

# **Specification** GCE French

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# **About this specification**

Edexcel GCE in French is designed for use in schools and colleges. It is part of a suite of GCE qualifications offered by Edexcel.

# Key features of the specification

- Offers students and teachers a clear learning focus and control of assessment.
- Has four units of assessment.
- The Advanced Subsidiary level provides a logical progression from GCSE with:
  - discrete skills-specific testing
  - a focus on language.
- The A2 level offers a realistic progression from Advanced Subsidiary that:
  - rewards advanced research/reading skills
  - features integrated skills assessment
  - acknowledges the importance of knowledge and understanding of French-language culture
  - facilitates literary study.

With minimal prescription and maximum choice, this specification aims to engage students so that they enjoy Advanced level French language learning and achieve their full potential.

# Why choose this specification?

Developed in consultation with practitioners and students, the Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced GCE in French qualification rewards advanced-level French language skills and knowledge through student-focused assessment. With appealing content and opportunities to gain greater understanding of other cultures, it will prepare students to become well-informed and effective communicators.

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# A Specification at a glance

AS Unit 1: Spoken Expression and Response in French	*Unit code 6	SFR01
<ul> <li>Externally assessed</li> <li>Availability: April/May</li> </ul>	of the	15% of the total GCE marks

#### **Content summary:**

This unit rewards students for their ability to converse in French on a general topic area that they have chosen in advance. Students will need to demonstrate that they can engage in a discussion in French that relates to a chosen general topic area and allied subtopics.

Students will be expected to give relevant and appropriate information, convey opinions, interact and respond to a range of questions. They must choose **one** of the following general topic areas:

- Youth culture and concerns
- Lifestyle: health and fitness
- The world around us: travel, tourism, environmental issues and the French-speaking world
- Education and employment.

#### Assessment:

8-10 minute assessment in **two** sections.

**Section A** requires students to respond to four Edexcel-set questions on a stimulus related to the student's chosen general topic area.

**Section B** requires the teacher/examiner to engage the student in a discussion that, although still relating to the same general topic area and its linked subtopics, moves away from the main focus of the stimulus.

Centres will need to record the full assessment of all students and submit the recording(s) on CD or memory stick.

#### All students for this unit will be assessed by Edexcel.

AS Unit 2: Understanding and Written Response in French	*Unit code 6FR02	
<ul><li>Externally assessed</li><li>Availability: June</li></ul>	70% of the total AS marks	35% of the total GCE marks

#### **Content summary**:

This unit requires students to understand and convey their understanding of Frenchlanguage texts and recordings. In addition, students will need to produce an essay to demonstrate an ability to manipulate the French language in continuous writing. Students will be expected to recognise and use the French language in a variety of contexts and in relation to a prescribed range of general topic areas.

The unit draws upon **four** general topic areas:

- Youth culture and concerns
- Lifestyle: health and fitness
- The world around us: travel, tourism, environmental issues and the French-speaking world
- Education and employment.

#### Assessment:

2 hour 30 minute paper in **three** sections.

**Section A** requires students to listen to a range of authentic recorded French-language material and to retrieve and convey information given in the recording by responding to a range of French-language questions.

**Section B** requires students to read authentic French-language printed materials and to retrieve and convey information by responding to a range of mainly French-language test types.

**Section C** requires students to write 200-220 words in the form of a letter, report or article in French based on a short printed French-language stimulus.

#### All students for this unit will be assessed by Edexcel.

A2 Unit 3: Understanding and Spoken Response in French	*Unit code 6FR03	
<ul> <li>Externally assessed</li> <li>Availability: April/May</li> </ul>	35% of the total A2 marks	17.5% of the total GCE marks

#### **Content summary**:

This unit requires students to demonstrate the effectiveness of their French-language skills by presenting and taking a clear stance on any issue of their choice. They will be expected to interact effectively with the teacher/examiner, defend their views and sustain discussion as the teacher/examiner moves the conversation away from their chosen issue.

They will be expected to use the language of debate and argument to discuss the issue and will also be assessed for understanding as well as communication and quality of spoken language.

#### Assessment:

11-13 minute assessment

Students first outline their chosen issue for about **one** minute, adopting a definite stance towards the issue. They should then defend and justify their opinions for up to **four** minutes. The teacher/examiner will then initiate a spontaneous discussion in which a minimum of two further unpredictable areas of discussion will be covered.

Centres will need to record the full assessment of all students and submit the recording(s) on CD or memory stick.

All students for this unit will be assessed by Edexcel.

2 Unit 4: Research, Understanding and Written Response in French *Unit code 6FR04		
<ul> <li>Externally assessed</li> <li>Availability: June</li> </ul>	65% of the total A2 marks	32.5% of the total GCE marks

#### Content summary:

This unit requires students to demonstrate skills in advanced-level French writing (discursive or creative essay) and translation from English into French. The unit also requires students to demonstrate evidence of independent, advanced-level Frenchlanguage reading and research of a chosen text, play, film or topic area that links to the culture and/or society of a French-speaking country, countries or community. The content of this unit will be linked to the following general topic areas:

- Youth culture and concerns
- Lifestyle: health and fitness
- The world around us: travel, tourism, environmental issues and the French-speaking world
- Education and employment
- Customs, traditions, beliefs and religions
- National and international events: past, present and future
- Literature and the arts.

#### Assessment:

2 hour 30 minute paper in **three** sections.

**Section A:** A short written translation exercise to test students' ability to transfer meaning from English into French effectively.

**Section B:** A French-language essay in response to one from a choice of seven questions, linked to the prescribed general topic areas, that invite either discursive or creative writing.

**Section C:** A research-based essay in French (240-270 words) to reward students for French-language research skills linked to an area of interest to the student that relates to the culture and/or society of a French-language country, countries or community. They have freedom to determine the content of their research (potentially in negotiation with their teacher) but it must relate to the four research-based essay topic areas for this unit.

#### All students for this unit will be assessed by Edexcel.

Students are not permitted to take any books, dictionaries or texts into the examination room.

\*See Appendix 3 for description of this code and all other codes relevant to this qualification.

# Summary of assessment requirements

Unit number and unit title	Level	Assessment information	Number of marks allocated in the unit
Unit 1:	AS	8–10 minute assessment	50 marks
Spoken Expression and Response		The assessment for this unit has <b>two</b> sections that total <b>50</b> marks.	
in French		Section A	
		This requires students to respond to four Edexcel-set questions on a stimulus related to the student's chosen general topic area. The teacher/examiner* will first ask two questions about the general content of the stimulus and will then follow on with two other questions that invite students to express their opinions on, or give reactions to, the stimulus.	
		Section B	
		The second part requires the teacher/examiner* to engage the student in a discussion that, although still relating to the same general topic area and its linked subtopics, moves away from the main focus of the stimulus.	
		The test time should be divided equally, where appropriate, between Sections A and B. (Some students may need less than four minutes to respond fully to the stimulus-related questions.) Progression from Sections A to B should occur without any break in recording.	
		Centres will need to record the full assessment of all students and submit the recording(s) on CD or memory stick.	
		All students for this unit will be assessed by Edexcel.	
		*It is usual for teachers to conduct this assessment with their students during a timetabled assessment window in April/May, although Edexcel offers a visiting examiner facility for centres that have a minimum of ten AS and/or A2 students. For timetable and fee information, please consult the Edexcel website: www.edexcel.com.	

# **B** Specification overview

Unit number and unit title	Level	Assessment information	Number of marks allocated in the unit
Unit 2:	AS	2 hour 30 minute paper	70 marks
Understanding and Written		The paper set for this unit has <b>three</b> sections.	
Response in		Section A (20 marks)	
French		Students will be required to listen to a range of authentic recorded French-language material and to retrieve and convey information given in the recording by responding to a range of French-language questions. Students will need to show understanding of both the general sense and specific details conveyed. The questions will elicit non-verbal responses and short answers in French.	
		Students will have individual control of the recording and may stop, revisit and replay sections of the recording as required within the time allocated for this section (45 minutes maximum). They must make notes and answer questions <b>within the first</b> <b>45 minutes</b> of this unit assessment and can move on to another section as soon as they are ready.	
		Section B (20 marks)	
		Students will be required to read authentic French-language printed materials and to retrieve and convey information by responding to a range of mainly French-language test types. The questions will elicit non-verbal responses, French-language answers and English answers that require a transfer of meaning from French.	
		Section C (30 marks)	
		Students will be required to write 200-220 words in the form of a letter, report or article in French based on a short printed French-language stimulus. Students must respond to four-six linked bullet points and demonstrate their ability to communicate accurately in French using correct grammar and syntax as detailed in <i>Appendix 4: Grammar lists</i> .	
		Students will have individual control over the pace of this examination, including the listening element. However, for practical reasons, they must start the listening section first (Section A) and must complete this within the first 45 minutes.	
		A CD recording will be provided for each student with the examination paper. Student access to equipment that permits individual listening (eg portable CD player with headphones) is required.	
		All students for this unit will be assessed by Edexcel.	
		Students must not have access to a dictionary or other reference materials during this examination.	

