

I. Personal, social and cultural issues

*1. Personal issues*

**A. Family life**

- a. Family (generalities)
- b. Marriage
- c. Generation Gap
- d. Gender issues

**B. Work**

- a. Changing work patterns  
“Les 35 heures”, “le télétravail” & “travail à mi-temps”
- b. Changing lifestyles

*2. Cultural Issues*

**C. Media and the arts**

- a. Press
- b. TV
- c. Information technology
- d. French literature & cinema
- e. Fine Art (French painters)

II. Topical and cultural issues

**D. European issues**

- a. E.U
- b. History of the E.U
- c. Turkey
- d. European Parliament

**E. Issues relating to France**

- a. Exclusion/inclusion
- b. Employment/unemployment
- c. Immigration & “laïcité”
- d. Education
- e. Politics in France
- f. La Francophonie

III. Environmental and life Issues

**F. Environmental issues**

- a. Pollution/conservation
- b. Nuclear power
- c. New sources of energy
- d. Urban expansion
- e. Transport

**G. Life**

- a. Cloning
- b. GMO

Extended Reading & Viewing

**1. L’Etranger**

- a. Camus
- b. Absurdism (The Myth of Sisyphus)
- c. French Algeria (French colonies)

**2. Germinal**

- a. Zola: historical and social realism
- b. The life of French people during the Second Empire
- c. Germinal: “two social types”