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Mark Scheme

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1701 English Language Marking Scheme How to Mark

Aims

When you are marking your allocation of scripts your main aims should be:

- 1 to recognise and identify the achievements of candidates
- 2 to put into a rank order the achievements of candidates (not to grade them that is something that is done later using the rank order that your marking has produced)
- 3 to ensure comparability of assessment for all candidates, regardless of question or examiner.

Approach

It is important to be **open minded** and **positive** when marking scripts.

The specification recognises the variety of experiences and knowledge that candidates will have. It encourages them to study language in a way that is relevant to them. The questions have been designed to give them opportunities to discuss what they have found out about language. It is important to assess the **quality of what the candidate offers**.

Do not mark scripts as though they were mere shadows of some Platonic ideal (or the answer you would have written). The mark schemes have been composed to assess **quality of response** and not to identify expected items of knowledge.

The Marking Grids

The specification has generic marking grids for each Assessment Objective which are customised for individual tasks. These have been designed to allow assessment of the range of knowledge, understanding and skills that the specification demands.

Within each Assessment Objective there are bands representing different levels of achievement.

Do not think of bands equalling grade boundaries. Depending on the part of the examination, the bands will have different mark ranges assigned to them. This will reflect the different weighting of assessment objectives in particular tasks and across the examination as a whole. You may be required to give different marks to bands for different assessment objectives.

Using the Grid

You will need to give a mark for each Assessment Objective being tested in a particular question. To identify the mark for an Assessment Objective ask:

What descriptors reflect the answer you are marking?

On some occasions the descriptors in a band will only have one mark attached to them. On other occasions there will be a range of marks. In some bands there are upper and lower descriptors in such cases to help you.

Sometimes you will need to decide whether a script is displaying all the characteristics of a band firmly: if so, put it at the top of the band. As soon as a script has fulfilled one band and shows signs of the next, you should put it into that next band.

If a script displays some characteristics of a band barely, place it at the bottom of the band. If the script shows a range of some of the band's qualities, place it between the top and bottom of the band as seems fair.

Annotating scripts

It is vital that the way you arrive at a mark should be recorded on the script. This will help you with making accurate judgements and it will help any subsequent markers to identify how you are thinking, should adjustment need to be made.

To this end you should:

- identify points of merit with ✓ or ✓ ✓
 (ensure that you don't go into automatic ticking mode where you tick
 rhythmically every 10 lines ticks should engage with the detail of a candidate's
 thinking and analysis)
- write notes in the margin commenting on the answer's relationship to the AOs/grid/key words/focus
- identify linguistic errors with a *
- identify errors of spelling or punctuation by underlining, eg sentance
- write a summative comment at the end for each Assessment Objective
- indicate the marks for each Assessment Objective being tested at the end of the answer in the margin in sequence
- put a ringed mark in the right hand margin for **each** AO, see p 5.

Distribution of Assessment Objectives and Weightings

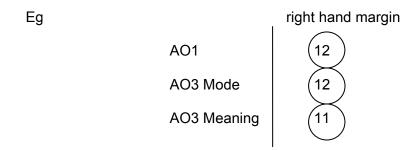
The table below is a reminder of which Assessment Objectives will be tested by the questions and tasks completed by candidates and the marks available for them.

Assessment	1	2	3	4	Total
Objective			(i) (ii) Mode Meaning		
Question 1 Language and Mode	15		15 15		45
Questions 2 & 3 Language Issues 0 2 0 4	10				45
0 3 0 5	5	30			

Section A - Language and Mode

Question 1

- Award a mark out of 15 for AO1 and put a ringed mark in the right hand margin.
- Award a mark out of 15 for AO3 (i) *Mode* and put a ringed mark in the right hand margin.
- Award a mark out of 15 for AO3 (ii) Meaning and put a ringed mark in the right hand margin.



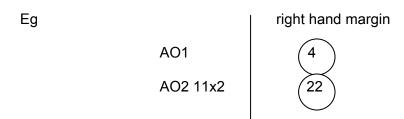
Section B – Language Development

Questions 2 0 2 or 3 0 4

Award a mark out of 10 for AO1, and put a ringed mark in the right hand margin.

