

**MARK SCHEME for the May/June 2011 question paper  
for the guidance of teachers**

**8004 GENERAL PAPER**

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Paper 1, maximum raw mark 100

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### USE OF ENGLISH CRITERIA TABLE

	Marks	
<b>Band 1</b> 'excellent': <b>fully operational command</b>	<b>18–20</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• very few slips/errors</li> <li>• highly fluent</li> <li>• very effective use of expressions and idioms</li> <li>• excellent use of vocabulary; (near) faultless grammar</li> <li>• excellent sentence structure and organisation of paragraphs</li> <li>• excellent spelling/punctuation.</li> </ul>
<b>Band 2</b> 'good – very good': <b>effective command</b>	<b>14–17</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• few slips/errors</li> <li>• fluent</li> <li>• effective use of expressions/idioms</li> <li>• good use of vocabulary; sound grammar</li> <li>• good sentence structure/well-organised paragraphs</li> <li>• good spelling/punctuation.</li> </ul>
<b>Band 3</b> 'average': <b>reasonable command</b>	<b>10–13</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• some slips/basic errors but acceptable standard overall</li> <li>• reasonably fluent/not difficult to read</li> <li>• generally appropriate use of expressions/idioms</li> <li>• fair range and apt use of basic vocabulary; acceptable grammar</li> <li>• simple/unambitious sentence structure/paragraphing</li> <li>• reasonable spelling/punctuation.</li> </ul>
<b>Band 4</b> 'flawed but not weak': <b>inconsistent command</b>	<b>6–9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• regular and frequent slips/errors</li> <li>• hesitant fluency/not easy to follow at times</li> <li>• some inappropriate expressions/idioms</li> <li>• limited range of vocabulary; faulty grammar</li> <li>• some flawed sentence structure/paragraphing</li> <li>• regular spelling/punctuation errors.</li> </ul>
<b>Band 5</b> 'weak – very weak': <b>little/(no) effective command</b>	<b>0–5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• almost every line contains (many) slips/errors of all kinds</li> <li>• little/(no) fluency/difficult (almost impossible) to follow</li> <li>• (very) poor use of expressions/idioms</li> <li>• (very) poor range of vocabulary; (very) poor grammar</li> <li>• (very) poor sentence structure/paragraphing</li> <li>• (very) poor spelling/punctuation.</li> </ul> <p><b>bracketed descriptors</b> denote 0–2 range of marks.</p>

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<p><b>Band 1</b></p> <p><b>'excellent':</b></p> <p><b>very good and comprehensive knowledge/ understanding of topic</b></p>	<b>26–30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>comprehensive coverage, totally relevant material, perceptive, analytical</li> <li>thoughtful, enlightening illustration using local, national and international examples where applicable</li> <li>coherent and engaging discussion, displaying sensitivity, sophistication, awareness and maturity</li> <li>(very) well structured.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Band 2</b></p> <p><b>'good – very good':</b></p> <p><b>good knowledge/ understanding of topic</b></p>	<b>20–25</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>totally (near totally) relevant, well focused but less analytical and perceptive than Band 1</li> <li>major points well developed</li> <li>(very) good range of examples/illustration</li> <li>logical and systematic discussion</li> <li>effectively structured.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Band 3 UPPER</b></p> <p><b>'average':</b></p> <p><b>sound knowledge/ understanding of topic</b></p>	<b>16–19</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>competent: major points adequately developed</li> <li>largely relevant and remains focused on the question</li> <li>reasonable range of examples/illustration to support key points</li> <li>reasonably structured.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Band 3 LOWER</b></p> <p><b>'fair'</b></p> <p><b>fair knowledge/understanding of topic</b></p>	<b>13–15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>more obvious points mentioned rather than adequately developed</li> <li>some digression, but generally sticks to the question</li> <li>does not always support major points with apt illustration</li> <li>tendency to assert/generalise rather than argue/discuss in detail</li> <li>may lack focus.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Band 4</b></p> <p><b>'flawed but not weak':</b></p> <p><b>limited knowledge/ understanding of topic</b></p>	<b>7–12</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>restricted material/scope: rather pedestrian</li> <li>some relevance but may be implicit/tangential at times</li> <li>prone to unsubstantiated, sweeping statements: ideas vague and/or lacking sustained development: can be digressive and wander off topic</li> <li>limited illustration and/or factual inaccuracy</li> <li>insufficient focus; essay offloads everything known about the particular topic with inadequate reference to the key words in the question.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Band 5</b></p> <p><b>'weak – very weak':</b></p> <p><b>poor/very poor knowledge/ understanding of topic</b></p>	<b>0–6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(totally) inadequate content with little/no substance: (very) vague and confused ideas</li> <li>question largely (completely) misinterpreted/misunderstood</li> <li>very limited (total) irrelevance</li> <li>very limited/ (no) appropriate illustration.</li> </ul> <p><b>bracketed descriptors</b> denote 0–2 range of marks.</p>

