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Generic Marking Principles

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 descriptors 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.

Section 1: Directed Writing

Question	Answer	Marks
1	<p>Question 1</p> <p>This question tests Writing assessment objectives W1 to W5 (25 marks):</p> <p>W1 Articulate and express what is thought, felt and imagined W2 Organise and structure ideas and opinions for deliberate effect W3 Use a range of appropriate vocabulary and sentence structures W4 Use register appropriate to audience and purpose W5 Make accurate use of spelling, punctuation and grammar</p> <p>and Reading assessment objectives R3 and R5 (15 marks):</p> <p>R3 Analyse and critically evaluate facts, ideas and opinions, using appropriate support from the text R5 Select and synthesise information for specific purposes</p> <hr/> <p>Write an article for young people about owning animals as pets. In your article you should:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">evaluate the views in the passages about keeping animals as pets give your advice about keeping animals as pets, based on what you have read.</p> <p>Give reasons and examples to support what you say.</p> <p>You should use evidence from the two passages you have read to help you answer this question. Remember to write the article using your own words.</p> <p>You should write about 250 to 350 words.</p> <p><u>There are up to 25 marks available for the quality of your writing, and 15 marks available for the content of your answer.</u></p>	40
1	<p>General notes</p> <p>Candidates are marked for their ability to select, evaluate and synthesise ideas from both passages, bringing them together to create a new response. Expect responses to develop convincing arguments, supporting what they say by reference to examples drawn from both passages and assimilating judgements to offer a persuasive overview. Answers should show evidence of engagement and involvement, but also consider the evidence from a critical distance.</p> <p>Look for an appropriate register for the audience and purpose along with an accurate, clear and balanced response which covers the two areas of the question, is well organised and is in the candidate's own words.</p> <p>The following notes on page 3 indicate the ideas candidates might use and develop in their responses.</p> <p>You should use Table A on page 6 to give a mark out of 25 for writing and Table B on page 7 to give a mark out of 15 for reading.</p>	

Question	Answer	Marks
	<p>Indicative content</p> <p>Responses <i>might</i> use the following ideas:</p> <p><u>In Passage A:</u> the writer considers keeping exotic animals as pets to be a ‘fashion’ or ‘fad’ – implies irresponsible and superficial understanding of animals some admiration for hedgehogs in their own habitat is implied weaker candidates may miss the use of hedgehogs as examples, stronger candidates may broaden points to apply to pets in general the idea of making money by breeding exotic pets is exploitative and distasteful/appeals to human greed cruelty towards these animals is driven by the demand for them Keeping such animals is a ‘whim’, not a considered choice ‘Specialist requirements’ are ignored by owners as a result danger of creating habitat problems and non-native species can become invasive.</p> <p><u>In Passage B:</u> people make false distinctions between exotic and domesticated animals domestic animals may suffer more than exotics – in-breeding, etc. all animals need care and attention, not just exotics all pet keepers are the same – they want to take care of and have a relationship with animals exotic pets are no more likely to create problems than domesticated ones some animals – horses, cows, large herbivores – cause deaths but owners aren’t criticized in the press.</p>	
1	<p><u>Possible areas for evaluation:</u></p> <p>the second text is negatively argued – exotic pets create similar problems to domesticated animals – rather than giving specific reasons to keep exotics to imply that cats have as many needs as exotic pets seems disingenuous the impact of neglecting animals on the environment and on the animals themselves is greater in more exotic animals may seem odd to suggest you can have a ‘relationship’ with a hedgehog or tarantula there may be some discrimination between different animals under the second bullet – the reasons given may show evaluative reading some candidates may suggest that keeping animals as pets at all may be questionable – both texts can be used to suggest that.</p> <p>Evaluation of the arguments requires candidates to draw inferences and make judgements about whether the advantages outweigh the disadvantages. Evidence should be derived from the ideas and examples in both passages, developing claims and assessing their implications with clear and persuasive arguments.</p>	

