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INTRODUCTION

This document contains information concerning the uniform examination in History of Québec and Canada for students in Secondary IV. This uniform examination is designed to evaluate the learning associated with the evaluation criteria *Appropriate use of knowledge*, *Coherent representation of a period in the history of Québec and Canada* and *Rigour of the interpretation* for the purposes of the certification of secondary school studies.

The Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) is responsible for developing uniform examinations for the June, July and January examination sessions. Each examination is based on the [Framework for the Evaluation of Learning](#) and the [History of Québec and Canada program](#). Throughout the examination-development process, MEES engages the education community's collaboration by consulting teachers from different schools.

Educational institutions must administer each uniform examination according to the official schedule for the examination session.

1 CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

1.1 Parts of the uniform examination

The uniform examination has 23 questions and deals with the program content relating to the following four periods and social phenomena:

PERIOD	SOCIAL PHENOMENON
<i>1840-1896</i>	<i>The formation of the Canadian federal system</i>
<i>1896-1945</i>	<i>Nationalisms and the autonomy of Canada</i>
<i>1945-1980</i>	<i>The modernization of Québec and the Quiet Revolution</i>
<i>From 1980 to our times</i>	<i>Societal choices in contemporary Québec</i>

The examination is divided into three parts.

Part A:

- This part consists of 21 questions associated with the evaluation criterion *Appropriate use of knowledge*.
- The questions evaluate the student's ability to perform intellectual operations. They are grouped according to the 4 periods and social phenomena, which are presented in chronological order.

Part B:

- This part consists of 1 question associated with the evaluation criterion *Coherent representation of a period in the history of Québec and Canada*.
- The question evaluates the student's ability to produce a description.

Part C:

- This part consists of 1 question associated with the evaluation criterion *Rigour of the interpretation*.
- The question evaluates the student's ability to develop an explanation.

The table below presents the distribution of questions and the marks allocated for each part of the uniform examination.

PERIOD/SOCIAL PHENOMENON PART	1840-1896 THE FORMATION OF THE CANADIAN FEDERAL SYSTEM	1896-1945 NATIONALISMS AND THE AUTONOMY OF CANADA	1945-1980 THE MODERNIZATION OF QUÉBEC AND THE QUIET REVOLUTION	FROM 1980 TO OUR TIMES SOCIETAL CHOICES IN CONTEMPORARY QUÉBEC	TOTAL
PART A	5 or 6 questions 9 to 14 marks	5 or 6 questions 9 to 14 marks	5 or 6 questions 9 to 14 marks	4 or 5 questions 7 to 12 marks	21 questions 44 marks
PART B	1 question on one of the periods 8 marks				1 question 8 marks
PART C	1 question on one of the social phenomena ¹ 8 marks				1 question 8 marks
					23 questions 60 marks

1. The question in Part C does not relate to the same period/social phenomenon as the question in Part B.

1.1.1 Part A

The 21 questions in Part A are associated with the evaluation criterion *Appropriate use of knowledge*. They evaluate the student's ability to perform intellectual operations.

The table below presents the intellectual operations and the behaviours expected of the student. It also indicates the number of marks allocated for each of the operations.

INTELLECTUAL OPERATIONS	EXPECTED BEHAVIOURS	NUMBER OF MARKS
Situate in time and space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The student must place facts or events in chronological order, taking into account chronological reference points. • The student must place facts or events on a timeline. • The student must classify facts or events according to whether they come before or after a chronological reference point. • The student must identify the location of a geographical feature, a fact, an event or a territory on a map. 	1 or 2
Identify differences and similarities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The student must identify a difference with regard to one or more points of comparison. • The student must identify a similarity with regard to one or more points of comparison. • The student must identify the specific point on which historical actors or historians disagree (divergence). • The student must identify the specific point on which historical actors or historians agree (convergence). • The student must identify differences and similarities in historical actors' points of view or historians' interpretations. The historical actors may be individuals, groups of people, organizations or institutions. 	2 or 3
Determine causes and consequences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The student must identify an explanatory factor, that is, a fact that explains a historical phenomenon and that may consist of events, interests, objectives, influences, geographical features or actions. • The student must identify a fact that results from a historical phenomenon. 	2
Determine changes and continuities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The student must identify a fact that shows a historical phenomenon has undergone change. • The student must identify a fact that shows a historical phenomenon persists. • The student must show that a historical phenomenon has undergone change or that it persists. 	2 or 3
Establish connections between facts	The student must associate facts with manifestations of these facts or descriptions that are related to them. The facts may consist of actions, events, measures, ideologies, economic activities, etc.	2
Establish causal connections	The student must establish a logical connection between facts.	3