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Section 1

**1 How justified are the high salaries and bonuses paid out in some professions?**

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<b>Possible arguments in favour of paying high salaries</b>	<b>Possible arguments against the justification of high salaries</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Attract &amp; retain the best</li> <li>⇒ Recognises prior preparation</li> <li>⇒ Skill shortage</li> <li>⇒ Creates employment</li> <li>⇒ Good for the country where they are resident.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Gap top/bottom. Marxist theory of value.</li> <li>⇒ Does not necessarily bring in the talent</li> <li>⇒ Encourages greed</li> <li>⇒ When combined with bonuses, encourages excessive risk taking</li> <li>⇒ Strife when things go wrong.</li> </ul>

**2 To what extent should a nation try to forget its past?**

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<b>Possible arguments in favour of a nation forgetting its past</b>	<b>Possible arguments against forgetting the past</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Present and future matter</li> <li>⇒ To avoid being held back by myth</li> <li>⇒ Past animosities can be perpetuated</li> <li>⇒ Lingering regard for outdated practices</li> <li>⇒ Holds back economic progress (e.g. class system).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ There are, indeed, lessons to be learned</li> <li>⇒ There is a synchronicity between past, present and future</li> <li>⇒ Overcome any sense of denial of misdeeds (e.g. Truth and Reconciliation commission in SA)</li> <li>⇒ Helps to see how others see the nation</li> <li>⇒ Disrespectful to those in the past.</li> </ul>

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### 3 Should women be in the public life of your country?

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<b>Possible arguments in favour of promoting women</b>	<b>Possible arguments against the public role of women</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ 50% deserve representation</li> <li>⇒ Bring new perspective to public life</li> <li>⇒ Role models for other women</li> <li>⇒ Wider range of skills</li> <li>⇒ More money for families.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Confusion of biological role</li> <li>⇒ Damage to home life</li> <li>⇒ Discrimination against men</li> <li>⇒ Are women (in public life) necessarily better than men?</li> <li>⇒ Some male societies not yet ready.</li> </ul>

### 4 'Elections are meaningless as many voters have no real knowledge of national or international issues.' Discuss.

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<b>Possible arguments in favour of proposition that elections are meaningless</b>	<b>Possible arguments against the ignorance of voters</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ It's ruling cliques that really matter</li> <li>⇒ Real dividing issues do not exist</li> <li>⇒ Unrepresentative minority tends to vote</li> <li>⇒ Policies are distant from voters' real concern</li> <li>⇒ In a democracy there are genuinely ignorant or uninterested voters.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Assumption of ignorance can be challenged</li> <li>⇒ There is a genuine local/global understanding amongst many voters</li> <li>⇒ There are other avenues for political expression</li> <li>⇒ It's a feeling of powerlessness rather than ignorance that causes apathy.</li> </ul>

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**5 How far do you agree that an hereditary monarch as Head of State is preferable to an elected President?**