Marking criteria for Section 1, Question 1**Table A, Writing**

Band 6	22–25 marks	Highly effective register for audience and purpose. Well organised and carefully structured for the benefit of the reader. Precise use of well-chosen vocabulary with consistent use of own words. Appropriate use of varied sentence structures. Spelling, punctuation and grammar almost always accurate.
Band 5	18–21 marks	Effective register for audience and purpose. Secure overall structure with some helpful organisation of ideas and information. Some precision in vocabulary and mostly own words. Appropriate use of sentence structures. Spelling, punctuation and grammar mainly accurate, with occasional minor errors.
Band 4	14–17 marks	Sometimes effective register for audience and purpose. Ideas generally well sequenced. Vocabulary may be plain but adequate; some use of own words. Mostly correct, if repetitive, sentence structure. Spelling, punctuation and grammar generally accurate, but with some errors.
Band 3	10–13 marks	Some awareness of an appropriate register for audience and purpose. Relies on the sequence of the original text. Uses simple vocabulary with some reliance on the wording of the original text. Straightforward sentences mostly correct; errors in more complex structures. Frequent errors of spelling, punctuation and grammar, occasionally serious.
Band 2	6–9 marks	The response is not well sequenced. There may be frequent lifting of phrases and sentences from the original text. Persistent errors of spelling, punctuation and grammar sometimes impair communication.
Band 1	1–5 marks	Excessive copying from original text. Expression unclear. Persistent errors of spelling, punctuation and grammar impede communication.
Band 0	0 marks	A mark of zero should be awarded where response cannot be understood and/or where it is entirely copied from the original.

Table B, Reading:

Use the following table to give a mark out of 15 for Reading.

Band 6	13–15 marks	Successfully evaluates ideas and opinions, both implicit and explicit. Synthesises and develops a wide range of evidence and is consistently well focused on task and texts. Assimilates information and ideas to offer a convincing overview.
Band 5	10–12 marks	Some successful evaluation of ideas and opinions, both implicit and explicit. Synthesises a range of evidence and offers some development with clear focus on task and texts. Reorganises information and ideas to offer a clear overview.
Band 4	7–9 marks	Begins to evaluate mainly explicit ideas and opinions. Selects a range of evidence and is mostly focused on task and texts. Some sense of overview.
Band 3	5–6 marks	Selects some straightforward evidence and is sometimes focused on task and texts. Comments on explicit ideas and opinions.
Band 2	3–4 marks	Selects a little evidence and offers a general response to the task. Identifies explicit ideas and opinions.
Band 1	1–2 marks	Reproduces selected sections of the original text(s).
Band 0	0 marks	A mark of zero should be awarded for no creditable content.

Section 2: Composition

Question	Answer	Marks
2,3,4,5	<p>Questions 2, 3, 4, 5</p> <p>These questions test Writing assessment objectives W1 to W5 (40 marks):</p> <p>Table A W1 Articulate and express what is thought, felt and imagined W2 Organise and structure ideas and opinions for deliberate effect</p> <p>Table B W3 Use a range of appropriate vocabulary and sentence structures W4 Use register appropriate to audience and purpose W5 Make accurate use of spelling, punctuation and grammar</p> <hr/> <p>Write about 350 to 450 words on <u>one</u> of the following questions.</p> <p><u>There are up to 16 marks available for the content and structure of your answer, and 24 marks available for the style and accuracy of your writing.</u></p> <p><u>Descriptive Writing</u></p> <p><u>Question 2</u> Describe a group of people eating a meal in an outdoor setting.</p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p><u>Question 3</u> Describe your thoughts and feelings as you shelter from the weather.</p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p><u>Narrative Writing</u></p> <p><u>Question 4</u> Write a story beginning with the words: ‘You’re in charge ...’</p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p><u>Question 5</u> Write a story using the title, ‘The Song’.</p>	40

