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## **Report on the components taken in June 2011**

### **Report on Modern Foreign Languages**

#### **Entry Level Certificate French R399, German R429 and Spanish R489**

There were entries for all three languages in this first series of the new Entry Level Certificate in French, German and Spanish. The level of achievement was as had been anticipated by the design of the tests and the marking was correct, and in line with the mark schemes. Administration by centres was good, the sample of candidates' coursework was well organised, and the MS1 and CCS160 forms were included as required.

Listening and Reading tests were done well. Candidates used their knowledge of the vocabulary in the 5 topics appropriately and often achieved good marks.

A number of candidates were able to achieve a high standard in the Speaking tests. In part 1, most candidates repeated the French/German/Spanish words accurately and correctly named different words, as required by the assessment criteria. In part 2, communication of valid and relevant responses was the main element required for a mark. Single words or very short answers were acceptable and credited if communication was evident.

In the Writing tests, many teachers applied the assessment criteria correctly. Questions 1-3 require accuracy of spelling to gain a mark. In questions 4-10 marks are awarded for communication, and minor grammatical and spelling errors are not penalised if communication is clear. Candidates performed well in questions 8-10 when a sentence including a verb was written and there were many excellent and imaginative responses. Candidates did not achieve marks in questions 8-10 when single words or phrases without a verb, were written.

Accurate application of the assessment criteria was most successful when it was clear that internal moderation had taken place.

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