

AP[®] FRENCH LANGUAGE
2007 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)

Essay: Question 31

9	Demonstrates Excellence	STRONG CONTROL <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ease of expression marked by a good sense of idiomatic French.• Clarity of organization.• Accuracy and variety in vocabulary, grammar, and syntax, with a few errors.• Creative development of the topic may compensate for more language problems than this category normally allows.
7–8	Demonstrates Competence	GOOD CONTROL <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reads smoothly overall despite some errors in grammar and usage.• Evidence of organization.• Varied and generally appropriate vocabulary.• Thorough treatment of the topic may compensate for more language problems than this category normally allows.
5–6	Suggests Competence	FAIR CONTROL <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Easily comprehensible, with some signs of fluency and organization.• Correct use of simple grammatical structures with minor errors and/or less accurate use of more complex structures.• Some apt vocabulary.• Appropriate treatment of the topic may compensate for more language problems than this category normally allows.
3–4	Suggests Incompetence	WEAK CONTROL <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Generally comprehensible but frequently forces interpretation on the part of the reader.• Little evidence of fluency.• Inaccuracies in grammatical structures and/or limited vocabulary throughout.• Contains some redeeming features.• Evidence of efforts to treat the topic.
1–2	Demonstrates Incompetence	POOR or NO CONTROL <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Almost total lack of structural accuracy and/or vocabulary resources.• Unacceptable from most points of view.• A 2 may be distinguished from a 1 by having more error-free word sequences or more convincing reference to the wording of the question.
0		A composition that is very clearly written on another topic.
—		Blank or not written in French.

As a general rule, essays containing no more than one page of **normal-sized handwriting** will not receive a score higher than 5.