Unit number and unit title	Level	Assessment information	Number of marks allocated in the unit
Unit 3:	A2	11–13 minute assessment	50 marks
Understanding and Spoken Response in French		Students will first need to outline their chosen issue for about one minute, adopting a definite stance towards the issue. They should then defend and justify their opinions for up to four minutes. The teacher/examiner* will then initiate a spontaneous discussion in which a minimum of two further unpredictable areas of discussion will be covered. These issues may or may not relate to the chosen issue but will not require specialised factual knowledge or relate to French-language culture. This unit therefore assesses advanced-level understanding as well as speaking skills.	
		Students will be required to take into the examination a brief written statement on an <i>Oral chosen issue form</i> and may refer to this in the test. More details are available in the <i>GCE oral training guide</i> , available on the Edexcel website (www.edexcel.com). The chosen issue does not have to relate to any of the general topic areas for this specification.	
		Centres will need to record the full assessment of all students and submit the recording(s) on CD or memory stick.	
		All students for this unit will be assessed by Edexcel.	
		*It is usual for teachers to conduct this assessment with their students during a timetabled assessment window in April/May, although Edexcel offers a visiting examiner facility for centres that have a minimum of ten AS and/or A2 students. For timetable and fee information, please consult the Edexcel website: www.edexcel.com.	

# **B** Specification overview

Unit number and unit title	Level	Assessment information	Number of marks allocated in the unit
Unit 4:	A2	2 hour 30 minute paper	100 marks
Research, Understanding		The paper set for this unit has <b>three</b> sections.	
and Written		Section A (10 marks)	
Response in French		A short written translation exercise to test students' ability to transfer meaning from English into French effectively. The English language stimulus will be about 80 words long.	
		Section B (45 marks)	
		A French-language essay in response to one from a choice of seven questions that invite either discursive or creative writing. The discursive essay requires students to write 240-270 words in French to reveal their ability to organise arguments and ideas and give a structured consideration of a general issue. The creative essay requires a different type of response (also of 240- 270 words) based on an imaginative French-language text or a combination of text and visual(s). Both discursive and creative questions will link to the prescribed seven topic areas.	
		Section C (45 marks)	
		A research-based essay in French (240-270 words) rewards students for French-language research skills linked to an area of interest to the student. <b>This must relate to the culture</b> <b>and/or society of a French-language country, countries</b> <b>or community</b> . Students will need to draw on their knowledge and understanding of this. They will have freedom to determine the content of their research (potentially in negotiation with their teacher) but it must relate to one of the following areas of research:	
		a Geographical area	
		b Historical study	
		c Aspects of modern society	
		d Literature and the arts (eg text, play or film).	
		A question will be set for each of these four areas of research.	
		All students for this unit will be assessed by Edexcel.	
		Students are not permitted to take any books, dictionaries or texts into the examination room.	

# Assessment objectives and weightings

		% in AS	% in A2	% in GCE
A01	Understand and respond, in speech and writing, to spoken language.	40%	25%	32.5%
AO2	Understand and respond, in speech and writing, to written language.	35%	50%	42.5%
AO3	Show knowledge of and apply accurately the grammar and syntax prescribed in the specification.	25%	25%	25%
	TOTAL	100%	100%	100%

# Relationship of assessment objectives to units

Unit number	Assessment objective			
	A01	AO2	AO3	Total for AO1, AO2 and AO3
Unit 1	10%	—	5%	15%
Unit 2	10%	17.5%	7.5%	35%
Unit 3	12.5%	2.5%	2.5%	17.5%
Unit 4	—	22.5%	10%	32.5%
Total for Advanced GCE	32.5%	42.5%	25%	100%

### **Qualification summary** The General Certificate of Education is part of the Level 3 provision. Subject criteria This specification is based on the Advanced Subsidiary GCE and Advanced GCE subject criteria for modern foreign languages, which are prescribed by the regulatory authorities and are mandatory for all awarding bodies. The Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced GCE in French have been designed in response to the subject criteria which are intended to: help ensure consistent and comparable standards in the same subject across the awarding bodies define the relationship between the Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced GCE level specifications, with the Advanced Subsidiary as a subset of the Advanced GCE level ensure that the rigour of the Advanced GCE is maintained help higher education institutions and employers know what has been studied and assessed. The Edexcel Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced GCE in French aims Aims to encourage students to: develop an interest in, and enthusiasm for, language learning develop understanding of the language in a variety of contexts and genres communicate confidently, clearly and effectively in the language for a range of purposes develop awareness and understanding of the contemporary society, cultural background and heritage of countries or communities where the language is spoken consider their study of the language in a broader context. The Edexcel Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced GCE in French enables students to: derive enjoyment and benefit from language learning acquire knowledge, skills and understanding for practical use, further study and/or employment communicate with speakers of the language take their place in a multilingual global society.

#### AS/A2 knowledge and understanding

The Advanced Subsidiary specification requires students to:

- listen and respond to a variety of spoken\* French-language sources, including authentic sources
- read and respond to a variety of French-language written texts, including authentic sources, covering different contexts, registers, styles and genres
- adapt their spoken and written French language appropriately for different situations and purposes
- use the French language accurately to express facts and ideas, and to present explanations, opinions and information in both speech and writing
- understand and apply the grammatical system and a range of structures of the French language as detailed in Appendix 4: Grammar lists
- transfer meaning from French into English and/or vice versa.

In addition, the Advanced GCE specification requires students to:

- use the French language in speech and in writing to present viewpoints, develop arguments, analyse and evaluate
- understand and apply the grammatical system and a range of structures in French as detailed in Appendix 4: Grammar lists
- study aspects of the contemporary society, cultural background and heritage of one or more of the French-language countries or communities
- transfer meaning from English into French and/or vice versa. If one skill is not assessed at Advanced Subsidiary level it must be assessed at A2 level.

\*Spoken and written sources must include material that relates to the contemporary society, cultural background and heritage of one or more of the countries or communities where the language is spoken.

#### AS/A2 skills The knowledge and understanding requirements of this Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced GCE specification are inextricably linked to the four language skills of **speaking, listening, reading** and **writing** in French, in line with the requirements of the subject criteria.

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### **Course structure**

- Edexcel's GCE in French comprises four units and contains an Advanced Subsidiary subset of two AS units.
- The Advanced Subsidiary GCE is the first half of the GCE course and consists of Units 1 and 2. It may be awarded as a discrete qualification or contribute 50 per cent of the total Advanced GCE marks.
- The full Advanced GCE award consists of the two AS units (Units 1 and 2), plus two A2 units (Units 3 and 4) which make up the other 50 per cent of the Advanced GCE. Students wishing to take the full Advanced GCE must, therefore, complete all four units.
- The structure of this qualification allows teachers to construct a course of study which can be taught and assessed either as:
  - distinct modules of teaching and learning with related units of assessment taken at appropriate stages during the course; or
  - ♦ a linear course which is assessed in its entirety at the end.

## **1.1 Unit description**

This unit rewards students for their ability to converse in French on a general topic area that they have chosen in advance. Students will need to demonstrate that they can engage in a discussion in French that relates to a chosen general topic area and allied subtopics. The first part of the assessment will focus on an Edexcelprovided stimulus that links to the chosen general topic area but the conversation will then move away from the stimulus to consider other aspects of the chosen topic area.

Students will be expected to give relevant and appropriate information, convey opinions, interact and respond to a range of questions. They must choose **one** of the following general topic areas:

- Youth culture and concerns
- Lifestyle: health and fitness
- The world around us: travel, tourism, environmental issues and the French-speaking world
- Education and employment.

# **1.2** Assessment information

#### Format

The assessment for this unit has two sections that total 50 marks.

#### **Section A**

This requires students to respond to four Edexcel-set questions on a stimulus related to the student's chosen general topic area. The teacher/examiner\* will first ask two questions about the general content of the stimulus and will follow these with two other questions that invite students to express their opinions on, or give reactions to, the stimulus.

#### **Section B**

The second part requires the teacher/examiner\* to engage the student in a discussion that, although still relating to the same general topic area and its linked subtopics, moves away from the main focus of the stimulus.

The test time should be divided equally, where appropriate, between Sections A and B. (Some students may need fewer than four minutes to respond fully to the stimulus-related questions.) Progression from Sections A to B should occur without any break in recording.

Centres will need to record the full assessment of all students and submit the recording(s) on CD or memory stick.

