French
Junior Certificate
Higher Level

Past Exam Questions on
Letters

Section 3 Part (b) 2013

(b) It is the month of September. Your family has just moved to a different town in Ireland. Write a **letter** in French to your penpal, Liliane. In your letter

- give her some information about your new house and area
- say something about a film or a book that you like
- tell her about an important match that you played yesterday
- tell her about a party that you will go to next weekend
- ask her to send you photos of her holiday in Spain.

Section 3 Part (b) (i) 2012

(b) Answer either (i) or (ii)

(i) It is the month of February and you have just returned home from a short holiday during the mid-term with your family. Write a **letter** in French to your penpal Charlotte. In your letter

- tell her about the weather during your holiday
- give her some news about your best friend
- say that you are going on a school tour to France at Easter
- tell her about something that you bought recently
- ask her about her plans for the weekend.

Section 3 Part (b) (ii) 2012

(ii) Your name is Paul/Pauline O'Mahony. Your address is 27 Strand Road, Lahinch, Co. Clare. You wish to book a campsite in France for your family.

Write a **formal letter** to the owner of the campsite (M. or Mme Gillot, Camping Clairefontaine, 6 rue du Colonel Lachaud, 17200 Royan, France) in which you

- say that you want to book a site for one month in the summer
- say that you and your parents will arrive on 23rd June, 2012
- say that you will have two large tents
- ask him/her to send you some brochures on activities in the region.

(**Note:** marks will be awarded for a formal introduction and conclusion to this letter).

Section 3 Part (b) 2011

(b) It is the month of June. The school holidays have just started. Write a **letter** to your French penpal Bernard in which you

- thank him for his letter and birthday present
- tell him something about your school exams
- say what you did last weekend
- ask him about his summer holiday plans
- give him some news about your family.

Section 3 Part (b) (i) 2010

(i) It is the month of May and you are preparing for the Junior Certificate. Write a **letter** in French to your penpal Claudine. In your letter

- apologise for not writing sooner and give an excuse
- thank her for the invitation to spend two weeks in St Malo next summer
- tell her what you hope to do during your time in St Malo
- ask for news about her family
- tell her what you did during the Easter holidays.

Section 3 Part (b) (ii) 2010

(ii) Your name is Colm / Catriona Byrne. Your address is 8 Elmtree Road, Tullow, Co. Carlow. You wish to book hotel accommodation in France for your family.

Write a **formal letter** to the owner of the hotel (M. or Mme Lanoux, Hôtel Splendide, 12 place Victor Hugo, 38000 Grenoble, France) in which you

- say that you want to book two double rooms for five days in spring
- say that you and your parents will arrive on 5th April, 2011
- ask if breakfast is included in the price
- say that a friend stayed in the hotel last year and was very happy.

(**Note:** marks will be awarded for a formal introduction and conclusion to this letter).

Section 3 Part (a) 2009

(a) You are on a school tour to Paris with your class. Write a **postcard** to your French penpal Camille. In your card tell her

- where you are and who you are with
- that you went to a museum yesterday
- that you will visit Fontainebleau on Tuesday.

Section 3 Part (b) 2009

(b) You have just gone back to school after the Christmas holidays. Your French penpal Philippe has sent you a Christmas present. Write a **letter** in French to Philippe. In your letter

- thank him for his letter and the present
- tell him what you did during the Christmas holidays
- give him some news about your best friend
- tell him about your plans for your birthday
- ask him to come and visit you next summer.

Section 3 Part (b) 2008

(b) You are on a school exchange in France. You are staying with a French family and attending school. Write a **letter** in French to your penpal Marie-Caroline who lives in another part of France. In your letter

- tell her about your journey from Ireland to France
- describe the family with whom you are staying
- say what you think of the French school
- ask her what she will do next weekend
- send your regards to her parents.

Section 3 Part (b) (i) or (ii) 2007

(b) **Answer either (i) or (ii)**

(i) It is the month of June. You have just finished the Junior Certificate. Write a **letter** to your French penpal Paul in which you

- thank him for his last letter
- tell him something about the exams
- tell him about your plans for the weekend
- ask him if he is going to work for the summer
- give him some news about your family.

OR

(ii) Your name is Martin / Martina Doyle. Your address is 4 Summerfield Drive, Patrickswell, Co. Limerick. You wish to spend some time working in a hotel in Paris during the summer holidays.

Write a **formal letter** to the Manager (M. or Mme Sibut, Hôtel de la Paix, rue du 14 juillet, 75000 Paris, France) in which you

- give some relevant information about yourself
- state why you wish to spend the summer working in France
- give details of your experience of hotel work
- ask for information about the hotel.

(**Note**: marks will be awarded for a formal introduction and conclusion to this letter).

Section 3 Part (b) 2006

(b) You have just returned home from two weeks in Rennes with your French penpal, Christophe, and his family. Write a **letter** to Christophe, in which you

- thank him and his family for your wonderful holiday
- say what you liked most about your stay in France
- invite him to spend two weeks with you and your family in Ireland next summer
- tell him what you will do together in Ireland
- tell him something about your new French teacher.

Section 3 Part (b) (i) or (ii) 2005

(b) Answer either (i) or (ii)

(i) The February school break starts tomorrow. Write a **letter** to your French penpal, Caroline, in which you

- apologise for not writing sooner and give an excuse
- explain what you are going to do for the break
- talk about a day or evening out you recently had with friends
- ask how she likes her new school
- comment on a good film or book or CD you recently came across.

OR

(ii) Your name is Cathal / Catherine O'Byrne. Your address is 12 Chestnut Gardens, Legan, Co. Longford. During the next school year you would like to spend some time in a French school in the city of Toulouse.

Write a **formal letter** to the school Principal (M. or Mme Dufay, Lycée Jules Ferry, 31000 Toulouse, France) in which you

- explain that you wish to spend some time in his/her school
- give some relevant information about yourself
- ask for some information about the school
- enquire about facilities or activities in the area.

(**Note**: marks will be awarded for a formal introduction and conclusion to this letter).