

French GCSE Assessments Overview

The French GCSE has a Foundation tier (grades 1-5) and a Higher tier (grades 4-9).
You must take all 4 papers at the same tier.

Paper 1: Listening

25%

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Section A: Answer Questions in English	32 marks	40 marks
Section B: Dictation	8 marks	10 marks
Total marks	40	50
Exam duration including 5 minutes reading time at the start and 2 minutes to proof-read at the end	35 mins	45 mins

Paper 2: Speaking

25%

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Role-play: using the stimulus material	10 marks 1-1.5 mins	10 marks 1-1.5 mins
Reading Aloud: 5 or 6 short sentences to read, followed by a short unprepared conversation	15 marks 35 words 2-2.5 mins	15 marks 50 words 3-3.5 mins
Photo card: using the stimulus, followed by a short unprepared conversation	25 marks 4-5 mins	25 marks 6-7 mins
Total marks	50	50
Total duration in addition to the 15 mins supervised preparation time at the start	7-9 mins	10-12 mins

Paper 3: Reading

25%

	F	H
Section A: Answer Questions in English	40 marks	40 marks
Section B: Translation from French into English	10 marks 35 words	10 marks 50 words
Total marks	50	50
Exam duration	45 mins	60 mins

Paper 4: Writing

25%

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Question 1: 10 marks Write 5 sentences in French to describe a photo	Question 1: 10 marks Translation of sentences into French- 50 words
Question 2: 10 marks Write 50 words to answer 5 bullet points question	Question 2: 15 marks Write 90 words to answer a 3 bullet points question (choice from 2 questions)
Question 3: 5 marks 5 short grammar tasks	Question 3: Write 150 words to answer a 2 bullet points question (choice from 2 questions)
Question 4: 10 marks Translation of sentences into French- 35 words	
Question 5: 15 marks Write 90 words to answer a 3 bullet points question (choice from 2 questions)	
Total marks 50	Total marks 50
Duration 70 mins	Duration 75 mins