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<b>Possible arguments in favour of heredity (&amp; monarchy)</b>	<b>Possible arguments in favour of elected President</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Separates state from politics</li> <li>⇒ Focus of nationalism &amp; reassurance</li> <li>⇒ Tourist attraction</li> <li>⇒ Sense of continuity</li> <li>⇒ Sense of national unity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Why should birth determine the Head of State?</li> <li>⇒ Removable</li> <li>⇒ Accountable by election &amp; constitution</li> <li>⇒ Possibly cheaper</li> <li>⇒ Represents a wider constituency.</li> </ul>

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## Section 2

### 6 How true is it that most of the pleasurable things in life are bad for you?

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<b>Possible arguments in favour of pleasurable things being bad</b>	<b>Possible arguments against the notion that pleasure has invariably bad results</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Dangerous activities seem inherently exciting</li> <li>⇒ Pleasure comes from addiction</li> <li>⇒ Easy to give in to e.g. over-eating</li> <li>⇒ Fascination with bad things</li> <li>⇒ Opinions vary widely (e.g. wine drinking).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Human beings are 'programmed' to seek pleasure, from physical reproduction to spiritual satisfaction</li> <li>⇒ Those who feel fulfilled are less likely to harm others</li> <li>⇒ Pleasure = well-being = better health</li> <li>⇒ Pleasure = contentment for self &amp; others</li> <li>⇒ Many pleasurable things are good</li> <li>⇒ 'Moderate' pleasure can be healthy.</li> </ul>

### 7 Should obesity be regarded as a serious health concern?

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<b>Possible arguments in favour of the seriousness of obesity</b>	<b>Possible arguments against seeing obesity as a serious health concern</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Health risk to individual</li> <li>⇒ Consequent economic cost to the state</li> <li>⇒ Effect on employers</li> <li>⇒ Example to the young</li> <li>⇒ Govt has responsibility to protect its citizens.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ No such thing as ideal body form</li> <li>⇒ Some cultures honour largeness</li> <li>⇒ Better than excessive thinness</li> <li>⇒ Less serious than other medical issues</li> <li>⇒ Early death can be cheaper for the state.</li> </ul>

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**8 Is the theory of evolution nothing more than a theory? Defend your view on this topic.**

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<b>Possible arguments in favour of limitations of theory of evolution</b>	<b>Possible arguments in favour of theory of evolution</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ There are always theories ... why should this one be authentic?</li> <li>⇒ Is Man taking on the role God?</li> <li>⇒ Denies the existence of a 'prime mover'</li> <li>⇒ Does it explain all species development?</li> <li>⇒ Challenges the existence of religious faith</li> <li>⇒ What about those species that have not evolved?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Massive scientific support</li> <li>⇒ More plausible than other theories</li> <li>⇒ Evolution cannot be stopped.</li> </ul>

**9 How far is it true to claim that pesticides have done more harm than good?**

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<b>Possible arguments in favour of harm done</b>	<b>Possible arguments in favour of good done</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Residual soil contaminants – <i>Silent Spring</i></li> <li>⇒ Encouraged development of superbugs</li> <li>⇒ Kill 'good' as well as 'bad' insects</li> <li>⇒ Upset balance of nature</li> <li>⇒ Immunity is built up.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Can increase food for hungry</li> <li>⇒ More cost effective</li> <li>⇒ Pesticides are becoming safer</li> <li>⇒ Is 'organic' really better?</li> <li>⇒ Research encourages scientific innovation.</li> </ul>

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**10 To what extent is it correct to claim that modern technology enables businesses to be located anywhere?**

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**Possible arguments in favour of locating businesses anywhere**

- ⇒ Cheaper labour can be exploited
- ⇒ Enables better location (e.g. for transport)
- ⇒ Homeworking
- ⇒ Call Centres are world-wide
- ⇒ Internet means that location is 'virtual'.