#### All students for this unit will be assessed by Edexcel.

\*It is usual for teachers to conduct this assessment with their students during a timetabled assessment window in April/May, although Edexcel offers a visiting examiner facility for centres that have a minimum of ten AS and/or A2 students. For timetable and fee information, please consult the Edexcel website: www.edexcel.com.

Preparation	Students are able to undertake focused preparation for this unit as they can select their preferred general topic area in advance. They should become familiar with the full range of prescribed linked subtopics and, through regular classroom practice, often participate in formatively-assessed discussions. More information and advice on preparing for this unit is given in the <i>GCE oral training guide</i> , available on the Edexcel website (www.edexcel.com). In addition, students will have a 15-minute preparation period when they receive the stimulus immediately prior to the test. They should spend this time studying the stimulus with a view to answering four related questions and considering further discussion points that might follow on. Students will not be allowed access to a dictionary or any other resources at this time. However, it will be possible for students to make notes (no more than one side of A4) which they can refer to during the examination. They must <b>not</b> write on the stimulus.
Stimulus	Different sets of stimuli will be produced for each of the above topic areas and will be issued on a random-allocation basis as prescribed in the <i>Oral handbook for GCE</i> . Stimuli will be written in French (approximately 70-90 words) at an accessible level for Advanced Subsidiary students and may be supported by a visual. These will be issued to students on the day of their assessment.
Time allocation	The assessment time should, as far as possible, be divided equally between the two sections. Although assessment is qualitative rather than quantitative, the test should take no less than eight minutes and no more than 10 minutes.

## 1.3 Content

Focus

Although this unit relates to a chosen general topic area, it is essentially designed to assess manipulation and understanding of the French spoken language. The general topic areas should be considered as different contexts in which students can develop, use and understand spoken French language. *Detailed, specialist* French vocabulary or *detailed and specialist* knowledge of the chosen general topic area are **not** required.

Similarly, knowledge of the chosen general topic area in relation to France and other parts of the French-speaking world will **not** be assessed, although students are free to demonstrate this.

# Unit 1 Spoken Expression and Response in French

General topic	Students will choose from <b>one</b> of the following general topic areas:
areas	Youth culture and concerns
	Lifestyle: health and fitness
	The world around us: travel, tourism, environmental issues and the French-speaking world
	Education and employment.
	It is important that students choose a general topic area that appeals to them and that they are familiar with.
Linked subtopics	To inform teaching and learning, the following definitive list of linked subtopics has been produced for this unit.
	Youth culture and concerns
	Music and fashion
	<ul> <li>Technology (eg MP3/blogs/mobile phones/internet/games)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Relationships (family/friendships and peer pressure)</li> </ul>
	Drink, drugs, sex
	Lifestyle: health and fitness
	Sport and exercise
	Food and diet
	<ul><li>Health issues (eg smoking, skin cancer, health services)</li></ul>
	The world around us: travel, tourism, environmental issues and the French-speaking world
	<ul> <li>Tourist information, travel and transport</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Weather (eg natural disasters, climate change)</li> </ul>
	Pollution and recycling
	Education and employment
	<ul> <li>Education (schooling and higher education)</li> </ul>
	Education policy and student issues
	<ul> <li>The world of work (eg the changing work scene, job opportunities and unemployment)</li> </ul>

# What students need to learn

Students need to develop language skills that enable them to communicate effectively and confidently on different issues and concerns. They need to give facts, opinions and respond appropriately to unrehearsed and unpredictable questions and statements. They should be used to giving considered and informed responses to open questions.

Students will be assessed on their ability to use language interactively and on the accuracy, range and suitability of the language used.

A maximum of 50 marks will be awarded positively by Edexcel using the assessment criteria grids in Section 1.4.

The assessment criteria reward students for:

- quality of language (grammar and structures as listed in Appendix 4: Grammar lists, pronunciation, intonation, vocabulary, idiom, range and ability to move away from predictable areas) which has two assessment criteria grids:
  - accuracy AO3 (8 marks)
  - range of lexis AO3 (8 marks)
- response (development) AO1 (20 marks)
- understanding (relevance, opinion) which has two assessment criteria grids:
  - stimulus-specific AO1 (4 marks)
  - general topic area AO1 (10 marks).

# 1.4 Assessment criteria

Mark	Quality of language (Accuracy) (AO3)
0	No rewardable language.
1	Isolated examples of correct language; pronunciation and intonation often impede communication.
2–3	Many basic errors, impeding communication at times; pronunciation and intonation erratic, not always comprehensible.
4-5	Accuracy variable but errors rarely impede communication; pronunciation and intonation inconsistent but comprehensible.
6–7	Generally accurate but some errors in more complex language; pronunciation and intonation generally good.
8	Highly accurate with perhaps some very minor errors; pronunciation and intonation authentic.

Mark	Quality of language (Range of Lexis) (AO3)
0	No rewardable language.
1	Very basic lexis; minimal command of structure.
2-3	Lexis restricted; operates generally in simple sentences.
4-5	Adequate range of lexis; limited range of structures.
6–7	Good range of lexis with some examples of more complex structures.
8	Wide range of lexis and good variety of structures with only occasional limitation.

Mark	Response (AO1)
0	No rewardable language.
1-4	Little spontaneity; cannot develop responses; very reliant on examiner's language.
5-8	Few examples of spontaneous discourse; limited development of responses; often fails to respond appropriately to questions; needs prompting.
9–12	Some examples of fluent discourse but not always spontaneous or well developed; some hesitation in more complex areas; difficulty with some questions.
13-16	Frequent examples of spontaneous discourse ably developed; responds usually without undue hesitation; deals adequately with most questions.
17–20	High incidence of spontaneous, fluent discourse; able to respond readily to all questions; develops and sustains discourse well.

Mark	Understanding (Stimulus specific) (AO1)
0	No understanding of stimulus.
1	Limited answers to prescribed questions, demonstrating poor understanding of stimulus.
2	Satisfactory answers to prescribed questions, demonstrating adequate understanding of stimulus.
3	Detailed answers to prescribed questions, demonstrating good understanding of stimulus.
4	Full and detailed answers to prescribed questions, demonstrating excellent understanding of stimulus.

Mark	Understanding (General topic area) (AO1)
0	No rewardable language.
1-2	Hardly any relevant ideas and opinions, demonstrating poor understanding of general topic area.
3-4	Few relevant ideas and opinions, demonstrating limited understanding of general topic area.
5-6	Some relevant ideas and opinions, demonstrating satisfactory understanding of general topic area.
7-8	Many relevant ideas and opinions, demonstrating good understanding of general topic area.
9–10	Wealth of relevant ideas and opinions, demonstrating excellent understanding of general topic area.

## 2.1 Unit description

This unit requires students to understand and convey their understanding of French-language texts and recordings. In addition, students will need to produce an essay to demonstrate an ability to manipulate the French language in continuous writing. Students will be expected to recognise and use the French language in a variety of contexts and in relation to a prescribed range of general topic areas.

The unit draws upon **four** general topic areas:

- Youth culture and concerns
- Lifestyle: health and fitness
- The world around us: travel, tourism, environmental issues and the French-speaking world
- Education and employment.

### 2.2 Assessment information

Format

The paper set for this unit has **three** sections.

#### Section A (20 marks)

Students will be required to listen to a range of authentic recorded French-language material and to retrieve and convey information given in the recording by responding to a range of French-language questions. Students will need to show understanding of both the general sense and specific details conveyed. The questions will elicit non-verbal responses and short answers in French.

Students will have individual control of the recording and may stop, revisit and replay sections of the recording as required within the time allocated for this section (45 minutes maximum). They must make notes and answer questions **within the first 45 minutes** of this unit assessment and can move on to another section as soon as they are ready.

#### Section B (20 marks)

Students will be required to read authentic French-language printed materials and to retrieve and convey information by responding to a range of mainly French-language test types. The questions will elicit non-verbal responses, French-language answers and English answers that require a transfer of meaning from French.

Questions are linked to a range of reading comprehension exercises including some that require responses in English to test the student's ability to transfer meaning from French into English.

#### Section C (30 marks)

Students will be required to write 200-220 words in the form of a letter, report or article in French based on a short printed Frenchlanguage stimulus. Students must respond to four-six linked bullet points and demonstrate their ability to communicate accurately in French using correct grammar and syntax as detailed in *Appendix 4: Grammar lists*.

Students will have individual control over the pace of this examination, including the listening element. However, for practical reasons, they must start the listening section first and must complete this within the first 45 minutes.

A CD recording will be provided for each student with the examination paper. Student access to equipment that permits individual listening (eg portable CD player with headphones) is required.

All students for this unit will be assessed by Edexcel.

Students must not have access to a dictionary or other reference materials during this examination.

