

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Annual Examination 1996

FREN1002/3005

FRENCH IB/IIIS - PAPER II PRESCRIBED BOOKS

Study period : 30 minutes

Time allowed : Two hours

*Permitted materials : for candidates for whom English is a second language: Dictionary
(English/your native language) (No French or French-English Dictionary)
Prescribed books*

Answer ONE question, in English.

*You should not write on a text on which you have written an essay already
counting towards your assessment in this unit.*

- 1 *“In La valse des toréadors, the General’s dilemma is that he is unable to believe he is the outer man and unwilling to accept he is the inner man.”*
Discuss
- 2 *“In Les belles images, a character without values or feelings discovers there is a value in feelings.”*
Discuss
- 3 *« Ainsi triche le timide », says the narrator of Le diable au corps.*
Discuss the importance of cheating and shyness to Radiguet’s story and theme.
- 4 Annie Ernaux chose as the epigraph to *La Place* a quotation from Jean Genet “...écrire, c’est le dernier recours quand on a trahi.” Show how this applies to what happens to the “narratrice” of *La Place*. What is the nature of this betrayal and what part does it play in the genesis and writing of the book?