

# 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.