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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

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MARK SCHEME

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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.

Question	Answer	Marks
<b>The assessment objectives for Sections 1 and 2 are:</b>		
Assessment Objectives for Writing ( <b>AO1</b> )		
W1	Articulate experience and express what is thought, felt and imagined	
W2	Sequence facts, ideas and opinions	
W3	Use a range of appropriate vocabulary	
W4	Use register appropriate to audience and context	
W5	Make accurate use of spelling, punctuation and grammar	
Assessment Objectives for Reading ( <b>AO2</b> )		
R1	Demonstrate understanding of explicit meanings	
R2	Demonstrate understanding of implicit meanings and attitudes	
<b>Detailed Marking Instructions for Section 1: Directed Writing</b>		
Candidates are expected to:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 write a <u>speech</u> which communicates information clearly, accurately and economically</li> <li>2 write between 200 and 300 words</li> <li>3 carry out the instructions as detailed on the question paper regarding the particular information required.</li> </ol>		
Candidates will be awarded up to 15 marks for following the task instructions and up to 15 marks for the language used.		
Total marks for Section 1: <b>30</b> .		
In order to fulfil these assessment objectives in Section 1, a 'best fit' principle is applied using the Task Fulfilment and Language band descriptors.		

Question	Answer	Marks
<b>Section 1</b>		
1	<p><b>It is your final week in school. Your teacher asks you to make a speech to the school assembly about the event from your school life which you will always remember. (It might be an academic memory, a social event or any other event you wish.)</b></p> <p><b>Write your <u>speech</u>. You must include the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>when <u>and</u> where the event took place</b></li><li>• <b>details of what happened</b></li><li>• <b>how the event affected you <u>and</u> other people</b></li></ul> <p><b>Cover all three points above in detail. You should make your speech interesting and informative. Start your speech ‘Good morning, everyone.’</b></p>	

Question	Answer	Marks
<b>Task Fulfilment 15 marks</b>		
Band 5	13–15	<p>Very good understanding of purpose            Clear awareness of the specified situation and audience            Text type entirely appropriate            All required points developed in detail, fully amplified and well organised            Given information well used to justify personal opinion and interpretation            Tone and register entirely appropriate</p>
Band 4	10–12	<p>Good understanding of purpose            An awareness of the specified situation and audience            Text type appropriate            All required points addressed but not always developed in detail.            Given information organised to support personal opinion            Tone and register appropriate</p>
Band 3	7–9	<p>Some understanding of purpose; may lack some focus            Some awareness of the specified situation and audience            Text type generally appropriate            At least two required points addressed (and both are partially/fully developed)            Given information may not be logically used to support opinion            Tone usually appropriate, although there may be slips of register</p>
Band 2	4–6	<p>Only partial understanding of purpose            Some confusion as to the specified situation and audience            Text type may be inappropriate            At least one of the required points addressed (partially/fully developed)            Given information may be used irrelevantly            Tone may be uneven</p>
Band 1	1–3	<p>Misunderstanding of purpose            Confusion as to the specified situation and audience            Little evidence of a specific text type            None of the required points addressed            Given information misunderstood or irrelevant            Tone may be inappropriate</p>
Band 0	0	Insufficient to meet the criteria for Band 1

Question	Answer	Marks
<b>Language 15 marks</b>		
Band 8	14–15	<p><b>Highly accurate writing, apart from very occasional slips</b></p> <p>Sentence structures varied for particular effects            Verb forms largely correct and appropriate tenses consistently used            Vocabulary wide and precise            Punctuation accurate and helpful            Spelling accurate, apart from very occasional slips            Paragraphs have unity, are linked, and show evidence of planning</p>
Band 7	12–13	<p><b>Accurate writing; occasional errors are either slips or caused by ambition</b></p> <p>Sentence structures show some variation to create some natural fluency.            Occasional slips in verb forms or tense formation, but sequence consistent and clear throughout.            Vocabulary precise enough to convey intended shades of meaning.            Punctuation accurate and generally helpful.            Spelling nearly always accurate.            Paragraphs have unity, are usually linked, and show some evidence of planning.</p>
Band 6	10–11	<p><b>Mostly accurate writing; errors from ambition do not mar clarity of communication</b></p> <p>Some variety of sentence structures, but a tendency to repeat sentence types may produce a monotonous effect            Errors may occur in irregular verb forms, but control of tense sequence sufficient to sustain clear progression of events or ideas            Simple vocabulary mainly correct; errors may occur with more ambitious words            Punctuation generally accurate and sentence separation correctly marked, but errors may occur, e.g. with direct speech            Spelling of simple vocabulary accurate; some errors in more ambitious words            Paragraphs may show some unity, although links may be absent or inappropriate</p>

