

26.1: PAPER 1 (501/1)

This paper consists of clearly recorded passages dealing with different situations such as advertisement, tourism, weather, news item, sports item and autobiography and is marked out of 20. The questions though straightforward, expected a thorough understanding of the texts. This year's paper was appropriate for the candidates as the passages were within their experience.

Weakness

However the candidates lacked certain basic vocabulary e.g. *beauté, garder*. Candidates' weakness was however in spelling, some of them quite basic and not acceptable at this level.

Advice to teachers

The syllabus expects the candidates to understand French spoken in different register and at normal speed as spoken by a native French speaker. Teachers are advised to expose their students to all readily available teaching/learning resources such as practice tapes, readily available at the *Kenya Institute of Education* and the *Bureau Linguistique*. They should encourage their students to listen to *Radio France Internationale* on short wave or if in Mombasa, on FM and watch television, for example *Nation* TV where regular quiz shows in French for schools are televised and *TV5*. Practice with dictation can help improve the spellings and listening skills. Teachers should, on all occasions, use teaching audio tapes from different textbooks available at the *Bureau Linguistique* so as to acquaint their students to spoken French at various speed.

Teachers should also give enough practice to students in answering questions during a set period of time as well as to respond to questions *à l'inversion*.

26.2: PAPER 2 (501/2)

This paper carries a maximum of 55 marks and consists of three sections, namely *composition, grammar and reading comprehension*.

26.2.1: SECTION 1

Question 1

In 120-150 words, write in French on:

Either

- (a) Écrivez à votre correspondant(e) français(e) ui racontant vos projets après vos études secondaires. (10 pts)

Or

- (b) le directeur/la directrice de votre école a décidé qu'il y aura des cours supplémentaires le samedi. Écrivez à votre correspondant(e) disant ce que vous en pensez. (10 pts)