Preparation	Students can prepare for the assessments in this unit by regularly consulting a wide variety of French-language reading and listening materials (textbooks, magazines, the internet, podcasts etc). As part of their AS studies, students should undertake regular listening, reading and writing activities.
Time allocation	Students will have individual control over the pace of assessment in this unit. They <b>must</b> undertake the listening element of this unit within the first 45 minutes of the examination but may then answer the remaining questions in any order of their choice. The duration of this examination will be 2 hours and 30 minutes.

# 2.3 Content

Focus	This unit will feature questions drawn from a variety of sources but which all relate to the general topic areas below. However, these should be considered as different contexts in which students can write and understand the French language. <i>Detailed, specialist</i> French vocabulary or <i>detailed and specialist</i> knowledge of the chosen general topic area are <b>not</b> required. Similarly, knowledge of the chosen general topic area in relation to France and other parts of the French-speaking world will <b>not</b> be assessed.
General topic	Youth culture and concerns
areas	Lifestyle: health and fitness
	The world around us: travel, tourism, environmental issues and the French-speaking world
	<ul> <li>Education and employment</li> </ul>

### Unit 2 Understanding and Written Response in French

Linked subtopics	To inform teaching and learning, the following definitive list of
	linked subtopics has been produced for this unit.

#### Youth culture and concerns

- Music and fashion
- Technology (eg MP3/blogs/mobile phones/internet/games)
- Relationships (family/friendships and peer pressure)
- Drink, drugs, sex

#### Lifestyle: health and fitness

- Sport and exercise
- Food and diet
- Health issues (eg smoking, skin cancer, health services)

# The world around us: travel, tourism, environmental issues and the French-speaking world

- Tourist information, travel and transport
- Weather (eg natural disasters, climate change)
- Pollution and recycling

#### **Education and employment**

- Education (schooling and higher education)
- Education policy and student issues
- The world of work (eg the changing work scene, job opportunities and unemployment)

**Listening element** Recordings will relate to French-speaking countries or communities and exploit contemporary sources. These may include telephone messages, announcements, advertisements, interviews, radio talks, reviews, conversations, discussions, broadcasts and the internet. The listening material will not total more than 450-600 words and the recording will have a duration of approximately five minutes.

**Reading element** Printed materials may relate to both the contemporary society and cultural heritage of French-speaking countries or communities. Sources used will be contemporary, such as magazines, newspapers, the internet, reports and books. It is anticipated that the printed materials will total 550-700 words.

# What students need to learn

Students need to develop language skills that enable them to communicate effectively, accurately and confidently in Frenchlanguage writing, to transfer meaning from French into English, and to understand spoken and written French.

Students will be expected to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the grammar and structures as prescribed in *Appendix 4: Grammar lists*.

Students will be assessed for the following.

#### Section A (20 marks)

Listening — AO1 via assessment-specific mark scheme.

#### Section B (20 marks)

Reading and transfer of meaning — AO2 via assessment-specific mark scheme.

#### Section C (30 marks)

A maximum of 30 marks will be awarded positively using the assessment criteria grids in Section 2.4 for the written response to a stimulus exercise.

The assessment criteria reward students for:

- content and response AO2 (15 marks)
- quality of language AO3 (15 marks).

# 2.4 Assessment criteria

### Section C

Mark	Content and response (AO2)
0	No rewardable material.
1-3	Task mostly misunderstood and answer barely relevant.
4-6	Task not fully grasped or developed; much irrelevance and/or repetition.
7-9	Task understood and some points developed satisfactorily; some omission and/or irrelevance.
10-12	Task understood and developed successfully.
13-15	Task fully grasped; answer wholly relevant, convincing and well developed.

Mark	Quality of language (AO3)
0	No rewardable language.
1-3	Limited communication; highly inaccurate; language very basic with much repetition.
4-6	Some communication; language often inaccurate; limited variety of lexis and structures.
7-9	Satisfactory communication; basic language generally satisfactory; some attempt at variety of lexis and structures.
10-12	Good communication; good level of accuracy; generally successful use of a variety of lexis and structures.
13-15	Excellent communication; high level of accuracy; language almost always fluent, varied and appropriate.

## 3.1 Unit description

This unit requires students to demonstrate the effectiveness of their French-language skills by presenting and taking a clear stance on **any** issue of their choice. They will be expected to interact effectively with the teacher/examiner, defend their views and sustain discussion as the teacher/examiner moves the conversation away from their chosen issue.

They will be expected to use the language of debate and argument to discuss the issue and will also be assessed for understanding as well as communication and quality of spoken language.

# **3.2** Assessment information

#### Format

This section attracts a maximum of **50 marks.** 

Students will first need to outline their chosen issue for about **one** minute, adopting a definite stance towards the issue. They should then defend and justify their opinions for up to **four** minutes. The teacher/examiner\* will then initiate a spontaneous discussion in which a minimum of two further unpredictable areas of discussion will be covered. These issues may or may not relate to the chosen issue but will not require specialised factual knowledge or relate to French-language culture. This unit therefore assesses advanced-level understanding as well as speaking skills.

Students will be required to take into the examination a brief written statement on an *Oral chosen issue form* and may refer to this in the test. More details are available in the *GCE oral training guide.* For more information on this please visit the Edexcel website (www.edexcel.com). The chosen issue does not have to relate to any of the general topic areas for this specification.

Centres will need to record the full assessment of all students and submit the recording(s) on CD or memory stick.

#### All students for this unit will be assessed by Edexcel.

\*It is usual for teachers to conduct this assessment with their students during a timetabled assessment window in April/May, although Edexcel offers a visiting examiner facility for centres that have a minimum of ten AS and/or A2 students. For timetable and fee information, please consult the Edexcel website: www.edexcel.com.

Preparation	To prepare for this assessment, students should undertake research into their chosen issue. Students have a completely free choice of issue; it does not need to relate to the culture and/or society of a French-language country or community nor to any of the Edexcel general topic areas.
	In order to prepare for this unit, it is expected that students will refer to and study a range of different written and spoken French language materials (recordings, press articles etc).
	A statement of the chosen issue must be provided to the teacher/ examiner in advance of the examination and this must accompany the recording when submitted to Edexcel. Students will be required to complete an <i>Oral chosen issue form</i> to facilitate this, available on the Edexcel website (www.edexcel.com).
Time allocation	This is a qualitative assessment activity but should take no less than 11 minutes and no more than 13 minutes.

# 3.3 Content

Each student decides on the issue that they wish to present and defend. The issue does **not** have to relate to the Edexcel general topic areas or refer to the culture and/or society of a French-language country or community.

This task should appeal to those who like to express their ideas and points of view as well as those who enjoy undertaking research.

## Unit 3 Understanding and Spoken Response in French

# What students<br/>need to learnStudents need to develop language skills that enable them to<br/>communicate effectively, accurately and confidently in spoken<br/>French. They must ensure that they apply their listening skills in<br/>this task to permit natural and logical interaction.

A maximum of 50 marks will be awarded positively using the assessment criteria grids in Section 3.4.

The assessment criteria reward students for:

- response (initiative, development and abstract language) AO1 (20 marks)
- quality of language (pronunciation, intonation, vocabulary, idiom, range of lexis, application of grammar and structures as listed in Appendix 4: Grammar lists) — AO3 (7 marks)
- reading and research (knowledge of issue and other topics) AO2 (7 marks)
- comprehension and development (understanding and ability to deal with questioning) — AO1 (16 marks).

# 3.4 Assessment criteria

Mark	Response (AO1)
0	No rewardable material.
1-4	Minimal incidence of spontaneous discourse; very limited range of structures; no use of abstract language.
5-8	Limited incidence of spontaneous discourse; limited range of lexis and structures; very little evidence of abstract language.
9–12	Satisfactory incidence of spontaneous discourse; range of lexis and structures adequate with some ability to handle language of abstract concepts.
13-16	Frequent examples of spontaneous discourse; good range of lexis and structures; good use of abstract concepts.
17–20	Very high incidence of spontaneous discourse; impressive range of lexis and structures.

Mark	Quality of language (AO3)
0	No rewardable material.
1-2	Very flawed language, often impeding comprehension; pronunciation and intonation very inauthentic.
3	Basic errors, impeding comprehension at times; pronunciation and intonation erratic.
4	Accuracy variable with some basic errors; pronunciation and intonation generally good with some lapses.
5	Good level of accuracy with occasional, usually minor, errors; good pronunciation and intonation.
6–7	Highly accurate; excellent pronunciation and intonation.

Mark	Reading and research (AO2)
0	No rewardable material.
1	Scant evidence of any reading and research into the chosen issue and other topics discussed; very superficial.
2-3	Little evidence of reading and research into the chosen issue and other topics discussed; obvious gaps and very little detail.
4	Adequate evidence of reading and research into the chosen issue and other topics discussed but overall lacks breadth and detail; somewhat inconsistent.
5-6	Good to very good evidence of wide reading and research into the chosen issue and other topics discussed with occasional gaps; some pertinent detail at times.
7	Excellent evidence of in-depth and very wide reading and research into the chosen issue and other topics discussed; excellent detail.