Questions 2 0 3 or 3 0 5

- Award a mark out of 5 for AO1, and put a ringed mark in the right hand margin.
- Award a mark out of 15 for AO2 double it and put it in the right hand margin.



Transfer each ringed mark to the box on the front of the answer booklet. Add together and put the total mark in the box in the top right hand corner. Initial your mark.

1	Key Words: Identify and describe the main mode characteristics of the texts. Examine how
	the participants in Text A and the writer of Text B use language to achieve their purposes and
0 1	create meanings. In your answer you should consider: how situation and channel affect the use
	of language, how the participants in Text A use language to communicate their ideas and
	opinions, how the writer of Text B uses language to inform and advise readers, how choices
	of vocabulary, grammar and structure create meanings.
	Assessment Focuses: Quality of expression – selection/application/evaluation of Linguistic
	Frameworks for Analysis – identifying/describing/interpreting significant language features –
	writer's/participants' aims and purposes – Mode characteristics – creation of meanings.
Mark	AO1: Select and apply a range of linguistic methods, to communicate relevant knowledge
	using appropriate terminology and coherent, accurate written expression
	(Award a mark out of 15)
13–15	Uses sophisticated and demanding linguistic terms with rare mistakes.
	Guides reader structurally and stylistically.
	Makes very few technical errors.
	Candidates are likely to describe:
	sentence types, clauses, clause elements and clause linking
	pragmatic features
	structural features.
9–12	Uses a range of linguistic terms or in some depth with occasional errors.
	Develops a line of argument in controlled linguistic register.
	Shows firm control of technical accuracy.
	Candidates are likely to describe:
	types of nouns, adjectives and adverbs
	verb tenses, aspect, voice, modality
	interactive features.
6–8	Uses linguistic terms consistently and largely accurately.
	Communicates clearly with clear topics and paragraphs.
	Makes infrequent technical errors.
	Candidates are likely to describe:
	word classes: adjectives, verbs, adverbs, conjunctions annual functions
1.5	sentence functions. Begins to use linguistic terms but with some errors.
4-5	Expresses ideas with organisation emerging.
	Occasional technical errors.
	Candidates are likely to label:
	pronouns precisely
	some lexical-semantic features.
3	Attempts to use linguistic terms with occasional accuracy of description.
	Conveys basic ideas with some organisation.
	Frequent errors.
	Candidates are likely to identify:
	graphology/phonology/complexity/formality.
2	Attempts to use frameworks with minimal accuracy achieved or quotes judiciously without linguistic
	description.
	Makes basic errors that intrude on communication.
	Development of the leaves of the text (
1	Rarely quotes or refers to the language of the text(s).
	Has major flaws in language that impede communication.
0	Does not comment on the texts.
	Does not comment on the texts.

Mark	AO3: Analyse and evaluate the influence of contextual factors on the production and reception of spoken and written language				
	Award a mark out of 15 for analysis of mode	Award a mark out of 15 for analysis of			
	features	meaning			
	Makes close detailed points drawing on and				
	Engages perceptively with texts' r				
13–15	Candidates are likely to explore:	Candidates are likely to explore:			
	elements of mixed modes and multi-modality	sentence and clause effects			
	conceptualised overviews of mode	rhetorical strategies			
	syntactical simplicity and complexity	use of assertion and anecdote as			
	information processing and structuring at	strategies in A			
	sentence and paragraph level.	strategies used to advise readers in B.			
	Analyses context's influence and interprets deta	_			
9–12	Candidates are likely to analyse:	Candidates are likely to analyse:			
	expressive/message orientation of the texts	representation of views on children's			
	repetition and reformulation	upbringing			
	 degrees of interactivity, eg tag questions, 	representation of caregivers, children and			
	monitoring features, simultaneous speech	their relationships			
	(A), tabs, links (B).	effects of tenses and modality			
		particular topics: control – rewards/			
		punishment, children's behaviour, adults'			
		responsibilities.			
6–8	Understands effect of context and what Candidates are likely to discuss:	Candidates are likely to discuss:			
0-0	shared contexts: inclusiveness and shared	 meanings of word choices 			
	interests	 specific examples, ideas and opinions 			
	spontaneity/planning and structuring	about child discipline.			
	visual design	acout orma arcorpinior			
	markers of spoken mode				
	deixis, historic present, 'like' as quotative				
	verb.				
	Shows awareness o				
4 -	Begins to interpret what texts				
4–5	Candidates are likely to explain:	Candidates are likely to explain:			
	use of non-standard English anhamorality/normananana	information about child discipline.			
	ephemerality/permanencepersonal and direct address.				
	Identifies some features	of language variation			
	Has broad awareness that contex				
	Candidates are likely to identify:	Candidates are likely to identify:			
	bold, capitals, punctuation, font	expressive and informative functions			
	non-fluency features.	broadly			
		family participants (A)			
		parent audience (B).			
	Gives simple/generalised/descriptiv				
2	Candidates are likely to:	Candidates are likely to give:			
4	label texts as spoken and written/electronic.	unanalysed quotations.			
1	Misunderstands audience/purpose/co				
0	Does not comme	nt on the texts.			

