

MARK SCHEME for the October/November 2015 series

8004 GENERAL PAPER

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Paper 1, maximum raw mark 100

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USE OF ENGLISH CRITERIA TABLE

	Marks	
<p>Band 1</p> <p>‘excellent’: fully operational command</p>	18–20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • very few slips/errors • highly fluent • very effective use of expressions and idioms • excellent use of vocabulary; (near) faultless grammar • excellent sentence structure and organisation of paragraphs • excellent spelling/punctuation.
<p>Band 2</p> <p>‘good – very good’: effective command</p>	14–17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • few slips/errors • fluent • effective use of expressions/idioms • good use of vocabulary; sound grammar • good sentence structure/well organised paragraphs • good spelling/punctuation.
<p>Band 3</p> <p>‘average’: reasonable command</p>	10–13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some slips/basic errors but acceptable standard overall • reasonably fluent/not difficult to read • generally appropriate use of expressions/idioms • fair range and apt use of basic vocabulary; acceptable grammar • simple/unambitious sentence structure/paragraphing • reasonable spelling/punctuation.
<p>Band 4</p> <p>‘flawed but not weak’: inconsistent command</p>	6–9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • regular and frequent slips/errors • hesitant fluency/not easy to follow at times • some inappropriate expressions/idioms • limited range of vocabulary; faulty grammar • some flawed sentence structure/paragraphing • regular spelling/punctuation errors.
<p>Band 5</p> <p>‘weak – very weak’: little/(no) effective communication</p>	0–5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • almost every line contains (many) slips/errors of all kinds • little/(no) fluency/difficult (almost impossible) to follow • (very) poor use of expression/idiom • (very) poor range of vocabulary; (very) poor grammar • (very) poor sentence structure/paragraphing • (very) poor spelling/punctuation. <p>bracketed descriptors denote 0–2 range of marks</p>

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CONTENT CRITERIA TABLE

<p>Band 1</p> <p>‘excellent’:</p> <p>very good and comprehensive knowledge/understanding of topic</p>	26–30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> comprehensive coverage, totally relevant material, perceptive, analytical thoughtful, enlightening illustration using local, national and international examples where applicable coherent and engaging discussion, displaying sensitivity, sophistication, awareness and maturity (very) well structured.
<p>Band 2</p> <p>‘good – very good’:</p> <p>good knowledge/ understanding of topic</p>	20–25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> totally (near totally) relevant, well focused but less analytical and perceptive than Band 1 major points well developed (very) good range of examples/illustration logical and systematic discussion effectively structured.
<p>Band 3 UPPER</p> <p>‘average’:</p> <p>sound knowledge/ understanding of topic</p>	16–19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> competent: major points adequately developed largely relevant and remains focused on the question reasonable range of examples/illustration to support key points reasonably structured.
<p>Band 3 LOWER</p> <p>fair knowledge/ understanding of topic</p>	13–15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> more obvious points mentioned rather than adequately developed some digression, but generally sticks to the question does not always support major points with apt illustration tendency to assert/generalise rather than argue/ discuss in detail may lack focus.
<p>Band 4</p> <p>‘flawed but not weak’:</p> <p>limited knowledge/ understanding of topic</p>	7–12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> restricted material/scope: rather pedestrian some relevance but may be implicit/tangential at times prone to unsubstantiated, sweeping statements: ideas vague and/or lacking sustained development: can be digressive and wander off topic limited illustration and/or factual inaccuracy insufficient focus; essay offloads everything known about the particular topic with inadequate reference to the key words in the question.
<p>Band 5</p> <p>‘weak – very weak’:</p> <p>poor/very poor knowledge/ understanding of topic</p>	0–6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (totally) inadequate content with little/no substance: (very) vague and confused ideas question largely (completely) misinterpreted/ misunderstood very limited (total) irrelevance very limited/(no) appropriate illustration. <p>bracketed descriptors denote 0–2 range of marks</p>

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Section 1

1 How important is the father's role in the modern family?

Key words: 'important' and 'role' and 'modern'

- Male role models are important, especially for boys
- Can share the work load
- A balanced view of gender issues
- May be a poor role model
- May not want responsibility
- Role model may be another male relation, e.g. grandfather

2 To what extent are justice and security for women respected in your country or region?

Key words: 'justice' and 'security' and 'respected'

- Equal opportunities with legal backing
- Subjected to abuse or harsh laws particularly aimed at women
- Property rights
- Rights to education and employment
- Freedom of expression

3 'Equality of opportunity is the most important feature of a civilised society.' How far do you agree?