1.1.2 Part B

The question in Part B is associated with the evaluation criterion *Coherent representation of a period in the history of Québec and Canada*. It evaluates the student's ability to produce a description highlighting cultural, economic, political, social and territorial elements of part or all of a period in the history of Québec and Canada.

The table below presents the observable elements associated with the evaluation of a description. Details on the observable elements are provided in the column outlining the expected behaviours.

OBSERVABLE ELEMENTS	EXPECTED BEHAVIOURS
Identifies the topic of the description	The student must identify the topic of the description. To do this, the student must identify the historical phenomenon (e.g. a fact, event, period, situation or set of circumstances) to be described in relation to part or all of a period in the history of Québec and Canada.
Provides details on connected elements	The student must provide details on the connected elements related to the topic of the description. To do this, the student must identify facts that are interrelated.

1.1.3 Part C

The question in Part C is associated with the evaluation criterion *Rigour of the interpretation*. It evaluates the student's ability to develop an explanation highlighting major cultural, economic, political, social and territorial changes relating to a social phenomenon.

The table below presents the observable elements associated with the evaluation of an explanation. Details on the observable elements are provided in the column outlining the expected behaviours.

OBSERVABLE ELEMENTS	EXPECTED BEHAVIOURS
Indicates the elements of the answer	The student must indicate the elements of the answer. To do this, the student must: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• identify causes and consequences or <ul style="list-style-type: none">• identify changes and continuities
Supports the elements of the answer with facts	The student must support the elements of the answer with facts. To do this, the student must: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• identify facts that illustrate them, such as manifestations, events, actions or statistical data or <ul style="list-style-type: none">• identify facts that explain them

1.2 Uniform examination booklets

The June 2020, July 2020 and January 2021 examinations consist of the following documents:

- the Question Booklet
- the Answer Booklet
- the Document File
- the Marking Guide (for teachers)

1.3 Role of the documents in the Document File

The Document File is divided into three parts that correspond to the different parts of the uniform examination. The Document File consists of historical documents (written or visual), writings by historians, diagrams, tables, illustrations, maps and timelines. The following tables identify and describe the role played by the documents in each part.

Description of the role of the documents for the questions in Part A

The documents relating to Part A are presented by period and social phenomenon in the Document File. It is possible that the same document may be used to answer more than one question within a given period/social phenomenon in Part A. It is important that the student take this into account when analyzing the documents.

ROLE	DESCRIPTION
The document suggests avenues for answering the question.	The document guides the student in developing the answer by providing reference points in space and time, for example. The document may or may not be mentioned in the question.
The document places the question in context.	The document guides the student in developing the answer by indicating the historical context referred to in the question. The document may or may not be mentioned in the question.
The document is part of the question.	The document provides the student with information required for answering the question. The document is mentioned in the question.
The document constitutes the answer to the question.	The document provides information that enables the student to select it as the answer to the question. The expected answer consists of one or more document numbers. The document is not mentioned in the question.

Description of the role of the documents for the question in Part B

In Part B, the student must select from the Document File only those documents that relate to the period and territory addressed by the question. The student is provided with instructions to this effect.

ROLE	DESCRIPTION
The documents contribute to the production of a description.	The documents guide the student in determining the topic of the description. or The documents enable the student to provide details on the connected elements related to the topic of the description.