_	Key Words: Comment linguistically on five different features of language use					
2	which you find of interest.					
0 2	Assessment Focuses: Application and exploration of Linguistic Frameworks for					
	Analysis.					
Mark	AO1: Select and apply a range of linguistic methods, to communicate relevant knowledge using appropriate terminology and coherent, accurate written expression					
0–10	Award 2 marks for each linguistic feature described fully and accurately.					
	Award 1 mark for each relevantly identified linguistic feature with partially accurate linguistic description.					
	Candidates are likely to identify:					
	imperative mood – 'look nanny Pam'					
	elision – 'nextember'					
	present tense – 'I start'					
	• past tense – 'saw'					
	• simple clause – 'I want my branky'					
	transposition of initial consonants – 'par cark'					
	final consonant deletion – 'branky'					
	conversion – 'mowered'					
	past tense suffixing – 'stolened'					
	'my' used as a subject – 'my sliding down'					
	• indefinite pronoun – 'someone'					
	present progressive – 'sliding'					
	present perfective – 'has stolened'					
	linked clauses – 'cow cow musn't go on the grass cause it's been mowered'					
	first person narrative 'l'					
	reduplication – 'cow cow'					
	functions of speech, eg control – 'I want my branky'					
	• genres of speech, eg story telling – 'I saw a mouse and a monkey'.					

This list is not definitive. You should also reward other linguistic points which are accurate and valid.

4	2	In your answer you should: refer to		n of language depend on children's experiences of the world about them? examples of children's language, discuss relevant research and theory,
0	3	present a clear line of argument. Assessment Focuses: Quality of expression – understand and discuss examples of the language used by children/theories about initial language acquisition – explore the nature of the acquisition process.		
M	ark	AO1: Select and apply a range of linguistic methods, to communicate relevant knowledge using appropriate terminology and coherent, accurate written expression (Award a mark out of 5)	Mark	AO2: Demonstrate critical understanding of a range of concepts and issues related to the construction and analysis of meanings in spoken and written language. (Award a mark out of 15 and double)
	5	Uses sophisticated and demanding linguistic terms with rare mistakes. Guides reader structurally and stylistically. Makes very few technical errors.	13–15	Shows good knowledge about linguistic concepts, theories and research. Identifies and comments on different views and interpretations. Candidates are likely to explore: • a range of well selected examples of phonological, semantic and grammatical features, eg syntax, word order, negation, semantic relations and question formulation • innateness and Universal grammar as alternative explanations • significance of variable input and interaction • pragmatic and social dimensions of learning language • significance of nature and effect of correction • significance of examples of extensions, narrowing, word creation • reception vs production; understanding vs language.
	4	Uses a range of linguistic terms or in some depth with occasional errors. Develops a line of argument in controlled linguistic register. Shows firm control of technical accuracy.	9–12	Shows depth/range of knowledge of linguistic ideas/concepts/ research. Develops views on linguistic issues. Candidates are likely to discuss: a clear case for the impact of understanding the world a range of examples supporting cognitive views, eg seriation, object permanence examples of types of extension: categorical, analogical and statement functional explanations of language development role of CDS/LASS to help understand language.
	3	Uses linguistic terms consistently and largely accurately. Communicates clearly with clear topics and paragraphs. Makes infrequent technical errors.	6–8	Shows knowledge of linguistic ideas, concepts and research. Outlines views on linguistic issues. Candidates are likely to explain: • nature of semantic fields and word classes acquired • theories and research based on cognitive approaches • theories and research based on imitation/behaviourism.
	2	Begins to use linguistic terms but with some errors. Expresses ideas with organisation emerging. Occasional technical errors.	3–5	Shows awareness of linguistic ideas, concepts and research. Candidates are likely to show: • knowledge of pre-verbal stages as preparing for language • a limited range of features of children's language with occasional linguistic description • familiarity with names of researchers and labels of theories.
	1	Attempts to use frameworks with minimal accuracy achieved or quotes judiciously without linguistic description. Makes basic errors that intrude on communication.	2	Is anecdotal/descriptive with implicit relevance and uncertain about how to carry out linguistic study. Candidates are likely to use: some features of children's language without clear comment generalised/lay discussions of children's language/broad assertions.
	0	Has major flaws in language that impede communication. Does not communicate.	0	Has little focus on linguistic issues and give generalised discussions of children's development without language focus. Shows no understanding of anything concerned with the study of language.

