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MARK SCHEME

Maximum Mark: 45

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Mark schemes should be read in conjunction with the question paper and the Principal Examiner Report for Teachers.

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These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptions for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

Annotations guidance for centres

Examiners use a system of annotations as a shorthand for communicating their marking decisions to one another. Examiners are trained during the standardisation process on how and when to use annotations. The purpose of annotations is to inform the standardisation and monitoring processes and guide the supervising examiners when they are checking the work of examiners within their team. The meaning of annotations and how they are used is specific to each component and is understood by all examiners who mark the component.

We publish annotations in our mark schemes to help centres understand the annotations they may see on copies of scripts. Note that there may not be a direct correlation between the number of annotations on a script and the mark awarded. Similarly, the use of an annotation may not be an indication of the quality of the response.

The annotations listed below were available to examiners marking this component in this series.

Annotations

Annotation	Meaning
	Meaning unclear / indicates a problem in that section.
	Omission (of character, word etc)
	If the examiner considers the answer to be more correct than incorrect, then 'benefit of doubt' is given.
	Use if the entire answer is incorrect, and the candidate is awarded 0 marks
	Harmless addition: use if the candidate extends their answer, without contradicting or invalidating the response.
N/A	[Highlighter] Highlighting areas of text
	Grammatical, lexical or punctuation error
	If the candidate includes material in their answer which contradicts the correct answer, and therefore invalidates their response.
	Irrelevant
	Good language

Annotation	Meaning
off page comment	Allows comments to be entered at the bottom of the RM marking window and then displayed when the associated question item is navigated to.
SEEN	Use to show that blank pages have been seen
	Credit for good content point
 etc.	When candidates include elements relating to the different bullet points
	Grammatical, lexical or punctuation error over multiple lines

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1(a)	B	1	
1(b)	C	1	
1(c)	E	1	
1(d)	A	1	
1(e)	D	1	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
2(a)	G	1	
2(b)	C	1	
2(c)	D	1	
2(d)	E	1	
2(e)	F	1	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
3(a)	B	1	
3(b)	C	1	
3(c)	A	1	
3(d)	B	1	
3(e)	C	1	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
3(f)	A	1	
3(g)	A	1	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
4(a)	سبعة أشهر.	1	
4(b)	(إلى) الصحراء.	1	
4(c)	لأنّها لم تذهب إلى الصحراء من قبل.	1	
4(d)	حضرت بعض الطعام.	1	
	وضعه/ وضع الطعام في السلة المخصصة لذلك.	1	
4(e)	وضعت الأغراض الجاهزة أمام الباب الخارجي	1	
4(f)	لأن الجميع أحبّها (كثيراً).	1	
4(g)	كثرة الناس المتواجدين هناك.	1	
4(h)	لوضع الفحم والحطب فيها.	1	
4(i)	بسبب عدم قدرة الرمال على تخزين الحرارة التي امتصّتها في النهار.	1	
4(j)	في اليوم التالي. / في الساعة الخامسة صباحاً.	1	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
4(k)	لأنّها تزيد أَن / تكرّرها معها / تكرّر التجربة / تكرّر الرحلة معها.	1	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
5	$a=2$ $b=4$ $c=1$ $d=5$ $e=7$	5	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
6(a)	لأن سيّارتها في كراج التصليح (من أجل الصيانة السنوية)	1	
6(b)	لأنه / لأن شاهر كان يدرس مع جلال في الجامعة المفتوحة (في الماضي). / لأنهما كانا يدرسان معاً في الجامعة المفتوحة.	1	
6(c)	بواسطة البريد.	1	
6(d)	- حضور الدروس اختياري،	1	
	- تقدّل من هدر الوقت والمال في الوصول إلى الجامعة.	1	
6(e)	عزّزت جوانب المسؤولية عندها. / أصبحت تُنظّم وقت دراستها بشكل أفضل.	1	
6(f)	(مقتصر على) إعطاء المعلومة فقط.	1	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
6(g)	- العزلة الاجتماعية.	1	
	- صعوبة الاتصال بالمدرسين.	1	
6(h)	لأن وجود الإنترنٌت يُمكّنها من التواصل والتحدّث مع الأصدقاء والمدرسين (في أيّ وقت ومن أيّ مكان). / بسبب الإنترنٌت.	1	
6(i)	التواصل المباشر. / الخلط بين التخاطب عبر الإنترنٌت واللقاءات الشخصية.	1	