Description of the role of the documents for the question in Part C

ROLE	DESCRIPTION
The documents contribute to the development of an explanation.	The documents guide the student in establishing the elements of the answer. or The documents enable the student to illustrate or explain the elements of the answer (depending on what the instructions specify).

1.4 Uniform examination requirements

The examination requires that the student:

- master the historical knowledge and concepts necessary to analyze the documents and answer the questions
- analyze and use various kinds of documents appropriately
- perform intellectual operations
- produce a description highlighting cultural, economic, political, social and territorial elements of part or all of a period in the history of Québec and Canada
- develop an explanation highlighting major cultural, economic, political, social and territorial changes relating to a social phenomenon
- provide complete, clear answers that present accurate facts

2 CONDITIONS FOR ADMINISTERING THE EXAMINATION

In the interests of equity and justice, the examination must be administered under the same conditions to all students across Québec. It is thus forbidden for anyone to help students in any way, for example by clarifying a question or rewording instructions. Examinations in which a school staff member is deemed to have overstepped the boundaries of their role may be declared invalid by the Direction de la sanction des études.

It is forbidden to disclose any information about the content of a ministerial examination to anyone who is not directly involved in its administration, or to distribute any examination document, in whole or in part, at any time or by any means whatsoever, including social media.

2.1 Examination dates

The June 2020 examination will be held on: June 12, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The July 2020 examination will be held on: July 29, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The January 2021 examination: date to be determined²

2.2 Duration

The time allotted to this examination in the [official schedule](#) is 3 hours. According to the Administrative Manual for the Certification of Studies and Management of Ministerial Examinations (2015 edition), an additional period of 15 minutes must be granted if it is required.

2.3 Unauthorized materials

During the examination, students may not use any reference documents (atlases, dictionaries, textbooks, notes, workbooks, etc.).

In addition, students are strictly forbidden to have in their possession any digital device (smartphone, portable media player, smartwatch, etc.) that can be used to communicate, access the Internet, translate text, or create, save or consult data.

Any student who is caught in possession of unauthorized materials will be expelled from the examination room for cheating and will receive a mark of 0% on the examination. This rule applies even if a student who is found in possession of a digital device is not using the device or has turned it off.

2.4 Measures adapting the conditions for administering ministerial examinations

Measures that adapt the conditions for administering ministerial examinations may be taken to enable students with specific needs to demonstrate their learning. For further information on the implementation of these measures, please refer to the documents made available to schools by the Direction de la sanction des études.

2. The date of the January 2021 examination will be posted on the MEES website.

3 MARKING PROCEDURES

3.1 Responsibility for marking the examination

Educational institutions are responsible for marking the examination in accordance with the terms and conditions set out by MEES in the accompanying Marking Guide. It is recommended that schools form marking committees.

3.2 Evaluation tools

The examination is marked using the Marking Guide provided by MEES. The guide contains an answer key for all three parts (A, B and C) of the examination, as well as an explanation of the marking procedure. In addition, there are separate rubrics for Part B and Part C.

4 UNIFORM EXAMINATION RESULT

New

For the June 2020 session

Once educational institutions have marked the questions, they will send the Answer Booklets to the Direction de la sanction des études, in accordance with terms and conditions yet to be announced. MEES will then process the results recorded by the markers in the Answer Booklets.

For the July 2020 and January 2021 sessions

Educational institutions will mark the questions and submit a mark out of 60 to MEES.

5 SUBJECT MARK AND PASS MARK

In History of Québec and Canada, the subject mark is based on the moderated school mark (50%) and the mark on the uniform examination (50%).

The Framework for the Evaluation of Learning provides guidelines for determining the subject mark, which will be indicated in the provincial report card. A student with a subject mark of at least 60% will be granted the credits for the program.

Additional information in this regard is available in the Processing of Results section of the MEES website, at www.education.gouv.qc.ca.

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