

## SCORING GUIDE – Oral Exams French

S (9.0 – 10) Response demonstrates **very good** or **superior** communicative skills. A well-developed and appropriate answer characterized by the correct use of a variety of syntactic structures. Broad use of vocabulary. Sustained presentation and connection of ideas. Easily comprehensible pronunciation. Approaches or reaches a high level of fluency (ease of expression). In order to receive a “10”, students demonstrate ability to go beyond the conversational questions given for study shown through elaboration and superior answers to follow up questions.

G (8.0 – 8.8) Response demonstrates **good** communicative skills. An appropriate answer characterized by fluency (ease of expression). Mostly correct use of syntax. Goes beyond control of basic structures. Connection of ideas. Some range of vocabulary. Pronunciation does not interfere with communication. Student can answer some follow-up questions.

P (7.0 – 7.8) Response demonstrates **adequate** communicative skills. An appropriate answer characterized by moderate fluency (ease of expression). Some development of ideas. May rely on repetition. Shows control of **basic** syntactic patterns and **core** vocabulary. Some uncertainty when speaker moves beyond the basics. Pronunciation may require close attention on the part of the listener. Generally the student can not answer follow up questions in a complete sentence.

MP (6 – 6.7) Response demonstrates **limited** communicative skills. An appropriate answer restricted by serious flaws in core grammar, usage, and pronunciation. Low level of fluency (ease of expression). Speaker may struggle to express ideas. Answer may require some interpretation.

NP (4.0 – 5.7) Response demonstrates **extremely weak** communicative skills. An appropriate or **partially** appropriate answer that shows little control of grammar, usage, and pronunciation. Answer forces interpretation or suggests that the student did not fully understand the question. **Relies primarily on vocabulary provided in the questions.** Frequent anglicisms or interference from other languages. No fluency (ease of expression).

0 (0) The response is totally incomprehensible or does not address the question at all, such as “Je ne sais pas,” “Je ne comprends pas,” or any attempt to evade the question. OR – No response or response in a language other than French.