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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.

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2	<p><b><u>2.1: award a mark out of 10 for Communication</u></b></p> <p>(i) Place the appropriate ‘numbered’ tick as close as possible to each relevant communication point.</p> <p>(ii) Award ‘unnumbered’ ticks flexibly across the tasks for each piece of relevant information conveyed, up to a maximum of 10. HOWEVER, each of the 5 tasks must be covered to get the 10 communication marks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>If 1 of the tasks is missing</u>, the maximum communication mark is 9.</li> <li>• <u>If 2 of the tasks are missing</u>, the maximum communication mark is 8 (and so on).</li> </ul> <p>(iii) Add up the ticks to give a mark out of 10 for Communication.</p> <p>(iv) For COMMUNICATION, be tolerant of time frames/spelling (for spelling, use ‘rules’ in Question 1: look alike, sound alike, etc.).</p> <p>(v) <u>LISTS</u> = a maximum of 3 marks for communication: lists of 1–3 items = 1 mark; lists of 4 items = 2 marks; lists of 5–6 items = 3 marks</p> <p>(vi) Only reward each piece of information once</p> <p>(vii) Do not penalise factual errors.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Total marks for Communication: 10</b></p>	10																		
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3(b)	<b>TASK</b>	<b>Accept</b>	<b>Annotate</b>	
	1	<b>How the area was before the campaign</b> Allow anything sensible. Expect Past.	✓1	
	2	<b>How the locals felt about the area before</b> Allow anything sensible. Expect Opinion.	✓2	
	3	<b>What the residents did in the campaign</b> Allow anything sensible. Expect Past.	✓3	
	4	<b>Was the campaign successful</b> Allow anything sensible. Expect Opinion.	✓4	
	5	<b>What the plans are to maintain the area</b> Allow anything sensible. Expect Future.	✓5	
3(c)	<b>TASK</b>	<b>Accept</b>	<b>Annotate</b>	
	1	<b>What you feel when hearing the noise</b> Allow anything sensible. Expect Reaction.	✓1	
	2	<b>In your opinion, what had happened</b> Allow anything sensible. Expect Past.	✓2	
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	5	<b>If you saw a deserted place again, what would you do</b> Allow anything sensible. Expect Future/Conditional	✓5	

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<p><b><u>3.2 – award a mark out of 10 for Accuracy of Grammar and Structures</u></b></p>		
<p>Award a mark out of 10 according to the table below.</p>		
9–10	Highly accurate including in the correct use of affixes and classifiers and more complex structures, but with occasional minor slips.	
7–8	Accurate in the use of simple structures. Complex structures may contain occasional more serious errors/more frequent slips, which do not change the meaning.	
5–6	Displays some control of simple structures. Unsuccessful with more complex structures.	
3–4	Inconsistent, but a number of examples of accurate usage. (including the spelling).	
1–2	Substantially inaccurate, with only isolated examples of accurate usage.	
0	No examples of accurate usage.	
<p><b><u>3.3 – award a mark out of 10 for Range, Variety and Appropriateness</u></b></p>		
<p>Award a mark out of 10 according to the table below.</p>		
9–10	Apt use of a wide range of vocabulary. Able to use idiomatic appropriately (do not insist on the idiom). Confident use of a wide range of complex sentence patterns and structures.	
7–8	Good range of vocabulary with little repetition. A positive attempt to introduce variety Ambitious in use of a variety of complex sentence patterns.	
5–6	Some attempt to extend range of vocabulary but still rather repetitive. Shows some ability to produce syntax and structures appropriate to the task.	
3–4	Narrow range of vocabulary. Frequent repetition of common words. Some attempt at more complex sentence patterns but errors occur even in common structures. Some irrelevance.	
1–2	Very limited vocabulary. Very limited range of structures. Only very simple sentence patterns. Significant irrelevance.	
0	Nothing worthy of credit.	
<p><b>Total marks for Question 3: 30 marks</b></p>		

**Note on using mark schemes with grade descriptors**

It is important that you award marks positively. In order to ensure that you reward achievement rather than penalise failure or omissions, you should start at the bottom of the mark scheme and work upwards through the descriptors when awarding marks.

You should adopt a 'best fit' approach. You must select the set of descriptors provided in the mark scheme that most closely describes the quality of the work being marked. As you work upwards through the mark scheme, you will eventually arrive at a set of descriptors that fits the candidate's performance.

When you reach this point, you should always then check the descriptors in the band above to confirm whether or not there is just enough evidence to award a mark in the higher band.

For example, when marking Question 3 you may find that a candidate uses a variety of relevant vocabulary but has varied success with more complex structures. In such cases, you will need to award a mark that takes into account both the strengths and weaknesses of the piece of work.

To select the most appropriate mark within each set of descriptors, use the following guidance:

- If most of the descriptors fit the piece (and after you have considered the band above), award the top mark in the band.
- If there is just enough evidence (and you had perhaps been considering the band below), award the lowest mark in the band.

**Note on irrelevant material**

In the case of a deliberately evasive answer which consists entirely of irrelevant material exploited in defiance of the rubric, a score of 0 is given. These are extremely rare. The genuine attempt to answer the question which fails due to a misunderstanding of the rubric will normally lose Communication marks but will score for Language. You should consult your Team Leader.

When part of an answer is clearly irrelevant, highlight it and do not consider it when deciding on the Language mark. (e.g. Highlight and do not consider for Language an introduction to a question consisting of an unwanted self-portrait on the lines of: *Hello, my name is X. I am 16. I live in Y* or letter etiquette where a letter is not required.)