

MARK SCHEME for the May/June 2015 series

8004 GENERAL PAPER

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Paper 1 maximum raw mark 100

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USE OF ENGLISH CRITERIA TABLE

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

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CONTENT CRITERIA TABLE

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

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1 House work and child care are women’s work. How far do you agree?

Keywords: ‘House work’ and ‘child care’ and ‘women’s work’ and ‘how far’.

- Candidates will be looking at the roles of men and women in society
- Women may be employed, so domestic tasks need to be shared
- Children may benefit from both mother and father at home
- Some people now work from home, blurring boundaries between home and work life
- Couples may be considered more united when sharing responsibilities
- Some men may be working long hours or work away from home
- May be part of the culture
- Some men may feel that doing the gardening and other maintenance of the home is their role in the home
- Accept the role of women in the wider world. For Band 2 and above there needs to be a consideration of domestic issues, and then expanding beyond.

2 Choose a famous person from the past and consider how that person would be viewed in today’s world.

Keywords: ‘choose’ and ‘past’ and ‘today’s world’.

Famous fictional characters can be considered

- Reasons or justification should be given for the choice
- Look at their values and what they would bring to modern society
- Fighting for human rights could be applicable today
- Such a person may be considered antiquated
- Persons selected were they alive today might make a positive difference

3 Discuss some of the causes of human trafficking and suggest ways in which this practice can be effectively defeated.

Keywords: ‘Discuss’ and ‘human trafficking’ and ‘suggest ways’ and ‘effectively defeated’.

This question needs to be considered in two parts

- Causes slave labour, the sex trade, and illegal adoption
- Greater scrutiny needed at airports and other exits from a country
- Needs to be more communication between countries
- Harsher punishments
- Greater awareness from the police, social and health workers
- Forced marriages

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4 To what extent can whistle-blowing (the revealing of state or other secrets), be justifiable?

Keywords: 'To what extent' and 'whistle-blowing' and 'justifiable'.

This could encompass companies and organisations and state secrets

- Can warn of malpractice in healthcare
- Fraud and illegal actions
- Will expose corruption in high and low places
- Can compromise the security of the country
- Information may not be accurate
- Living under a dictatorship

5 Assess the ways that robotic technology might feature in different areas of our lives in the 21st century.

Keywords: 'Assess' and 'robotic technology' and 'areas of our lives' and '21st century'.

Definition of robotic technology would be helpful

- Can access parts of the body that humans cannot reach e.g. brain surgery
- Can work in dangerous conditions such as mines or war zones
- Will do chores that nobody wants to do
- Could create more unemployment
- Can help people with disabilities
- May lack 'the human touch'

6 Although this is the age of the internet, ignorance of others and their lifestyles is as common now as it ever was. Discuss.

Keywords: 'age of the internet' and 'ignorance' and 'others' and 'lifestyles'.

This idea may well be challenged

- Can reach many areas of the world and can communicate with people from different cultures
- People can be aware of news almost instantly
- Disasters and famines become known as they happen
- People live in a 'bubble' and lose touch with reality
- Not everyone has access to a computer

7 Using less energy is a solution to the world's energy crisis. How far do you agree?

Keywords: 'less energy' and 'solution' and 'world's energy crisis' and 'how far'.

Other solutions can be considered

- Various forms of insulation
- Alternative sources of energy
- Fusion might feature
- Nuclear energy
- Hybrids
- Reducing light pollution

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8 Thirty years ago childhood obesity was rare, whereas today it is common in many areas of the world. How can this problem be reduced?

Keywords: 'Thirty years ago' and 'childhood obesity' and 'rare' and 'common' and 'how' and 'reduced'.

Could consider why obesity is now common in many areas of the world

- Western diet replacing food eaten by developing countries in the past
- Lack of exercise
- A greater awareness of obesity and life expectancy
- Need education in schools
- Monitoring of children's health
- Support for people living in poverty
- Food outlets promote food that is not healthy

9 Name TWO children's books that both provoke and educate the reader. Show how they do this.

Keywords: 'Two children's books' and 'provoke' and 'educate' and 'show how'.

Both areas need to be addressed

- Has an exciting story-line
- Story may be written in a different age
- Myth and fable may be referred to
- Relevance to injustices in the world
- The quality of the writing

10 Films and photography, produced in black and white, are becoming popular again. Account for this trend.

Keywords: 'films and photography' and 'black and white' and 'popular' and 'account'.

Examples must be provided.

- More people are using cameras and experimenting
- It can be very dramatic
- Often more effective ... answers will have to illustrate this
- Comparisons may be made

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11 Which less well known sport deserves more recognition worldwide? Give reasons for your answers.

Keywords: 'less well known sport' and 'recognition worldwide' and 'give reasons'.

Emphasis need to be on the phrase (less well known sport)

To achieve Band 2 and above there needs to be reference to and examples of 'recognition worldwide'.

- Interesting to watch
- Low cost
- Many people can participate
- Can draw people together
- Can give people pride in their favoured sport

12 To what extent is the media in YOUR country focused on international events?

Keywords: 'to what extent' and 'media' and 'your' and 'international events'.

The emphasis is on 'your country'

- May only be focused on countries with links to their own country
- Propaganda ... selective in choice of news
- May not be technologically able to broadcast international news
- What may seem important to one nation may be less so in another
- Events can be political, sporting, economic, environmental, entertainment