**Continuous writing**

**How the mark scheme works**

**Marks Available**

* 50 marks in total, 25 for each question

**Word Limits**

* Don’t write over 140 words – examiners will not award any marks for words over the limit!
* If the task is a letter, addresses and dates do not count towards the total word count.
* The definition of a word is “a group of letters surrounded by a space”
* A group of letters containing a hyphen or apostrophe is regarded as one word.
	+ L’homme = one word
	+ La dame = two words
	+ Qu’est-ce que c’est = three words
	+ Il y a = three words
	+ Y a-t-il…? = two words
* All numbers count as one word whether written as figures or words.
	+ 21 = one word
	+ Vingt et un = one word

**Language (15 marks awarded)**

* The examiner will award up to 60 ticks for language. These are then converted into a mark out of 15 (see the Conversion Table).
* You get as many marks as possible you should aim for 4 ticks per sentence (approximately 15 in total).

**How can I get ticks?**

* Answer each point in the prompt
* Adjectives (make sure they agree e.g. “**ma** soeur est intelligent**e**”)
* Three tenses (past, present, future)
* Object pronouns e.g. “je l’ai vu” (I saw it)
* Adverbs of frequency e.g. “d’habitude” (usually)
* Time phrases e.g. “le lendemain” (the next day)
* Conjunctions e.g. “cependant” (however)
* Questions
* Negatives e.g. “Je ne joue jamais au foot” (I never play football)
* Prepositions

**Example sentences**

Il est en train de jouer = 3 √

Après avoir fini = 2 √

Tu ne viens pas ? = 3 √

Comment vas-tu ? = 3 √

Je n’ai pas d’argent = 3 √

Avec beaucoup de petits enfants = 3 √

Il est aussi grand que moi = 3 √

Qu’est-ce que tu en penses ? = 4 √

Ça ne te regarde pas = 4 √

Ça va coûter cher = 4 √

