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MARK SCHEME

Maximum Mark: 50

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Mark schemes should be read in conjunction with the question paper and the Principal Examiner Report for Teachers.

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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 descriptions 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.




Annotations guidance for centres

Examiners use a system of annotations as a shorthand for communicating their marking decisions to one another. Examiners are trained during the standardisation process on how and when to use annotations. The purpose of annotations is to inform the standardisation and monitoring processes and guide the supervising examiners when they are checking the work of examiners within their team. The meaning of annotations and how they are used is specific to each component and is understood by all examiners who mark the component.

We publish annotations in our mark schemes to help centres understand the annotations they may see on copies of scripts. Note that there may not be a direct correlation between the number of annotations on a script and the mark awarded. Similarly, the use of an annotation may not be an indication of the quality of the response.

The annotations listed below were available to examiners marking this component in this series.

Annotations

Annotation	Meaning
	Optional, to demonstrate a good point or good use of language
	Used to show that blank pages have been seen and any creditworthy material has been awarded
HIGHLIGHTER	Optional, to highlight errors
	Irrelevant

Possible Indicative content

Question	Answer	Marks
1	<p>Part 1 Unseen Passage indicative content Candidates should include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● احساس ذمہ داری ● کردار کی سادگی ● عام فہم زبان <p>REFER TO THE BAND DESCRIPTOR FOR PART 1 TO AWARD UP TO 20 MARKS</p>	20
2	<p>Question 2 Candidates may include the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● منظر نگاری ● مزاحیہ انداز بیان ● اخلاقی زوال <p>REFER TO THE BAND DESCRIPTOR FOR PARTS 2 AND 3 TO AWARD UP TO 15 MARKS</p>	15
3	<p>Question 3 Candidates may include the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● عام فہم زبان ● قاری کی آواز ● جذباتی انداز <p>REFER TO THE BAND DESCRIPTOR FOR PARTS 2 AND 3 TO AWARD UP TO 15 MARKS</p>	15

Question	Answer	Marks
4	<p>Question 4 Candidates may include the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ناصحانہ انداز • زبان و بیان کی سادگی • روزمرہ کے حالات <p>REFER TO THE BAND DESCRIPTOR FOR PARTS 2 AND 3 TO AWARD UP TO 15 MARKS</p>	15
5	<p>Question 5 Candidates may include the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • بیان کی سادگی • جذبات نگاری • مکالمہ نگاری <p>REFER TO THE BAND DESCRIPTOR FOR PARTS 2 AND 3 TO AWARD UP TO 15 MARKS</p>	15

Part 1 banded mark scheme

Excellent	18–20 marks	<i>Sustains a perceptive, convincing and relevant personal response.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shows a clear critical understanding of the text and its deeper implications • responds sensitively and in detail to the way the writer achieves her/his effects • integrates much well-selected reference to the text.
Very good	15–17 marks	<i>Makes a well-developed, detailed and relevant personal response.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shows a clear understanding of the text and some of its deeper implications • makes a developed response to the way the writer achieves her/his effects • supports with careful and relevant reference to the text.
Good	11–14 marks	<i>Makes a reasonably developed relevant personal response.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shows understanding of the text and some of its deeper implications • makes some response to the way the writer uses language • shows some thoroughness in the use of supporting evidence from the text.
Satisfactory	7–10 marks	<i>Begins to develop a relevant personal response.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shows some understanding of meaning • makes a little reference to the language of the text • uses some supporting textual detail.
Poor	4–6 marks	<i>Attempts to communicate a basic personal response to the task.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • makes some relevant comments • shows a basic understanding of surface meaning of the text • makes a little supporting reference to the text.
Very poor	1–3 marks	<i>Some evidence of simple personal response.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • makes a few straightforward comments • shows a few signs of understanding the surface meaning of the text • makes a little reference to the text.
Unrewardable	0 marks	<i>No rewardable response.</i>

Parts 2 and 3 banded mark scheme

There are a maximum of 15 marks available for each of **Question 2/3** and **Question 4/5**.

The mark scheme should be applied according to a 'best fit' approach. Responses will not necessarily contain all the features of one band. First fit the response into a band and then adjust upwards and downwards in marks as appropriate.

Excellent	13–15 marks	<p><i>Makes a well-developed and detailed response.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shows a clear understanding of the text and its deeper implications • makes a developed exploration of the way the writer achieves her/his effects (sustaining an appropriate voice in an empathic task) • supports with careful and relevant reference to the text • fully addresses the focus of the question.
Good	10–12 marks	<p><i>Makes a reasonably developed relevant response.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shows understanding of the text and some of its deeper implications • explores the way the writer uses language (using suitable features of expression in an empathic task) • shows some thoroughness in the use of supporting evidence from the text addresses the focus of the question.
Satisfactory	7–9 marks	<p><i>Makes a relevant response.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shows some understanding of meaning • makes some reference to the way the writer uses language (beginning to assume a voice in an empathic task) • uses some supporting textual detail • partly addresses the focus of the question.
Poor	4–6 marks	<p><i>Attempts to communicate a basic response to the task.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • makes some relevant comments • shows a basic understanding of surface meaning of the text (of character in an empathic task) • makes a little supporting reference to the text • makes some attempt to address the question.
Very poor	1–3 marks	<p><i>Limited attempt to respond.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • makes a few straightforward comments • shows a few signs of understanding the surface meaning of the text (of character in an empathic task) • makes a little reference to the text • little relevance to the question.
Unrewardable	0 marks	<i>No rewardable response.</i>