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CIR 102: INTRODUCTORY FRENCH

DATE: 1ST APRIL 2026

**DURATION: 2
HOURS**

**MAXIMUM MARKS:
70**

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Write your registration number on the answer booklet.
2. **DO NOT** write on this question paper.
3. This paper contains **SIX (6)** questions.
4. Question **ONE** is compulsory.
5. Answer any other **FOUR** questions.

6. Question **ONE** carries **30 MARKS** and the rest carry **10 MARKS** each.
7. **Write all your answers in the Examination answer booklet provided.**

QUESTION UNE

Lisez attentivement l'étude de cas ci-dessous et répondez aux questions suivantes: (*Read the Case Study below carefully and answer the questions that follow*):

Required (*Requis*)**“LEARNING FRENCH: A DOOR TO THE WORLD”**

Imagine a scenario whereby you are a university student, and you've just received a scholarship to attend an international youth conference in Geneva, Switzerland. Excited, you arrive and realize something surprising: the young leaders around you are not just speaking English. They're switching between English and French with ease. In fact, you discover that French, along with English, is the only language spoken on all five continents. Suddenly, you feel the limits of knowing only one language.

During the conference, a debate begins on climate change policies. The French-speaking students confidently present their ideas, using strong reasoning and persuasive debate skills. You notice that their arguments are inspired by a long tradition—because French is the language of the Enlightenment, of great thinkers like Voltaire and Rousseau, who shaped the way we discuss rights, freedom, and democracy today. By the second day, you meet students from Africa, Canada, and Europe. They invite you to join an exchange program in Paris. You realize that French opens up opportunities for travel, study, and exchange in more than 30 countries. Not only that, but learning French also strengthens your ability to learn other languages like Spanish, Italian, or Portuguese, because they share the same roots.

You start your French lessons and find that it's not as difficult as you imagined. In fact, it's creative, musical, and even fun to learn. You discover the joy of pronouncing words with elegance, exploring French cinema, and enjoying French songs. Slowly, you're not just learning a language—you're gaining a new way of thinking.

And here's the best part: by embracing French, you're also promoting linguistic diversity in a world that needs to value every culture and every voice. So, when you think about your future—working in international organizations, traveling the globe, or simply broadening your mind—ask yourself: Why limit yourself to one language when you can have two, and one of them is French?

Required:

- a) By use of various examples discuss the reason why learning French is considered important in today's globalized world as seen from the case study above? **(20 Marks)**
- b) Explain any five reasons why French is regarded as the language of diplomacy and international relations?
(10 Marks)

QUESTION DEUX

Répondez à ce qui suit en français en utilisant vos connaissances en chiffres
(Answer the following in french using your knowledge of numbers

(10 Marks)

- i. **Quel est ton numéro de téléphone ?**
(What is your phone number?)
- ii. **Tu as quel âge ?**
(How old are you?)
- iii. **Combien de frères et sœurs as-tu ?**
(How many brothers and sisters do you have?)
- iv. **Combien de livres y a-t-il dans ton sac ?**
(How many books are there in your bag?)
- v. **Quel est ton numéro préféré ?**
(What is your favorite number?)
- vi. **Combien de jours y a-t-il dans une semaine ?**
(How many days are there in a week?)
- vii. **Quelle est la date aujourd'hui ?**
(What is the date today?) **Combien de mois y a-t-il dans une année ?**
- viii. (How many months are there in a year?)
- ix. **À quelle heure commence ton cours ?**
(At what time does your class start?)

- x. **Combien ça coûte ?**
(How much does it cost?)
- xi. Quel est ton numéro porte-bonheur (what is your lucky number)

QUESTION TROIS

Imagine you are in an audience with different people who speak French. Show how you would use various greetings appropriately in that situation.

(10 Marks)

QUESTION QUATRE

(a) Expliquer brièvement les 3 grandes étapes de la langue française) *Briefly explain the 3 major stages of the evolution of the french language*

(6 Marks)

(b) Identifiez quatre pays dans le monde où le français est parlé comme langue officielle. *(Identify any four countries in the world where French is spoken as an official language)* **(4 Marks)**

QUESTION CINQ

Supposons que vous souhaitiez planifier vos repas pour toute la semaine. Avant de commencer, listez tous les jours de la semaine en français afin de pouvoir attribuer un repas à chaque jour. *(Suppose you want to plan your meals for the whole week. Before you start, list all the days of the week in French so you can assign a meal to each day)* **(10 Marks)**

QUESTION SIX

Imaginez que vous vous préparez à partir à l'étranger avec votre famille cette année. Avant de choisir le meilleur mois pour partir, pouvez-vous nommer tous les mois de l'année en français ? *(Imagine you are preparing to travel abroad with your family this year. Before choosing the best month to go, can you name all the months of the year in French?)* **(10 Marks)**