

MARK SCHEME for the May/June 2008 question paper

3247 FIRST LANGUAGE URDU

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Paper 2 (Texts), maximum raw mark 50

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All Examiners are instructed that alternative correct answers and unexpected approaches in candidates' scripts must be given marks that fairly reflect the relevant knowledge and skills demonstrated.

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Candidates will write their answers in Urdu. Examiners will look for a candidate's ability to communicate effectively and will ignore linguistic errors, which do not impede communication.

Rubric Infringements

In order to facilitate a clerical check, examiners are requested to write the number of each question answered and the mark awarded on each script.

- If candidates answer two questions on the same text, they will be penalised; both questions are to be marked and the best mark taken.
- If candidates answer two passages/texts but on different texts they will not be penalised.

Passage-based questions

- Examiners should consider the extent to which candidates have been able to identify the significant issues raised in the passage and, where appropriate, have applied these to the text as a whole.
- Examiners should consider how successfully the candidates have manipulated their material and to what extent they have shown depth of awareness and knowledge of the workings of the text under discussion.
- Examiners should reward candidates whose answers show good understanding of how a text works and how an author has conveyed the key issues.

Essay Questions

- It is very helpful if Examiners comment on the scripts. This means simply ticking good points and noting a few observations in the margin (e.g. 'good point', 'irrelevant', 'excessive quotation', etc).
- A brief comment at the end of an essay (e.g. 'rambling answer, shows some knowledge but misses point of question') is particularly helpful.
- Don't forget to write your mark for each essay at the end of that essay, and to transfer the two marks to the front of the script, and total them.

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- 1 (a) Name of poet and the poem.
- (b) Two marks for how the poet feels and why he feels like that.
- (c) Points to be included:
- To learn culture and skills
 - To travel around the world and gain experience
 - To have knowledge of all aspects of life

6–7	Excellent	Detailed response: relevant material from the passage has been identified; makes some clear points; shows some engagement with the subject matter
4–5	Good	Competent response: relevant material from the passage has been identified but may lack detail or clarity; a mechanical response to the subject matter
2–3	Satisfactory	A limited attempt: some appropriate material from the passage has been picked out but is used randomly and sometimes does not appear to be focused on the question
0–1	Poor	A weak attempt: little useful material has been selected; question may not be addressed; answer may be largely irrelevant

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- (d) Points to be included:
- Good, soft language always touches the heart
 - Interest in action changes things
 - To speak without concentrating has an adverse effect on the listener

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- (e) 5 marks for five explained words.

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2 Points to be included:

- Unity
- Organisation
- Struggle and to know about the past

22–25	Exceptional work	Exceptional ability to organise material, thorough knowledge, considerable sensitivity to language and to author's intentions. Really articulate and intelligent answers.
20–21	Very Good	Close attention to detail, controlled structure, and perceptive use of illustration, good insight when discussing characters or themes. Ability to look beyond the obvious.
18–19	Thorough	Solid and relevant work. Discussion and evaluation of material; clear conclusion reached. Good focus on material. Some limitations of material but coherent, detailed approach.
16–17	Painstaking	Sound knowledge of text, mainly relevant. Some attempt to analyse, some sense of understanding of material. Candidates who fall into this category may have a tendency to write too much because they write all they know about the text or author.
14–15	Fair relevance and knowledge	Candidate understands the demands of the question without being able to develop a very thorough response. A simple approach, including narrative and learnt material. Many candidates will fall into this category.
12–13	Sound	Knowledge of plot and characters is displayed. Makes points which are not then illustrated or developed. Will be a visible attempt to relate points made to the question.
10–11	Basic	Some material – but not much sense of understanding or focus on the question. Structure is random and bitty. If there are signs of organisation and relevance, the answer should be considered for the Sound category.
6–9	Weak	Candidate may have read the text but the answer is insubstantial and lacking in relevance. Any ideas will not be expressed coherently.
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3 (a)

- Discussion of the characters
- The habits of Gatee
- The habits of Arjumand

14–15	Excellent	Very detailed response: material from the required story well selected; makes points thoughtfully, shows insight or engagement with the subject matter
11–13	Good	Detailed response: relevant material from the required story has been identified; makes some clear points; shows some engagement with the subject matter
8–10	Satisfactory	Competent response: relevant material from the required story has been identified but may lack detail or clarity; a mechanical response to the subject matter
5–7	Poor	A limited attempt: some appropriate material from the required story has been picked out but is used randomly and sometimes does not appear to be focused on the question; irrelevant material from other stories has been introduced
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(b)

- His love for Gatee
- His sincerity about the family
- His loneliness

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5–6	Satisfactory	Competent response: relevant material from the required story has been identified but may lack detail or clarity; a mechanical response to the subject matter
3–4	Poor	A limited attempt: some appropriate material from the required story has been picked out but is used randomly and sometimes does not appear to be focused on the question; irrelevant material from other stories has been introduced
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- 4 Begum's living standards
 Her attitude towards her children
 Her nature as a dictator
 Her role as an important person in the novel

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