**Possible arguments against the claim that business can be located anywhere**

- ⇒ Still need for raw materials to be accessible
- ⇒ Accessible labour still needed in factories/offices
- ⇒ Siting near distribution points
- ⇒ Possibility of unemployment and animosity
- ⇒ Language problems with international businesses.

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### Section 3

**11 'A play can be read, but to be truly appreciated it must be seen.' How far do you agree with this view?**

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<b>Possible arguments in favour of believing that a play needs to be seen</b>	<b>Possible arguments against the need to actually see a play</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Often easier to understand when observed</li> <li>⇒ Theatre atmosphere enhances the experience</li> <li>⇒ More memorable</li> <li>⇒ Writer wrote the play to be performed</li> <li>⇒ Wider participation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Interplay of ideas can be determined by reading</li> <li>⇒ Interpretation can be imagined</li> <li>⇒ Can be broadcast on radio</li> <li>⇒ Cheaper</li> <li>⇒ Easier access (e.g. reading at home).</li> </ul>

**12 'Nothing today compares with the masterpieces of previous generations'. How far do you agree with this judgement?**

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<b>Possible arguments in favour of the past being incomparable</b>	<b>Possible arguments against the incomparability of the past</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Religious buildings</li> <li>⇒ Public buildings</li> <li>⇒ More focus on art (e.g. Renaissance)</li> <li>⇒ [Definition of 'the past' probably needed]</li> <li>⇒ Examples of great composers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ [NB Importance of defining 'incomparability']</li> <li>⇒ Needless nostalgia for the past</li> <li>⇒ There is a whole raft of modern wonders on land, sea and air</li> <li>⇒ Need for society to build a/c to its current needs</li> <li>⇒ Modern 'masterpieces' are more accessible.</li> </ul>

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**13 'If we all spoke the same language, the world would be a better place.' How true is this?**

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<b>Possible arguments in favour of a universal language</b>	<b>Possible arguments against a universal language</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Helps global communication</li> <li>⇒ Stops too much petty nationalism</li> <li>⇒ Aid to peacemaking</li> <li>⇒ Aid to travel (e.g. air controllers speak English)</li> <li>⇒ Improved safety</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Variety should be celebrated</li> <li>⇒ So should obscurity</li> <li>⇒ Overall dullness of an homogenised world</li> <li>⇒ Automatic translation systems are improving</li> <li>⇒ Different cultures think differently – irrespective of language</li> <li>⇒ Possible loss of knowledge.</li> </ul>

**14 Are films or movies only for entertainment and nothing else? Illustrate your answer with appropriate examples.**

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<b>Possible arguments in favour of films as entertainment</b>	<b>Possible arguments against films being merely for entertainment</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ 'Night Out'</li> <li>⇒ Big screens provide a unique experience</li> <li>⇒ Social activity</li> <li>⇒ 'Follow the stars'</li> <li>⇒ It's entertainment films that make the money.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Like any good story, there is plot and character development to consider</li> <li>⇒ Cinema has an intellectual language of its own</li> <li>⇒ There is 'political' cinema</li> <li>⇒ There is pure propaganda cinema</li> <li>⇒ Awareness of other cultures</li> <li>⇒ Inherent artistic merit of film.</li> </ul>

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**15 How far do you agree that young people usually reject the music enjoyed by their elders?**

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<b>Possible arguments in favour of the young rejecting the music of the old</b>	<b>Possible arguments against</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Young reject anything on principle</li> <li>⇒ Music identified with age cohorts</li> <li>⇒ More a statement of independence than a specific rejection of the taste of their elders</li> <li>⇒ Elders can sometimes share the musical taste of the young.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Internationally and nationally there are some talented 'traditional' musicians (and their fans)</li> <li>⇒ Universal language of (all sorts of) music can be (and is) appreciated irrespective of age</li> <li>⇒ Musical taste is fickle and circular</li> <li>⇒ Depends upon particular cultures.</li> </ul>