

CRIB SHEET FOR MFL

LISTENING - PAPER 1

35 MINS – FOUNDATION PAPER (+25% EXTRA TIME)

45 MINS – HIGHER PAPER (+25% EXTRA TIME)

SECTION A – QUESTIONS IN ENGLISH

SECTION B – QUESTIONS IN FRENCH/SPANISH

THE PURPOSE OF THE PAPER

IDENTIFY OVERALL MESSAGE, KEY POINTS, DETAILS AND OPINIONS FROM A VARIETY OF SPOKEN TEXTS – LONG AND SHORT, INVOLVING SPEAKERS IN PUBLIC AND SOCIAL SETTINGS.

YOU HAVE 5 MINUTES READING TIME BEFORE THE TEST STARTS: USE THIS CAREFULLY!

- USE THIS TIME TO ANNOTATE YOUR PAPER
- READ THE HEADINGS TO GET THE CONTEXT OF THE QUESTION
- NOTE THE FORMAT OF THE QUESTION – IS IT MULTIPLE CHOICE/MATCH UP/GAP FILL..?
- NOTE THE NUMBER OF MARKS FOR EACH ANSWER.
- NOTE KEY WORDS – WRITE ANY WORDS ASSOCIATED WITH PICTURES
- TRANSLATE ANY FRENCH WORDS AND ENGLISH WORDS
- PREDICT WHAT YOU WILL HEAR

DURING THE TEST

- YOU WILL HEAR EACH EXTRACT **TWICE**.
- **LISTEN CAREFULLY TO THE EXAMPLES** TO ENSURE YOU UNDERSTAND HOW TO ANSWER EACH QUESTION.
- **USE THE TIME BETWEEN QUESTIONS** TO CONTINUE TO CHECK YOUR ANSWERS – DON'T ASSUME THAT THE FIRST THING YOU HEAR IS THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION.
- **ENSURE THE ANSWER MATCHES THE FORMAT** REQUESTED : E.G IF IT ASKS FOR A LETTER DON'T WRITE A NUMBER OR IF THE QUESTION IS IN ENGLISH DON'T ANSWER IN FRENCH AND IF THE QUESTION IS IN FRENCH DON'T ANSWER IN ENGLISH.
- **NARROW DOWN YOUR OPTIONS** AS FAR AS YOU CAN AND THEN MAKE A CALCULATED/EDUCATED GUESS!
E.G : WHAT ARE THE SHOES MADE OF? – IF YOU DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THE ANSWER MAKE AN EDUCATED GUESS – WHAT ARE SHOES USUALLY MADE OF?

- **DO NOT LEAVE ANY BLANKS!!** USE YOUR COMMON SENSE AND MAKE AN EDUCATED GUESS.
- **ON THE MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS CONFIRM YOUR ANSWER AFTER THE SECOND HEARING OF THE EXTRACT.** ON THE FIRST HEARING JUST MAKE A LITTLE MARK NEXT TO YOUR ANSWER OR IF IT'S A QUESTION WITH NAMES JUST WRITE THE FIRST LETTER OF THE NAME.
- **BE CAREFUL THE EXAM WILL CONTAIN DISTRACTORS** TO TRY TO CATCH YOU OUT. FOR EXAMPLE THE QUESTION MIGHT BE "WHAT TYPE OF FILMS DOES JUAN/JEAN PREFER? IN HIS ANSWER HE MIGHT SAY " ME GUSTAN LAS COMEDIAS PERO PREFIERO PELICULAS DE HORROR"/ J'AIME LES COMÉDIES MAIS JE PRÉFÈRE LES FILMS D'HORREUR"
IN THIS CASE BE CAREFUL NOT TO CHOOSE COMEDIES BECAUSE IT'S THE FIRST THING YOU HEAR! LISTEN TO THE FULL ANSWER BEFORE YOU MAKE YOUR DECISION.
- PLEASE **CHECK THROUGH YOUR PAPER**, YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO RULE OUT A COUPLE OF DEFINITE WRONG ANSWERS SO SHORTENING THE ODDS ON GETTING THE RIGHT ANSWER.