Mark	Comprehension and development (AO1)
0	No rewardable material.
1-4	Minimal comprehension; many basic question forms unknown; minimal development.
5-7	Limited comprehension; basic question forms generally known but little beyond; limited development of responses.
8-10	Adequate level of comprehension; responds appropriately to basic question forms but experiences problems with more complex question forms and structures; adequate development.
11-13	Copes with a variety or wide variety of question forms although more complex forms pose problems at times; generally good to very good development of responses.
14-16	Excellent level of comprehension; responds at a consistently high level to a wide range of complex and challenging question forms; excellent development.

# 4.1 Unit description

This unit requires students to demonstrate skills in advanced-level French writing (discursive or creative essay) and translation from English into French. The unit also requires students to demonstrate evidence of independent, advanced-level French-language reading and research of a chosen text, play, film or topic area that links to the culture and/or society of a French-speaking country, countries or community. The content of this unit will be linked to the following general topic areas:

- Youth culture and concerns
- Lifestyle: health and fitness
- The world around us: travel, tourism, environmental issues and the French-speaking world
- Education and employment
- Customs, traditions, beliefs and religions
- National and international events: past, present and future
- Literature and the arts.

# 4.2 Assessment information

#### Format

The paper set for this unit has **three** sections.

#### Section A (10 marks)

A short written translation exercise to test students' ability to transfer meaning from English into French effectively. The English language stimulus will be about 80 words long.

#### Section B (45 marks)

A French-language essay in response to one from a choice of seven questions that invite either discursive or creative writing.

The discursive essay requires students to write 240-270 words in French to reveal their ability to organise arguments and ideas and give a structured consideration of a general issue. The creative essay requires a different type of response (also of 240-270 words) based on an imaginative French-language text or a combination of text and visual(s). Both discursive and creative questions will link to the prescribed seven topic areas.

#### Section C (45 marks)

A research-based essay in French (240-270 words) rewards students for French-language research skills linked to an area of interest to the student. **This must relate to the culture and/or society of a French-language country, countries or community**. Students will need to draw on their knowledge and understanding of this. They will have freedom to determine the content of their research (potentially in negotiation with their teacher) but it must relate to one of the following areas of research:

- a Geographical area
- b Historical study
- c Aspects of modern society
- d Literature and the arts (eg text, play or film).

A question will be set for each of these four areas of research.

#### All students for this unit will be assessed by Edexcel.

Students are not permitted to take any books, dictionaries or texts into the examination room.

Preparation	It is anticipated that students will acquire essay writing and translation skills through regular classroom practice. For the research-based essay, students should choose a text, play, film or topic area that they find particularly stimulating and that links to in-depth French-language study undertaken prior to the examination. They are free to choose and may discuss potential areas of research with their teacher. The research must relate to the culture and/or society of a French-language country, countries or community. More guidance is given in the <i>GCE research-based essay guide</i> . For more information on this please visit the Edexcel website (www.edexcel.com).
	Effective preparation for this unit must include study of different French-language spoken materials in addition to other printed and ICT-derived resources.
Time allocation	Students will be in control of the pace of assessment within the allocated time. They can answer questions in any order.
	The duration of this examination will be 2 hours and 30 minutes.

4.3 Content	
General topic areas	The assessment materials used will draw upon the following general topic areas:
	Youth culture and concerns
	Lifestyle: health and fitness
	The world around us: travel, tourism, environmental issues and the French-speaking world
	Education and employment
	<ul> <li>Customs, traditions, beliefs and religions</li> </ul>
	National and international events: past, present and future
	Literature and the arts.

#### **Research-based** essay Edexcel recognises that it is logical, motivating and rewarding for advanced-level French-language students to acquire knowledge and develop understanding of different aspects of the culture and/or society of a French-speaking country or countries. This unit features a research-based essay directly linked to the culture and/or society of a French-language country, countries or community.

The research-based essay offers teachers a logical and smooth transition from either coursework or the 'topics and texts' option. It also encourages wide reading, creativity and personal initiative. Students have a choice of content and focus so that they are able to present and summarise their research from their own personal perspective. The essay must reflect their views and opinions and have an analytical or evaluative dimension commensurate with advanced-level study. The research-based essay should appeal to a variety of students — those interested in literature and the arts as well as those preferring non-literary areas of research.

The following outlines four possible areas of research that students can choose from and the required content.

#### Geographical area (eg region or city)

Students would be expected to undertake wide research, become aware of and demonstrate understanding of the following:

- key people, events and issues (eg demographic, environmental, economic, social, political) that have impacted or are having an impact on the area
- customs, traditions, beliefs and religions.

#### **Historical study**

Students would be expected to undertake wide research, consider and demonstrate understanding of the following:

- a specific period of history of particular relevance to the chosen country
- key people, events and issues from the above period.

#### Aspects of modern French-speaking society

Students would be expected to undertake wide research, consider and demonstrate understanding of the following:

key current and recent (21st century/late 20th century) events and issues (eg social, cultural and political) and their impact on society.

#### Literature and the arts

Students would be expected to undertake in-depth study of a substantial French-language **text**, **play** or **film**. They would need to consider and demonstrate understanding of the following:

- different characters
- key themes/issues
- social and cultural setting
- styles/techniques employed.

In each of these four areas, students are expected to analyse the research that they have undertaken, give their opinions and justify them. This provides a logical link to the approach adopted in Unit 3.

During the research phase, students should refer to a variety of resources including textbooks, reference books, the internet, audiovisual media etc. Students will be expected to make appropriate references to specific French-language sources that they have consulted. More information and guidance is given in the *GCE* research-based essay guide.

What students<br/>need to learnStudents need to develop language skills that enable them to<br/>transfer meaning from English into French, communicate effectively,<br/>accurately and confidently in French-language writing, and<br/>demonstrate French-language research skills linked to a specific<br/>aspect of the society and/or the culture of a French-language<br/>country, countries or community.

Students will be expected to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the grammar and structures as prescribed in *Appendix 4: Grammar lists*.

#### Section A (10 marks)

Up to 10 marks will be awarded for transferring meaning from an English language passage into French (AO3). This translation exercise exclusively assesses the accurate handling of grammar and structures (quality of language). An annual mark scheme will be produced that divides the passage into 'assessable elements'.

#### Section B (45 marks)

Up to 45 marks will be awarded for a discursive or creative essay in accordance with the assessment criteria grids in Section 4.4.

The assessment criteria reward students for:

- range and application of language (manipulation, range and appropriateness of lexis, grammar and structures as listed in Appendix 4: Grammar lists) — AO3 (10 marks)
- accuracy of the target language AO3 (5 marks)
- understanding and response AO2 (15 marks)
- organisation and development AO2 (15 marks).

#### Section C (45 marks)

Up to 45 marks will be awarded for the research-based essay in accordance with the assessment criteria grids in Section 4.4.

The assessment criteria reward students for:

- reading, research and understanding AO2 (30 marks)
- organisation and development AO2 (9 marks)
- quality of language AO3 (6 marks).

# 4.4 Assessment criteria

### Section **B**

Mark	Range and application of language — Creative/discursive essay (AO3)
0	No rewardable range and application of language.
1-2	Inadequate range of lexis and structures; very limited ability to manipulate language.
3-4	Restricted range of lexis and structures; limited ability to manipulate language.
5-6	An adequate range of lexis and structures; successful manipulation of language/attempts to handle complex structures not always successful.
7-8	A wide range of appropriate lexis and structures; successful manipulation of language.
9-10	Rich and complex language; very successful manipulation of language.

Mark	Accuracy of the target language — Creative/discursive essay (AO3)
0	Language so inaccurate that no reward is possible.
1	Accuracy only in the simplest form; a high incidence of basic error.
2	Communication impaired at times by basic errors, eg agreements, verb forms; some familiar language is accurate.
3	A number of major errors made, without impairing communication significantly; familiar forms and structures usually accurate.
4	Few errors, mostly of a minor nature.
5	High degree of accuracy with minimal and minor errors.

Mark	Understanding and response — Creative essay (AO2)
0	No rewardable understanding or response.
1-3	Largely irrelevant; minimal use of stimulus.
4-6	Some relevant points made; unimaginative use of stimulus.
7–9	Satisfactory understanding of question and response to stimulus.
10-12	Good to very good understanding of question and response to stimulus.
13-15	Very good to excellent understanding of question and imaginative response to stimulus.

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Mark	Understanding and response — Discursive essay (AO2)
0	No rewardable understanding or response.
1-3	Minimal understanding of question or relevant discussion.
4-6	Limited understanding of question.
7–9	Satisfactory understanding of question; some implications of questions addressed.
10-12	Good to very good understanding of question; main implications of question addressed.
13-15	Very good to excellent understanding of question; implications of question fully grasped.