Key words: 'equality' and 'opportunity' and 'most important'

- Fair and just laws
- Access to Art, Music and Culture
- Fair legal system
- Courtesy and good manners towards people from all walks of life
- Political and economic issues
- An empty aspiration given social realities

4 'Powerful nations are far more inward looking than weaker ones.' How far do you agree?

Key words: 'powerful' and 'inward looking' and 'weaker'

- May look at the geography and history of these nations
- Limited knowledge of other nations arising from lack of interest
- No need to align themselves with other nations
- Weaker nations are more motivated to look beyond their borders
- Power has to be kept; the powerless have other priorities

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Section 2

5 To what extent do modern communications isolate us, rather than connect us, to others?

Key words: 'communications' and 'isolate'

- May not need to leave the house to communicate
- Lack of physical/human contact
- Can make contact with others in different countries across the world
- Can use network sites for arranging meetings or events
- Real conversation is replaced by the virtual
- The nature of friendship is trivialised
- Re-defines the nature of loneliness

6 Evaluate the possible advantages of apprenticeships and training in the work place over school and college courses.

Key words: 'advantages' and 'over'

- Hands-on experience useful when applying for a job
- Some young people prefer using practical skills
- May have a small wage
- Useful for businesses
- Academics are important to deliver leadership in education and health
- Also can have a combination of both, e.g. hospitals and schools

7 'Sugar is the new tobacco.' Consider the relevance of this statement.

Key words: 'new tobacco' and 'relevance'

- Tobacco has health warnings but sugar does not
- Children are targeted in adverts, especially sugary drinks and sweets
- Tobacco is banned for below a certain age but children are targeted in supermarkets
- Sugar contributes to obesity and other life threatening diseases
- Nature of addiction

8 Research using animals has reached an all-time high. How far is this ethical?

Key words: 'research' and 'ethical'

- Do animals have rights?
- Do we not have a responsibility towards animals?
- Done for the greater good of humans
- May find a cure for diseases

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Section 3

9 Evaluate the importance of dance in your society or community.

Key words: 'evaluate' and 'importance'

- Festivals
- Culture
- Weddings
- Telling a story
- Keeping fit
- There are other performance arts
- A community could be a school/college

10 'Unless there is the freedom to give offence there is no freedom of expression.' How far do you agree?

Key words: 'freedom' and 'offence'

- Different societies may view some things as offensive but others not
- It may be that religious beliefs can cause offence or vice-versa
- Need to be able to express one's opinion through literature, art and dance
- There may be opinions/views that are simply inadmissible in any circumstances
- Human beings diminish themselves by refusing to consider others' feelings

11 Assess the impact of poetry on people today. Refer to specific poets.

Key words: 'impact' and 'today' and 'specific'

- Possibly the best way to express emotion
- Techniques used to do this (form/rhyme/rhythm/language)
- Not accessible to everyone
- Could be song lyrics
- Requires knowledge of specific poets
- Has modern technology improved or diminished the impact?
- Specific poets are required

12 Consider what makes a beautiful garden or park. Using local or other examples, state your case.

Key words: 'beautiful' and 'case'

- A natural escape from urbanisation
- Definition of 'beautiful'
- Artificial landscaping
- Specific amenities (playgrounds/seating/sports facilities/open areas for recreational activities)
- Ability to hide ugly features (high-rise buildings)
- Extent to which it can relieve stress
- Subjective response but specific examples are essential
- Should be more than just description