Question	Answer	Marks
	<p>General notes</p> <p>Candidates are marked for their ability to use language creatively, imaginatively and accurately, writing detailed and evocative descriptions and engaging, credible narratives.</p> <p>Errors should be indicated and taken into account, balancing the level of accuracy with the relative ambition and effectiveness of the response.</p> <p>You should use Table A on page 9 to give a mark out of 16 for the content and structure of the composition and Table B on page 11 to give a mark out of 24 for style and accuracy.</p>	

Table A, Composition: Content and structure

Band 6	14–16 marks	Content is complex, engaging and realistic Cohesive response. Overall structure is secure and the constituent parts well balanced and carefully managed for deliberate effect
Descriptive		Many well-defined and developed ideas and images create a convincing, original, overall picture with varieties of focus.
Narrative		The plot is convincing, with elements of fiction such as description, characterisation and climax, and with cogent detail
Band 5	11–13 marks	Content develops some interesting and realistic features in parts of the writing Writing is orderly, and beginnings and endings are satisfactorily managed
Descriptive		Frequent, well-chosen images and details give an impression of reality, although the overall picture is not sustained.
Narrative		The plot incorporates some interesting features, but not consistently so: the reader may be aware of the creation of suspense and a sense of climax.
Band 4	8–10 marks	Content is straightforward, with ideas, features and images that satisfactorily address the task; some opportunities for development are taken Overall structure is competent and some sentences are well sequenced
Descriptive		A selection of relevant ideas, images and details addresses the task, even where there is a tendency to write a narrative.
Narrative		The plot is straightforward and cohesive, with some identification of features such as character and setting.
Band 3	5–7 marks	Content consists of relevant ideas that are briefly developed Overall structure is easily followed, though some constituent parts are too long or too short to be effective
Descriptive		The task is addressed with a series of ordinary details, which may be more typical of a narrative.
Narrative		The plot is a simple narrative that may consist of events that are only partially credible or are presented with partial clarity
Band 2	3–4 marks	Content is simple, and the presentation of ideas and events may only be partially credible Overall structure is recognisable, though paragraphing is inconsistent and sequences of sentences insecure
Descriptive		Where a narrative is written, the recording of events may preclude the use of sufficient descriptive detail.
Narrative		The plot is a simple narrative that may consist of events that are only partially credible or are presented with partial clarity

Band 1	1–2 marks	Content is inconsistent in relevance, interest and clarity Structure is frequently unclear, revealing a limited grasp of purpose
<i>Descriptive</i>		Some relevant facts are identified, but the overall picture is unclear and lacks development.
<i>Narrative</i>		The plot lacks coherence and events are narrated indiscriminately.
Band 0	0 marks	A mark of zero should be awarded for no creditable content or where the response cannot be understood

Table B, Composition: Style and accuracy

Band 6	21–24	Highly effective style and consistent sense of audience Precise use of well-chosen vocabulary Appropriate use of varied sentence structures Spelling, punctuation and grammar almost always accurate
Band 5	17–20	Effective style and good sense of audience Some precision in vocabulary Appropriate use of sentence structures Spelling, punctuation and grammar mainly accurate, with occasional minor errors
Band 4	13–16	Sometimes effective style and some sense of audience Vocabulary may be plain but adequate Mostly correct, if repetitive, sentence structure Spelling, punctuation and grammar generally accurate, but with some errors
Band 3	9–12	Some awareness of audience Uses simple vocabulary Straightforward sentences mostly correct; errors in more complex structures Frequent errors of spelling, punctuation and grammar, occasionally serious
Band 2	5–8	Limited awareness of audience Simple vocabulary may not always be accurately used The response is not well sequenced Persistent errors of spelling, punctuation and grammar sometimes impair communication
Band 1	1–4	Little or no sense of audience Limited use of correct vocabulary Expression unclear Persistent errors of spelling, punctuation and grammar impede communication
Band 0	0	A mark of zero should be awarded where the response cannot be understood