Mark	Organisation and development — Creative/discursive essay (AO2)
0	No rewardable organisation and development.
1-3	Minimal organisation and development; answer largely disorganised.
4-6	Limited organisation and development; structure lacks coherence.
7–9	Organisation and development not always logical and clear.
10-12	Organisation and development logical and clear.
13-15	Extremely clear and effective organisation and development of ideas.

# Section C

Mark	Reading, research and understanding (AO2)
0	No rewardable material presented.
1-6	Minimal understanding; almost no evidence of reading and research.
7–12	Limited understanding; little evidence of reading and research.
13-18	Adequate understanding; some evidence of reading and research.
19–24	Good to very good understanding; clear evidence of in-depth reading and research.
25-30	Very good to excellent understanding; clear evidence of extensive and in-depth reading and research.

Mark	Organisation and development (AO2)
0	No rewardable organisation and development.
1-2	Limited organisation and development; structure almost wholly lacking in coherence.
3-4	Some organisation and development; may be rambling and/or repetitive.
5-6	Adequate organisation and development of material; development patchy and/or ambiguous.
7-8	Good organisation and development; material well planned and sequenced with minor lapses.
9	Very good organisation and development; material very effectively marshalled and developed within a carefully planned framework.

Mark	Quality of language (AO3)
0	No rewardable language.
1	Very basic level of communication; language often breaks down because of lack of linguistic knowledge and/or ability to use structures; very inaccurate.
2	Some communication achieved on a basic level but often lacks comprehensibility; limited linguistic range; basic sentence construction; register often inappropriate.
3-4	Satisfactory communication; inaccurate language occasionally impedes comprehensibility; fair range of appropriate lexis; structures often well handled.
5	Good communication; errors rarely impede comprehensibility; language mainly accurate and appropriate; good range of lexis and structures; good handling of complex structures and use of idioms.
6	Very good communication; language almost always fluent, varied and appropriate; wide range of lexis and structures; high level of accuracy.

# **Assessment information**

Assessment requirements	For a summary of assessment requirements and assessment objectives, see <i>Section B, Specification overview</i> .
Entering students for the examinations for this qualification	Details of how to enter students for the examinations for this qualification can be found in Edexcel's Information Manual, copies of which are sent to all examinations officers. The information can also be found on Edexcel's website (www.edexcel.com).
Resitting of units	There is no limit to the number of times that a student may retake a unit prior to claiming certification for the qualification. The best available result for each contributing unit will count towards the final grade.
	After certification all unit results may be reused to count towards a new award. Students may re-enter for certification only if they have retaken at least one unit.
	Results of units held in the Edexcel unit bank have a shelf life limited only by the shelf life of this specification.
Awarding and reporting	The grading, awarding and certification of this qualification will comply with the requirements of the current GCSE/GCE Code of Practice, which is published by the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual). The AS qualification will be graded and certificated on a five-grade scale from A to E. The full GCE Advanced level will be graded on a six-point scale A* to E. Individual unit results will be reported.
	A pass in an Advanced Subsidiary subject is indicated by one of the five grades A, B, C, D, E of which grade A is the highest and grade E the lowest. A pass in an Advanced GCE subject is indicated by one of the six grades A*, A, B, C, D, E of which Grade A* is the highest and Grade E the lowest. To be awarded an A* students will need to achieve an A on the full GCE Advanced level qualification and an A* aggregate of the A2 units. Students whose level of achievement is below the minimum judged by Edexcel to be of sufficient standard to be recorded on a certificate will receive an unclassified U result.
Performance descriptions	Performance descriptions give the minimum acceptable level for a grade. See <i>Appendix 1</i> for the performance descriptions for this subject.

# D Assessment and additional information

#### **Unit results**

The minimum uniform marks required for each grade for each unit:

#### Unit 1

Unit grade	Α	В	С	D	E
Maximum uniform mark = 60	48	42	36	30	24

Students who do not achieve the standard required for a Grade E will receive a uniform mark in the range 0-23.

#### Unit 2

Unit grade	Α	В	С	D	E
Maximum uniform mark = 140	112	98	84	70	56

Students who do not achieve the standard required for a Grade E will receive a uniform mark in the range 0-55.

#### Unit 3

Unit grade	Α	В	С	D	E
Maximum uniform mark = 70	56	49	42	35	28

Students who do not achieve the standard required for a Grade E will receive a uniform mark in the range 0-27.

#### Unit 4

Unit grade	Α	В	С	D	E
Maximum uniform mark = 130	104	91	78	65	52

Students who do not achieve the standard required for a Grade E will receive a uniform mark in the range 0-51.

# Qualification results

The minimum uniform marks required for each grade:

#### Advanced Subsidiary Cash-in code 8FR01

Qualification grade	Α	В	С	D	E
Maximum uniform mark = 200	160	140	120	100	80

Students who do not achieve the standard required for a Grade E will receive a uniform mark in the range 0-79.

#### Advanced GCE Cash-in code 9FR01

Qualification grade	Α	В	С	D	E
Maximum uniform mark = 400	320	280	240	200	160

Students who do not achieve the standard required for a Grade E will receive a uniform mark in the range 0-159.

Language of assessment	Assessment of this specification will be available in French although some responses in English will be required. Assessment materials will be published in French.
Quality of written	Students will be assessed on their ability to:
communication	<ul> <li>write legibly, with accurate use of spelling, grammar and punctuation in order to make the meaning clear</li> </ul>
	some questions at AS level will require English language responses. To ensure effective communication, it is important that students produce these responses legibly and pay attention to spelling, punctuation and grammar.

#### Assessment objectives and weighting

		% in AS	% in A2	% in GCE
A01	Understand and respond, in speech and writing, to spoken language.	40%	25%	32.5%
AO2	Understand and respond, in speech and writing, to written language.	35%	50%	42.5%
AO3	Show knowledge of and apply accurately the grammar and syntax prescribed in the specification.	25%	25%	25%
	TOTAL	100%	100%	100%

# SynopticIn synoptic assessment there should be a concentration on the<br/>quality of assessment to ensure that it encourages the development<br/>of the holistic understanding of the subject.

Synopticity requires students to connect knowledge, understanding and skills acquired in different parts of the Advanced GCE course.

Synoptic assessment in the context of French is naturally occurring and requires students to draw upon different skills within an assessment task. Unit 3, for example, tests both oral and listening skills and, implicitly, requires some reading as part of the student's preparation and research. Similarly, the research-based essay in Unit 4 requires students to engage in writing that links to other language skills. It is quite probable that students engage in research through reading as well as through other audio or audiovisual media and that they discuss their findings in French.

Knowledge of grammar structures is also not restricted to one skill area but is tested across skills and across all units.

Stretch and challenge	Students can be stretched and challenged in A2 units through the use of different assessment strategies. Some examples are given below.
	Translation into French enables students to demonstrate an ability to manipulate complex language at an advanced level. They can draw on appropriate vocabulary and structures to produce a translation which is accurate and natural rather than pedestrian.
	The choice of discursive or creative essay (extended writing) enables students to demonstrate that they can produce fluent and relevant language at an advanced level that shows knowledge and an ability to use a comprehensive range of vocabulary and structures. They can convey opinions and express themselves accurately.
	Presenting and defending an oral issue requires students to use higher-level French-language skills since they need to use

use higher-level French-language skills since they need to use convincing and persuasive language and engage with the teacher/ examiner. The most able students will be able to demonstrate knowledge and accurate use of a comprehensive range of vocabulary and structures.

# **Additional information**

Malpractice and<br/>plagiarismFor up-to-date advice on malpractice and plagiarism, please refer<br/>to the latest Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) Instructions for<br/>Conducting Coursework document. This document is available on<br/>the JCQ website: www.jcq.org.uk.

For additional information on malpractice, please refer to the latest *Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) Suspected Malpractice in Examinations And Assessments: Policies and Procedures* document, available on the JCQ website.

Access arrangements and special requirements	Edexcel's policy on access arrangements and special considerations for GCE, GCSE, and Entry Level is designed to ensure equal access to qualifications for all students (in compliance with the Equality Act 2010) without compromising the assessment of skills, knowledge, understanding or competence.
	Please see the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) website (www. jcq.org.uk) for their policy on access arrangements, reasonable adjustments and special considerations.
	Please see our website (www.edexcel.com) for:
	<ul> <li>the forms to submit for requests for access arrangements and special considerations</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>dates to submit the forms.</li> </ul>
	Requests for access arrangements and special considerations must be addressed to:
	Special Requirements Edexcel One90 High Holborn London WC1V 7BH
Equality Act 2010	Please see our website (www.edexcel.com) for information on the Equality Act 2010.
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Prior learning and	Equality Act 2010.  Prior learning  Students who would benefit most from studying a GCE in French are likely to have a Level 2 qualification, such as a GCSE in French at grades A*–C, or other relevant prior learning (eg Level 2 NVQ
Prior learning and	Equality Act 2010. <b>Prior learning</b> Students who would benefit most from studying a GCE in French are likely to have a Level 2 qualification, such as a GCSE in French at grades A*–C, or other relevant prior learning (eg Level 2 NVQ language units in French in all four language skills).

