

Advice to teachers

The *imparfait* and *passé composé* are two most widely used tenses in French and failure to correctly use these tenses shows that the teachers are not as thorough as in the past. There are enough practice exercises available at the *Bureau Linguistique* and in past KNEC KCSE papers.

In the same way teachers stand accused for not insisting on the correct use of 'accents' from the very beginning. Teachers should at all times advise their students to carefully read the question and answer to the point, indicating the questions attempted. Instructions are given in English so there should be no room for error.

26.2.2: SECTION 11

This section deals with *pronouns, prepositions and tenses*.

Question 1

Beginning as indicated, answer the questions below making all appropriate changes.

- Example:** Monsieur De la Porte vient-il de la France?
Bien sûr,
Bien sûr, il en vient.
- (a) Paul: Vous avez déjà contacté le photographe?
Alain: Pas encore, mais je.....bientôt. (1 pt)
- (b) Papa: Qu'est-ce que tu faisais avant mon arrivée?
Fils: Je ne..... (1 pt)
- (c) Irène: Tu penses que je dois envoyé ce message aujourd'hui?
Claude: Certainement, il est indispensable que..... (1½ pts)
- (d) Maria: " Interdiction d'entrer avec des chaussures." Qu'est-ce que ça veut dire?
Ali: "Il n'..... (1 pt)
- (e) Emilie: Tu ne fais pas de sport, c'est pourquoi tu ne te sens pas mieux, n'est-ce pas?
Sarah: Tu as raison, si je faisais..... (1 pt)
- (f) Alice: Vous écrivez toujours à vos anciens professeurs?
Jean: Pas du tout, je (1 pt)
- (g) Béatrice: Tu pars toujours en vacances avec ta famille?
Martin: En général, oui, mais l'année dernière, ma famill (1½ pt)

This question expected the candidates to make changes as directed.

Weaknesses

This question was not well done. The students had problems with tenses, negatives, and pronouns. Very few candidates actually attempted (f) and (g) of this section.