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French writing self-beliefs questionnaire

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French Writing Self-Beliefs Instrument:

Writing self-efficacy, Writing self-concept, Writing anxiety, Perceived value of writing,
and Self-efficacy for self-regulation in writing

Directions: Please use the following scale to answer the following statements. Circle the number that best describes **how sure you are that you can** perform each of the French writing tasks or skills below.

0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
No		20%		40%		60%		80%		100%
Chance		Certain		Certain		Certain		Certain		Certain

1	Write in several paragraphs in length on familiar topics	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
2	Write with a clear sense of beginning and closure	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
3	Vary sentence lengths and patterns when writing in French	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
4	Express yourself with sufficient and appropriate vocabulary when writing in French	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
5	Make few errors in spelling when writing in French	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
6	Write in French in a way that does not resemble literal translation from your native language	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
7	Write in French about a variety of topics with significant precision and detail	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
8	Describe personal experiences fully when writing in French	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
9	Write about topics related to your particular interests and opinions in French	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
10	Write in French with fluency and ease of expression	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
11	Make few grammatical errors when writing in French	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
12	Make few vocabulary errors when writing in French	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
13	Write in French with a variety and complexity of structures	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
14	Present arguments or points of view accurately and effectively when writing in French	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100

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15	Write in French with an underlying logical organization	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
16	Make few verb tense errors when writing in French	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
17	Write in French being sensitive to differences in formal and informal style	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
18	Write in French with a good control of a full range of grammatical structures	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
19	Write in French using a wide range of vocabulary	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
20	Write a composition in French that is relevant and appropriate to the assignment	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
21	Write in French using culturally appropriate content	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
22	Make few conjugation errors when writing in French	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
23	Accurately and effectively use transitions when writing in French	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
24	Write in French with creativity	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
25	Make few agreement errors when writing in French	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
26	Write in French including appropriate introductions and conclusions	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
27	Interest and engage the reader when writing in French	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

Directions: Please use the following scale to respond to the following statements. Circle the number that best describes how true each statement is for you.

0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
Not		20%		40%		60%		80%		100%
True		True		True		True		True		True

1	Compared to others in my class I am a good French writer.	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
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2	Writing French compositions does not scare me.	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
3	I am afraid of doing French writing assignments when I know they will be graded.	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
4	Learning about writing in French is important to me.	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
5	It is important to me to get good grades on French writing assignments.	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
6	I get good grades on French writing assignments.	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
7	I am usually at ease when writing in French.	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
8	I get a sinking feeling when I think of trying to complete a difficult writing assignment.	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
9	Learning about writing in French is interesting for me.	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
10	French writing assignments are easy for me.	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
11	My mind goes blank and I am unable to think clearly when writing a French composition.	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
12	I have usually been at ease writing in French in class.	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
13	I look forward to French writing assignments.	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
14	I like to do writing activities in French class.	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
15	I have always done well on French writing assignments.	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
16	Writing in French makes me feel uneasy and confused.	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
17	I get really uptight while taking French exams with writing activities.	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
18	Writing in French is a lot of fun.	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

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19	I enjoy learning about different writing techniques.	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
20	I am not a good French writer.	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
21	I almost never get uptight while taking French exams with writing sections.	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
22	I like completing French writing assignments.	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
23	Learning how to become a better French writer is easy for me.	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
24	Just thinking about trying to write a French composition makes me nervous.	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
25	Learning about writing in French is an enjoyable experience.	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
26	Learning about French writing techniques is boring.	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
27	I look forward to classes that will help me with my writing.	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

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Directions: Read each question below very carefully and use the following scale to answer as honestly as you can. Remember that *you can circle any number from 0 to 100.*

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
Not well Not well Somewhat Well Very Well
At all

1	How well can you finish your French writing assignments on time?	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
2	How well can you do your French writing assignments when there are other interesting things to do?	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
3	How well can you concentrate when completing your French writing assignments?	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
4	How well can you arrange a place at home to do your French writing assignments where you won't get distracted?	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
5	How well can you motivate yourself to do your French writing assignments?	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
6	How well can you plan ahead to complete your French writing assignments?	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
7	How well can you organize your French writing assignments so that you will complete them on time?	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

Directions: Using the scale from 0 (not confident at all) to 7 (completely confident), answer the questions below about your French writing assignment average.

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
No 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%
Chance Certain Certain Certain Certain Certain

1	How certain are you that your French writing assignment average at the end of the semester will be <i>better than an F</i> ?	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
2	How certain are you that your French writing assignment average at the end of the semester will be <i>better than a D</i> ?	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
3	How certain are you that your French writing assignment average will be <i>better than a C</i> ?	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

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4	How certain are you that your French writing assignment average will be <i>better than a B</i> ?	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
5	How certain are you that your French writing assignment average <i>will be an A</i> ?	0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100