non-verbal answers in English or target language.

**1. NON-VERBAL ANSWERS**

Exercises requiring the ticking of a box or the writing in of a letter or choosing a word by circling etc.

- If more than one box is ticked the mark is lost.
- If more than one letter is written, mark the one inside the box.
- In some cases candidates are required to write a single word or name
  - if two words are written, one after another, mark the first one
  - if two words are given, one above the other, mark the one on, or nearest to, the line.

**2. ANSWERS WRITTEN IN ENGLISH.**

- Answers do not need to be in the form of full sentences, nor totally correct English.
- Answers in a different language gain no credit.

Question Number	Answer	Max Mark
	<p><b>Exercise 1 Part 1</b></p> <p>1 E</p> <p>2 F</p> <p>3 A</p> <p>4 D</p> <p><b>Exercise 1 Part 2</b></p> <p>5 F</p> <p>6 C</p> <p>7 A</p> <p>8 D</p>	<p>[1]</p> <p>[1]</p> <p>[1]</p> <p>[1]</p> <p>[1]</p> <p>[1]</p> <p>[1]</p> <p>[1]</p>
	<p><b>Exercise 2</b></p> <p>9 J</p> <p>10 G</p> <p>11 E</p> <p>12 K</p> <p>13 C</p> <p>14 B</p> <p>15 H</p> <p>16 F</p>	<p>[1]</p> <p>[1]</p> <p>[1]</p> <p>[1]</p> <p>[1]</p> <p>[1]</p> <p>[1]</p> <p>[1]</p>
	<p><b>Exercise 3</b></p> <p>This is an exercise using open-ended questions in English to be answered in English. Answers do not need to be in the form of full sentences, nor do they need to be in correct English. One-word answers may well be sufficient (see below). Excessively long answers which are attempts to translate long sections of the text are to be rejected. Answers in French gain no credit. The mark scheme will indicate acceptable answers. There may be synonyms and paraphrases, which are other acceptable answers. The examiner must use his/her professional judgment. The practice scripts with detailed comments will provide examiners with an illustration of a number of possible answers</p> <p><b>ACCEPT</b></p> <p>17 it is small</p> <p>18 100 metres</p> <p>19 sports</p> <p>20 every day</p> <p>21 it is heated/ supervised</p> <p>22 bike(s)/ bicycle(s)</p>	<p>[1]</p> <p>[1]</p> <p>[1]</p> <p>[1]</p> <p>[1]</p> <p>[1]</p>

Question Number	Answer	Max Mark
23	take away food	[1]
24	they are allowed in (idea)	[1]
<b>Exercise 4</b>		
25	Audrey	[1]
26	both	[1]
27	Audrey	[1]
28	Audrey	[1]
29	both	[1]
30	Sylvie	[1]
31	Sylvie	[1]
32	Both	[1]
<b>Exercise 5</b>		
33	tower	[1]
34	shouting	[1]
35	weighed	[1]
36	more	[1]
37	youngest	[1]
38	relax	[1]
39	flying	[1]
40	disappointed	[1]
<b>Paper Total:</b>		<b>[40]</b>

**Assessment Objectives Grid**

<b>Question</b>	<b>AO2</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>1-40</b>	40	<b>40</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>

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