Student recruitment	Edexcel's access policy concerning recruitment to our qualifications is that:
	they must be available to anyone who is capable of reaching the required standard
	<ul> <li>they must be free from barriers that restrict access and progression</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>equal opportunities exist for all students.</li> </ul>
The wider curriculum	This qualification provides opportunities for developing an understanding of spiritual, moral, ethical, social and cultural issues, together with an awareness of citizenship, environmental issues, health and safety considerations, and European developments consistent with relevant international agreements appropriate as applied to French. <i>Appendix 2: Wider curriculum</i> maps the opportunities available.

# **E** Resources, support and training

## **Resources to support the specification**

In addition to the resources available in the e-Spec and in the *Getting Started* guide book, Edexcel produces a wide range of resources to support this specification.

# Edexcel's own published resources

Edexcel aims to provide the most comprehensive support for our qualifications. We have therefore published our own dedicated suite of resources for teachers and students written by qualification experts. These resources include:

- AS and A2 Students' Books
- Grammar Book
- Teacher Resource.

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# Introduction

Performance descriptions have been created for all GCE subjects. They describe the learning outcomes and levels of attainment likely to be demonstrated by a representative candidate performing at the A/B and E/U boundaries for AS and A2.

In practice most candidates will show uneven profiles across the attainments listed, with strengths in some areas compensating in the award process for weaknesses or omissions elsewhere. Performance descriptions illustrate expectations at the A/B and E/U boundaries of the AS and A2 as a whole; they have not been written at unit level.

Grade A/B and E/U boundaries should be set using professional judgement. The judgement should reflect the quality of candidates' work, informed by the available technical and statistical evidence. Performance descriptions are designed to assist examiners in exercising their professional judgement. They should be interpreted and applied in the context of individual specifications and their associated units. However, performance descriptions are not designed to define the content of specifications and units.

The requirement for all AS and A level specifications to assess candidates' quality of written communication will be met through one or more of the assessment objectives.

The performance descriptions have been produced by the regulatory authorities in collaboration with the awarding bodies.

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# AS performance descriptions for Modern Foreign Languages

Appendix 1 Performance descriptions

Assessment objective 3	In the context of grammar and syntax listed in the AS specification, candidates characteristically:	a use a restricted range of vocabulary and structures b have language characterised by frequent errors in grammar, syntax and morphology c may be influenced by the first language. d demonstrate a very limited ability to manipulate language where required.
Assessment objective 2	In the context of materials appropriate to the AS specification, candidates characteristically:	<ul> <li>a show some understanding of straightforward written texts, but experience difficulties with more complex and abstract language</li> <li>b understand some of the main points and details, including limited points of view</li> <li>c have a limited ability to infer meaning where appropriate to the task</li> <li>d are able to convey some basic information when transferring meaning</li> <li>e may be hesitant in their response and their fluency is mostly confined to pre-learnt material. Their target language performance maybe influenced by their first language (<i>speaking</i>)</li> <li>f may have some difficulty communicating events and do not always address the requirements of the task (<i>writing</i>)</li> <li>g show some ability to structure and organise their response where appropriate.</li> </ul>
Assessment objective 1	In the context of materials appropriate to the AS specification, candidates characteristically:	<ul> <li>a show some understanding of basic, often concrete, spoken language, while experiencing difficulties with more complex and abstract language with more complex and abstract language</li> <li>b understand some of the main points of view</li> <li>c have a limited ability to infer meaning where appropriate to the task</li> <li>d are able to convey some basic information when transferring meaning</li> <li>e may be hesitant in their response and their fluency is mostly confined to pre-learnt material. Their target language performance may be influenced by their first language (<i>speaking</i>)</li> <li>f may have some difficulty control of view in response to the task and do not always address the requirements of the task (<i>writing</i>) show some ability to structure and organise their response where appropriate.</li> </ul>
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Assessment objectives	Understand and respond, in speech and writing, to spoken language. $^{\rm 1}$	Understand and respond, in speech and writing to written language. <sup>2</sup>	Show knowledge of and apply accurately the grammar and syntax prescribed in the specification.
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	<ul> <li>a show a clear understanding of spoken language</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>a show a clear understanding of a range of written texts</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>b understand the main points and details, including points of view</li> <li>c demonstrate an ability to infer</li> </ul>	b understand the main points and details, including points of view, and are able to infer meaning	b predominantly use grammar, syntax and morphology in an accurate way
		c demonstrate an ability to infer meaning	c are able to manipulate language accurately and appropriately
		d are able to transfer meaning with only minor omissions	where required.
	e are able to develop their ideas, and express and justify points of view effectively	e are able to develop their ideas, and express and justify points of	
	f respond readily and fluently and take the initiative (speaking)	f respond readily and fluently and	
	g have generally accurate pronunciation and intonation (speaking)	g have generally accurate pronunciation and intonation	
	h are able to deal appropriately with unpredictable elements (speaking)	(speaking) h are able to deal appropriately with	
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	j offer relevant information which addresses the requirements of the task ( <i>writing</i> ).	coherently ( <i>writing</i> ).	

# A2 performance descriptions for Modern Foreign Languages

ppendix 1 Performance descriptions

	Assessment objective 1	Assessment objective 2	Assessment objective 3
E/U boundary performance descriptions	In the context of materials appropriate to the A level specification, candidates characteristically:	In the context of materials appropriate to the A level specification, candidates characteristically:	In the context of grammar and syntax listed in the A level specification, candidates characteristically:
	a show some understanding of spoken usually concrete language, but may experience difficulty with more complex and abstract language	a show some understanding of a range of written texts, usually straightforward, but may experience difficulty with more complex and abstract language	
	b understand some of the main points and details, including basic points of view	b understand some of the main points and details, including basic points of view	b demonstrate a very limited ability to manipulate language correctly when required.
	c demonstrate a limited ability to infer meaning, where appropriate, to the task	<ul> <li>demonstrate a limited ability to infer meaning, where appropriate, to the task</li> </ul>	
	d are able to convey the basic information when transferring meaning	d are able to convey the basic information when transferring meaning	
	e may be hesitant in their response and their fluency is mostly confined to pre-learnt material. Their target language performance may be influenced by their first language ( <i>speaking</i> )	e may be hesitant in their response and their fluency is mostly confined to pre-learnt material. Their target language performance may be influenced by their first language ( <i>speaking</i> )	
	f may have some difficulty communicating factual information, narrative events and expressing basic points of view in response to the task set, and do not always address the requirements of the task appropriately ( <i>writing</i> )	f may have some difficulty communicating factual information, narrative events and expressing basic points of view in response to the task set and do not always address the requirements of the task appropriately	
	g show some ability of structure and organise their response, where appropriate.	g show some ability of structure and organise their response, where appropriate.	

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# Signposting

Issue	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Spiritual	✓	✓	~	✓
Moral	~	~	~	✓
Ethical	~	~	~	✓
Social	~	~	~	✓
Cultural	~	~	~	✓
Citizenship	~	~	~	✓
Environmental	~	~	~	✓
European initiatives	✓	~	~	✓
Health and safety	~	~	~	✓

In addition to the acquisition of knowledge about language structures and the development of practical language skills, effective language learning involves a promotion of cultural understanding. This specification requires students to consider a range of topics, issues and different aspects of target-language culture and to give their views and express opinions on these. Consequently, the specification and linked classroom studies should give students many opportunities to relate their language study to all of the listed 'issues'.