Question	Answer	Marks
Band 5	<p data-bbox="467 264 1337 331"><b>Writing is sufficiently accurate to communicate meaning, with patches of clear, accurate language</b></p> <p data-bbox="523 365 1425 712">Some variety of sentence length and structure, not always for particular purpose Errors in verb forms and tense consistency may cause uncertainty in sequence of events or disturb ease of communication Vocabulary usually adequate to convey intended meaning; idiom may be uncertain Punctuation used but not always helpful; occasional sentence separation errors Spelling of simple vocabulary accurate; errors in more difficult words. Paragraphs used but may lack unity or coherence</p>	
Band 4	<p data-bbox="467 741 1417 808"><b>Overall meaning never in doubt, but errors sufficiently frequent and serious to hamper precision and distract reader from content</b></p> <p data-bbox="523 842 1425 1223">Some simple sentence structures accurate, but unlikely to sustain accuracy for long Errors in verb forms and tenses will sometimes confuse sequence of events Vocabulary limited, either too simple or imperfectly understood; some idiomatic errors likely Simple punctuation usually accurate, but there may be frequent sentence separation errors Spelling of simple vocabulary accurate; frequent errors in more difficult words Paragraphs used haphazardly</p>	
Band 3	<p data-bbox="467 1256 1369 1391"><b>The writing has many serious errors of various kinds of ‘single-word’ type (i.e. they could be corrected without re-writing the sentence); communication established, although weight of error may cause some ‘blurring’</b></p> <p data-bbox="523 1424 1393 1671">Sentences probably simple and repetitive in structure Frequent errors in verb forms and haphazard changes of tense confuse meaning Vocabulary conveys meaning but likely to be simple and imprecise significant idiomatic errors Spelling may be inconsistent Punctuation and paragraphing may be haphazard or non-existent</p>	
Band 2	<p data-bbox="467 1704 1385 1805"><b>Sense usually decipherable but some errors will be ‘multiple’ (i.e. requiring the reader to re-read and re-organise); meaning may be partly hidden by density of linguistic error</b></p> <p data-bbox="523 1839 1417 1906">Unlikely to be more than a few accurate sentences, however simple, in the whole essay</p>	

Question	Answer	Marks
Band 1	1	<b>Scripts almost entirely or entirely impossible to recognise as pieces of English writing; whole sections make no sense at all</b>  Where occasional patches of relative clarity are evident, 1 mark should be given
Band 0	0	Insufficient to meet the criteria for Band 1



Question	Answer	Marks
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Detailed Marking Instructions for Section 2: Composition</b></p> <p>The 'best fit' principle is applied, as in the following table. Please note, the primary emphasis is on the quality of Language; descriptors for appropriateness and content are then used to adjust the mark.</p> <p>Total marks for Section 2: <b>30</b></p> <p>Candidates are advised to write between 350 and 500 words.</p>		
Description		
2	<b>Describe a relative's house which you enjoy visiting. (Remember you can describe the atmosphere and the surroundings, as well as the house itself.)</b>	
Argument		
3	<b>'The future is about science and technology. There is no place for arts and music on the school timetable.' Do you agree? Give reasons and examples to support your view.</b>	
4	<b>To have a happy life, it is more important to have time to do what you want rather than to have a lot of money to spend. Do you agree? Give reasons and examples to support your view.</b>	
Narrative		
5	<b>Write a story which includes the words: 'The house they lived in as children now looked very different.'</b>	
6	<b>Write a story about a time when you wanted to do something adventurous but you had to change your plans.</b>	

Question	Answer	Marks
<b>Quality of Language and Appropriateness and Content 30 marks</b>		
Band 8	27–30	<p><b>Highly accurate writing, apart from very occasional slips; highly appropriate to chosen task type</b></p> <p><b>Quality of Language</b>  Sentence structures varied for particular effects  Verb forms largely correct and appropriate tenses consistently used  Vocabulary wide and precise  Punctuation accurate and helpful  Spelling accurate apart from very occasional slips  Paragraphs have unity, are linked, and show evidence of planning</p> <p><b>Appropriateness and Content</b>  Consistently relevant. Interest aroused and sustained  Tone and register entirely appropriate  Descriptions have well-developed images helping to create complex atmospheres  Arguments are well developed, logical, even complex  Narratives are complex, sophisticated, possibly tense, and may contain devices such as flashbacks</p>
Band 7	23–26	<p><b>Accurate writing: occasional errors are either slips or caused by ambition; appropriate to chosen task type</b></p> <p><b>Quality of Language</b>  Sentence structures show some variation to create some natural fluency  Occasional slips in verb forms or tense formation, but sequence consistent and clear throughout  Vocabulary precise enough to convey intended shades of meaning  Punctuation accurate and generally helpful  Spelling nearly always accurate  Paragraphs have unity, are usually linked, and show some evidence of planning</p> <p><b>Appropriateness and Content</b>  Relevant. Interest aroused and mostly sustained  Tone and register appropriate  Descriptions have interesting images and a range of detail, helping to create effective atmospheres  Arguments have clearly defined, cohesive, logical stages in their development  Narratives have effective detail creating character or setting, and may contain some sense of climax</p>

