

## Teacher Resource Bank

GCE French

Unit 1 – Additional Sample Questions for Writing  
(including possible content points)



## 1. Media

Loft Story! Star Academy! La ferme célébrités! Panique en cuisine!  
La télé-réalité envahit le petit écran! Assez!

Pourquoi est-ce que la télé-réalité est si populaire?

## 2. Popular culture

Il y a 20 ans les top-models pesaient 8% de moins que la femme moyenne. Aujourd'hui elles pèsent 23% de moins !

Est-ce que la mode a une bonne ou une mauvaise influence sur les jeunes?

## 3. Health and lifestyle

Devrions-nous légaliser le cannabis ?

Oui	34%
Non	62%
Ne se prononcent pas	4%

Faut-il légaliser le cannabis? Quels sont les arguments pour et contre?

## 4. Relationships

Chaque année, le nombre de divorces en France est d'environ 110.000 à 120.000, dont 70.000 divorces impliquant des enfants mineurs (environ 120.000 enfants sont ainsi concernés chaque année par le divorce).

Quelles sont les conséquences du divorce pour les enfants?

Below is a list of **possible** content points for each answer, it should be stressed that the list is not prescriptive nor exhaustive, but is illustrative of the points which could be made.

## 1. Media

Pourquoi est-ce que la télé-réalité est si populaire?

- real people in real life situations
- audience participation (voting etc)
- not too demanding intellectually
- can be very entertaining
- good subject of conversation with friends
- cheap to make (advantage for TV channels)
- psychologically fascinating
- discovers new talent
- people can learn about themselves
- reflects modern society

## 2. Popular culture

Est-ce que la mode a une bonne ou une mauvaise influence sur les jeunes?

- allows young people to improve image and self-esteem
- feel they are part of a group
- gives young people a shared interest
- encourages young people to look smart and take care of appearance
- express one's personality
- encourages the young to spend money unnecessarily
- exploitation (eg football kits)
- problems of anorexic models
- feeling excluded if not seen as fashionable
- too much emphasis on external appearance

## 3. Health and lifestyle

Faut-il légaliser le cannabis? Quels sont les arguments pour et contre?

- drugs make money for criminal gangs
- alcohol/tobacco are drugs and are legal
- cannabis has medicinal properties
- many young people use it and flout the law anyway
- government could tax it and make money
- police time saved to tackle more serious crime
- cannabis can damage health (long term consequences)
- could lead to use of harder drugs
- people under influence of drug can be dangerous
- easy way of escapism which should be discouraged

## 4. Relationships

Quelles sont les conséquences du divorce pour les enfants?

- can be damaging psychologically
- children of one parent families more likely to have problems
- children feel guilty and responsible
- deprived of presence of one parent
- if divorce not amicable children can feel torn between parents
- better to live in a more harmonious environment
- can have a larger extended family
- may receive more presents/ holidays
- can make children more mature earlier
- can end up having more quality time with parents