

## MARK SCHEME for the November 2004 question paper

### 8001 GENERAL PAPER

8001/01

Paper 1, maximum raw mark 50

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**Grade thresholds** taken for Syllabus 8001 (General Paper) in the November 2004 examination.

	maximum mark available	minimum mark required for grade:		
		A	B	E
Component 1	50	34	27	20

The thresholds (minimum marks) for Grades C and D are normally set by dividing the mark range between the B and the E thresholds into three. For example, if the difference between the B and the E threshold is 24 marks, the C threshold is set 8 marks below the B threshold and the D threshold is set another 8 marks down. If dividing the interval by three results in a fraction of a mark, then the threshold is normally rounded down.

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**SYLLABUS/COMPONENT: 8001/01**

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## Use of English

- 17 - 20** Paragraphs are used consistently and effectively and generally enhance the understanding of the text;  
appropriate tone and fluency throughout;  
few errors;  
evidence of extensive vocabulary, sound sentence structure and clear linkage.
- 10 - 16** Paragraphs are well-arranged;  
appropriate tone and fluency, some lapses possible;  
occasionally errors detract from a clear understanding of the text;  
vocabulary is wide ranging;  
possibly disjointed sentence structure or a lack of smooth linkage.
- 5 - 9** Paragraphs may be disorganised;  
fluency may break down and tone could be variable;  
expression mainly good enough for meaning to be clear, but mechanical errors present;  
limited vocabulary;  
sentence construction and linkage may be haphazard.
- 0 - 4** Lack of paragraphs possible;  
extensive mechanical errors and poor vocabulary may make understanding difficult;  
breakdown in sentence structure likely;  
high frequency of all types of error, some sections may ramble and not make sense.

## Content

- 26 - 30** A range of material which is relevant, interesting and thoughtfully presented;  
clear evidence of original thought and/or opinion;  
coherent arguments demonstrating balance, sensitivity and awareness;  
well illustrated, and wide-ranging discussions are well structured.
- 20 - 25** A range of relevant material which shows some perception;  
a clear argument is offered which may not be fully developed;  
an attempt at balance;  
illustrations included;  
structure basically sound.
- 13 - 19** A range of material is presented which may include some irrelevance or digression;  
solid information offered, perhaps lacking perception;  
some illustrations;  
an attempt to construct an argument;  
the views expressed and the conclusion may be simplistic or lack balance.
- 7 - 12** A range of material that may lack depth or relevance;  
no perception and few relevant illustrations;  
a lack of coherent understanding;  
an attempt to construct an argument and structure the essay may be evident.
- 0 - 6** An inadequate range of material that lacks perception, illustration and relevance;  
no obvious understanding, poor structure, digression and evidence of confusion.