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Band 6	<p data-bbox="316 264 403 297">19–22</p> <p data-bbox="467 264 1404 331"><b>Mostly accurate writing; errors from ambition do not mar clarity of communication; mostly appropriate to chosen task type</b></p> <p data-bbox="467 365 754 398"><b>Quality of Language</b></p> <p data-bbox="523 403 1396 465">Some variety of sentence structures, but a tendency to repeat sentence types may produce a monotonous effect</p> <p data-bbox="523 470 1385 566">Errors may occur in irregular verb forms, but control of tense sequence sufficient to sustain clear progression of events or ideas</p> <p data-bbox="523 571 1404 633">Simple vocabulary mainly correct; errors may occur with more ambitious words</p> <p data-bbox="523 638 1412 701">Punctuation generally accurate and sentence separation correctly marked, but errors may occur, e.g. with direct speech</p> <p data-bbox="523 705 1377 768">Spelling of simple vocabulary accurate; some errors in more ambitious words</p> <p data-bbox="523 772 1332 835">Paragraphs may show some unity, although links may be absent or inappropriate</p> <p data-bbox="467 880 885 913"><b>Appropriateness and Content</b></p> <p data-bbox="523 918 1412 981">Relevant. Some interest aroused, although there may be some lack of originality and/or planning</p> <p data-bbox="523 985 1369 1019">Tone usually appropriate, although there may be slips of register</p> <p data-bbox="523 1023 1409 1086">Descriptions have satisfactory images, ideas and details which help to create atmosphere</p> <p data-bbox="523 1090 1324 1153">Arguments make a series of relevant points, with some being developed; linking of ideas may be insecure</p> <p data-bbox="523 1158 1404 1191">Narratives are straightforward with proper sequencing of sentences</p>	

Question	Answer	Marks
Band 5	<p>15–18</p> <p><b>Writing is sufficiently accurate to communicate meaning, with patches of clear, accurate language; sufficiently appropriate for chosen task type</b></p> <p><b>Quality of Language</b>            Some variety of sentence length and structure, not always for particular purpose            Errors in verb forms and tense consistency may cause uncertainty in sequence of events or disturb ease of communication            Vocabulary usually adequate to convey intended meaning; idiom may be uncertain            Punctuation used but not always helpful; occasional sentence separation errors            Spelling of simple vocabulary accurate; errors in more difficult words            Paragraphs used but may lack unity or coherence</p> <p><b>Appropriateness and Content</b>            Attempt to address topic but there may be digressions or failures of logic; may lack liveliness and interest            Tone may be uneven            Descriptions have some detail but may rely too much on narrative            Arguments have mainly relevant points but may be only partially developed, with some repetition            Narratives are largely a series of events with only occasional details of character and setting</p>	
Band 4	<p>11–14</p> <p><b>Overall meaning never in doubt, but errors sufficiently frequent and serious to hamper precision and distract reader from content</b></p> <p><b>Quality of Language</b>            Some simple sentence structures accurate but unlikely to sustain accuracy for long            Errors in verb forms and tenses will sometimes confuse sequence of events            Vocabulary limited, either too simple or imperfectly understood; some idiomatic errors likely            Simple punctuation usually accurate, but there may be frequent sentence separation errors            Spelling of simple vocabulary accurate, frequent errors in more difficult words            Paragraphs used haphazardly</p> <p><b>Appropriateness and Content</b>            Some relevance; some interest            Tone may be inconsistent            Descriptions are relevant but lack scope or variety            Arguments make a few points but development is simple and not always logical; some obvious repetition of ideas            Narratives are simple, everyday or immature</p>	

Question	Answer	Marks
Band 3	7–10	
Band 2	3–6	

**The writing has many serious errors of various kinds of ‘single-word’ type (i.e. they could be corrected without re-writing the sentence); communication established, although weight of error may cause some ‘blurring’**

**Quality of Language**

Sentences probably simple and repetitive in structure  
Frequent errors in verb forms and haphazard changes of tense confuse meaning  
Vocabulary conveys meaning but likely to be simple and imprecise; significant idiomatic errors  
Spelling may be inconsistent  
Punctuation and paragraphing may be haphazard or non-existent

**Appropriateness and Content**

A little relevance; a little interest.  
Some recognition of appropriate tone  
In Descriptions the overall picture is unclear  
In Arguments only a few points are discernible and the argument progresses only here and there  
Narratives are very simple and may narrate events indiscriminately

**Sense usually decipherable but some errors will be ‘multiple’ (i.e. requiring the reader to re-read and re-organise); meaning may be partly hidden by density of linguistic error**

**Quality of Language**

Unlikely to be more than a few accurate sentences, however simple, in the whole essay

**Appropriateness and Content**

Little relevance or interest  
Tone may be inappropriate  
In Descriptions the overall picture is very unclear  
In Arguments only a very few points are discernible and the argument barely progresses  
Narratives are extremely simple and may narrate events indiscriminately

Question	Answer	Marks
Band 1	1–2	<p><b>Scripts almost entirely or entirely impossible to recognise as pieces of English writing; whole sections make no sense at all</b></p> <p><b>Quality of Language</b> Where occasional patches of relative clarity are evident, 2 or 1 mark(s) should be given</p> <p><b>Appropriateness and Content</b> Arguments are rarely relevant and may well be disordered, as are Descriptions and Narratives</p>
Band 0	0	Insufficient to meet the criteria for Band 1