# **Development suggestions**

Issue	AS/A2 units	Opportunities for development or internal assessment
Spiritual	All units	<ul> <li>Unit 4 — A student may explore the spiritual dimension of a French- language novel or film in their chosen research-based essay.</li> </ul>
Moral	All units	<ul> <li>Unit 3 — A student discussing an issue on 'peer pressures' may make reference to moral tensions that some young adults experience.</li> </ul>
Ethical	All units	<ul> <li>Unit 2 — Students could be exposed to a reading passage that refers to 'fair trade' fashion.</li> </ul>
Social	All units	<ul> <li>Unit 4 — In their chosen research-based essay, a student may refer to the social conditions associated with a particular period of French history.</li> </ul>
Cultural	All units	<ul> <li>Unit 4 — Students could undertake a translation exercise linked to a particular aspect of the arts in a French-speaking country.</li> </ul>
Citizenship	All units	<ul> <li>Unit 3 — A student might wish to link their `chosen issue' to citizenship concerns for immigrant workers.</li> </ul>
Environmental	All units	<ul> <li>Unit 1 — Students could, for example, be expected to refer to an oral stimulus on recycling.</li> </ul>
European initiatives	All units	<ul> <li>Unit 4 — A student may wish to undertake research on the expansion of the European Union and its impact on a French- speaking country.</li> </ul>
Health and safety	All units	<ul> <li>Unit 1 — A student might refer to health and safety concerns if referring to smoking or alcohol abuse in public places.</li> </ul>

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Type of code	Use of code	Code number
National classification codes	Every qualification is assigned to a national classification code indicating the subject area to which it belongs. Centres should be aware that students who enter for more than one GCE qualification with the same classification code will have only one grade (the highest) counted for the purpose of the school and college performance tables.	5650
National Qualifications	Each qualification title is allocated a National Qualifications Framework (NQF) code.	The QNs for the qualifications in this publication are:
Framework (NQF) codes	The National Qualifications Framework (NQF) code is	AS — 500/2622/7
	known as a Qualification Number (QN).	Advanced GCE — 500/2543/0
	This is the code that features in the DfE Section 96, and on the LARA as being eligible for 16-18 and 19+ funding, and is to be used for all qualification funding purposes. The QN is the number that will appear on the student's final certification documentation.	
Unit codes Each unit is assigned a unit code. This unit code is		Unit 1 — 6FR01
	used as an entry code to indicate that a student wishes to take the assessment for that unit. Centres will need to use the entry codes only when entering	Unit 2 — 6FR02
will need to use the entry codes only w students for their examination.		Unit 3 — 6FR03
		Unit 4 — 6FR04
Cash-in codes		AS — 8FR01
	aggregate the student's unit scores to obtain the overall grade for the qualification. Centres will need to use the entry codes only when entering students for their qualification.	Advanced GCE — 9FR01
Entry codes	The entry codes are used to:	Please refer to the Edexcel
	1 enter a student for the assessment of a unit	Information Manual available on the Edexcel website.
	2 aggregate the student's unit scores to obtain the overall grade for the qualification.	

AS and A2 level students will be expected to have studied the grammatical system and structures of the language during their course. In the examination they will be required to actively and accurately use grammar and structures appropriate to the tasks set, drawn from the following lists. The lists are divided into Advanced Subsidiary and A2 level. The examples in italics are indicative, not exclusive. For structures marked (R), receptive knowledge only is required.

### French: Advanced Subsidiary Level

Nouns	gender
	singular and plural forms
Articles	definite, indefinite and partitive
Adjectives	agreement
	position
	comparative and superlative
	demonstrative (ce, cet, cette, ces)
	indefinite ( <i>chaque, quelque</i> )
	possessive
	interrogative (quel, quelle)
Adverbs	comparative and superlative
	interrogative (comment, quand)
Quantifiers/ intensifiers	(très, assez, beaucoup)

## Appendix 4 Grammar lists

Pronouns	personal: subject, object, direct and indirect
	position and order
	reflexive
	relative (qui, que)
	relative ( <i>lequel, auquel, dont</i> ) (R)
	disjunctive/emphatic
	demonstrative ( <i>celui</i> ) (R)
	indefinite (quelqu'un)
	possessive (le mien) (R)
	interrogative (qui, que)
	interrogative (quoi) (R)
	use of (y, en)
Verbs	regular and irregular forms of verbs, including reflexive verbs
	modes of address (tu, vous)
	impersonal verbs
	verbs followed by an infinitive (with or without a preposition)
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tenses:

- present
- perfect (including agreement of past participle)
- imperfect
- future
- conditional
- future perfect (R)
- conditional perfect (R)
- pluperfect
- past historic (R)

passive voice:

- present tense
- other tenses (R)

imperative

present participle

subjunctive mood:

present (common uses, eg after expressions of possibility, necessity, obligation and after conjunctions such as *bien que*)

#### **Indirect speech**

Inversion after speech	
Prepositions	
Number, quantity	including use of <i>depuis, venir de</i>

and time

### French: A2 Level

	All grammar and structures listed for Advanced Subsidiary, plus:
Pronouns	relative: lequel, auquel, dont
	possessive (le mien)
	demonstrative (celui)
	interrogative (quoi)
Verbs	dependent infinitives (faire réparer)
	future perfect tense
	conditional perfect tense
	passive voice: all tenses
	subjunctive mood: present
	perfect
	imperfect (R)
Inversion after adverbs	

Inversion after speech

### Appendix 5 Further resources and support

Please note that while resources are checked at the time of publication, materials may be withdrawn from circulation and website locations may change at any time.

### **Reference books**

The following books have been produced to support advanced language learning but are not directly mapped to this specification.

Armstrong E, Deane M, Powell B and Briggs L — *Au Point: Students' Book, 2nd edition* (Nelson Thornes, 2001) ISBN 9780174491545

Bourdais D et al — *Élan 1: Students' Book* (Oxford University Press, 2008) ISBN 9780199153381

Bourdais D et al — *Élan 2: Students' Book* (Oxford University Press, 2009) ISBN 9780199153428

Bayliss R et al — *Edexcel French for A Level Student's Book* (Hodder Education, 2008) ISBN 9780340968635

Humberstone P — *Mot à Mot 5th Edition: New Advanced French Vocabulary* (Hodder Education, 2010) ISBN: 9781444110005

Jacob S and Schofield J — *Heinemann A Level French Grammar Practice* (Heinemann, 2008) ISBN 9780435396503

Ribière M and Marriott T — *Help Yourself to Advanced French Grammar* (Longman, 1998) ISBN 9780582329454

Swain T and Salvador C — *Tout Terrain: Student's Book* (Hodder Murray, 2002) ISBN 0340845643

Turk P and Vandaele G — Action Grammaire! New Advanced French Grammar (Hodder Education, 2006) ISBN 9780340915240

### **Useful websites**

General	
www.edexcel.com/gce2008	
www.culturecommunication.gouv. fr	Site of Ministère de la Culture
www.diplomatie.gouv.fr	Site of Ministère des Affaires Étrangères
www.education.gouv.fr	Site of Ministère de l'Éducation Nationale
www.sante.gouv.fr	Site of Ministère de la Santé
www.tabac.gouv.fr	Government site relating to 2007 anti-smoking law
www.voila.fr	French search engine covering all topics
www.yahoo.fr	Easy access to a wide range of information
Museums and libraries	
www.bnf.fr	Bibliothèque de France
www.cnam.fr	Centre National des Arts et Métiers

#### The media

www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french	Provides a variety of useful language resources including links to online French language television news
www.europe1.fr	Online audio news archive with wider range of broadcast material
www.france2.fr	Similar coverage to Radio France
www.lemonde.fr	Le Monde newspaper
www.liberation.fr	Libération newspaper; current and past material
www.radiofrance.fr	Radio France: current affairs information in addition to programming
Miscellaneous organisations	
www.ecolo.be	Belgian ecologist group
www.frontnational.com	Le Front National
www.mrap.asso.fr	Mouvement Contre le Racisme et Pour l'Amitié Entre les Peuples
www.sidaweb.com	Information about AIDS

#### French language

www.academie-francaise.fr	L'Académie française
www.francophonie.org	Range of information on the francophone world
www.frenchassistant.com	Interactive resource to answer grammar and more general queries
www.lang.ox.ac.uk	Oxford University Language Centre site with useful links and its own free resources
www.oqlf.gouv.qc.ca	Guidance on French language use in Québec
www.unicaen.fr	Freely accessible online synonym dictionary

#### **Opinion poll organisations**

www.bretagne.fr

These organisations provide a wealth of information about trends in French life and public opinion.

www.bva.fr	Private research organisation
www.ifop.fr	Government body
Regions	

Information about all aspects of the life, culture and economy of the region

Tourism	
www.alapage.com	Site of the online bookshop AlaPage listing all titles printed in France. Offers price reductions
www.fnac.com	The FNAC chain
www.franceguide.com	Tourist information about all areas of France

### **Other support**

Grant and Cutler Ltd (at Foyles) 113–119 Charing Cross Road London WC2H 0EB Telephone: 020 7440 3248

European Schoolbooks Ltd The Runnings Cheltenham GL51 9PQ Telephone: 01242 245252 Web: www.eurobooks.co.uk

Centre for Information on Language Teaching (CiLT) CFTB 60 Queens Road Reading RG1 4BS Telephone: 0118 902 1000

Institut français du Royaume-Uni 17 Queensberry Place London SW7 2DT Telephone: 020 7073 1350 Web: www.institut-francais.org.uk University of Wolverhampton School of Humanities, Languages and Social Sciences Wulfruna Street Wolverhampton WV1 1SB Telephone: 01902 322482 Web: www.wlv.ac.uk

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