

Commentaries on candidate evidence

The evidence for the candidates within this pack has achieved the following marks for this element of course assessment.

Candidate 1

Employability

Être heureux au travail est beaucoup plus important que de gagner beaucoup d'argent

The candidate was awarded **28 marks** because.....

Content

This essay is somewhat lacking in content, being rather repetitive and not containing many ideas. The essay is relevant to the title, however. A weak introduction is compensated for by adequate addressing of the topic and a strong conclusion (*soit/soit*, relative clauses and lovely last sentence in particular)

Accuracy

The writing is fairly accurate, with good control of verbs and a range of tenses (*aimeriez mieux, serait, travaillerez*). There is, however, some evidence of English interference (*office*).

Language resource

The control of structures lifts the piece and in spite of some inaccuracies, there are good examples of natural language interspersed with complex and sophisticated phrases (*la première constatation qui s'impose..., le problème se résume donc...une raison telle que... il est bien connu que ... il convient de souligner*).

Candidate 2**Culture**

Nous ne vivrons jamais dans une société vraiment multiculturelle.

The candidate was awarded **12 marks** because.....

Content

While this essay does have a structure with reasoning and arguments relevant to the title, it is not clear that the candidate has actually understood the title, both from the introduction and the conclusion.

Accuracy

The language is insufficiently accurate: there are many errors in verbs, tenses and agreements (*une grande problème...l'histoires.... tout le monde disent*) and structures. At times the language fails to convey meaning clearly and consistently, seriously detracting from the overall impression (*et acquierent les travaux que nous sommes mériter*). While some basic structures are used accurately to an extent, there is significant loss of control where more sophisticated phrases are attempted.

Language resource

There is evidence of well-learned, appropriate language and structures (*il y a le revers de la médaille / je voudrais affirmer*), but these do not allow the candidate to do more than address the topic in a limited way.

Candidate 3**Culture**

Nous ne vivrons jamais dans une société vraiment multiculturelle.

The candidate was awarded **20 marks** because.....

Content

This is an uneven performance. There is a sense of structure and all aspects are relevant to the title. A seemingly pre-learned paragraph does have an impact on the flow and structure of the essay but the content is mostly clear.

Accuracy

Where the candidate attempts to use more complex language, it is less successful (for example *après avoir examiner... tout le monde il faut que respecte...*). Very basic errors in gender, agreements, verbs, spelling and accents detract from the overall impression, and the language deteriorates significantly towards the end (*je soutiens qu'il est douteaux de ce qui on aille arriver / tout le monde il faut*).

Language resource

There are some examples of attempts at complex and sophisticated language, not always successful, and a reasonable range of vocabulary.

Candidate 4**Society**

Les jeunes d'aujourd'hui ont beaucoup plus de stress que leurs parents à leur âge.

The candidate was awarded **32 marks** because.....

Content

This is a competent and sophisticated essay which addresses the topic well in a structured way.

Accuracy

This piece is fairly free of serious errors. Control of verbs is generally good, including use of the imperfect tense and the present subjunctive. There are some errors in grammar (*de le futur, notre parents, la vie stressant, de le, à les, quelles ne sont pas si graves*) and an unsuccessful question in the introduction.

Language resource

The language used is generally complex and sophisticated, including structures appropriate to the level.

Candidate 5**Employability**

Être heureux au travail est beaucoup plus important que de gagner beaucoup d'argent.

The candidate was awarded **40 marks** because.....

Content

This is a very natural and deceptively simple essay at first sight. It is well structured and all aspects address the title. It comes across as being well thought out and competent and is a good example of a natural and spontaneous response

Accuracy

There is a high degree of accuracy and some flair. There are some errors, particularly in the conclusion (*tous le monde, ce qui se rend heureux*). Other errors occur when the candidate is ambitious, trying to impart proverbs or reaching for effect (*on travaille pour vivre, pas on vit pour travailler ...il y a des notes et il faut manger*). These do not detract from the overall good impression.

Language resource

There is a good range of verb tenses and subjunctives, with confident handling of sophisticated language and structures. (*Il va de soi que, les métiers tels que, à condition qu'on soit heureux, bien que je comprenne*). There is good use of subordinate clauses.