3	Key Words: Comment linguistically on five different features of language use which you find of interest.				
0 4	Assessment Focuses: Application and exploration of Linguistic Frameworks for analysis.				
Mark	AO1: Select and apply a range of linguistic methods, to communicate relevant knowledge using appropriate terminology and coherent, accurate written expression				
0–10	Award 2 marks for each linguistic feature described fully and accurately.				
	Award 1 mark for each relevantly indentified linguistic feature with partially accurate linguistic description.				
	Candidates are likely to identify:				
	 simple clauses – 'I had to work in a mine' first person narrative – 'I wasn't the only' spatial dimensions of early writing – various letter sizes reversed letter 't' correction – 'hab/had' interaction – 'good work' past tense – 'I had to work in a mine' past tense – 'there were other children in the mine' imaginative narrative – 'I had to work in a mine' narrative linked to drawing adjective – 'only' one terminal full stop orthographical variation – 'childrin'. 				

This list is not definitive. You should also reward other linguistic points which are accurate and valid.

3	Key Words: How important are reading and drawing in helping children learn to write? In your answer you should: refer to particular examples of children's language, discuss relevant research and theory, present a clear line of argument.		
0 5	Assessment Focuses: Quality of expression – understand and discuss examples of the written language used by children/theories about children's acquisition of writing skills – explore the nature of the acquisition process.		
Mark	AO1: Select and apply a range of linguistic methods, to communicate relevant knowledge using appropriate terminology and coherent, accurate written expression (Award a mark out of 5)	Mark	AO2: Demonstrate critical understanding a range of concepts and issues related to the construction and analysis of meanings in spoken and written language (Award a mark out of 15 and double)
5	Uses sophisticated and demanding terms with rare mistakes. Guides reader structurally and stylistically. Makes very few technical errors.	13–15	Shows good knowledge about linguistic concepts, theories and research. Identifies and comments on different views and interpretations. Candidates are likely to explore: a range of features in detail, eg grammatical, orthographical, semantic and punctuation features contribution of reading, drawing and narrative to the development of writing skills phoneme/lexeme relationships writing as representing communicative power syntax, semantic relations, systematic orthographical variation written language acquisition as a cognitive process written language acquisition as an active and deductive process, eg experimentation, correction research and theories about writing acquisition critically, using evidence to evaluate.
4	Uses a range of linguistic terms or in some depth with occasional errors. Develops a line of argument in controlled linguistic register. Shows firm control of technical accuracy.	10–12	Shows depth/range of knowledge of linguistic ideas/concepts/ research. Develops views on linguistic issues. Candidates are likely to discuss: some well selected examples acquisition of writing as an interactive process links between speech and writing roles of primary/secondary care-givers some rules and principles applied by children, eg word order, negation, agreement of word classes, tense and sentence boundaries some research and theory a view of the nature of written language acquisition as a developmental and cognitive process.
3	Uses linguistic terms consistently and largely accurately. Communicates clearly with clear topics and paragraphs. Makes infrequent technical errors.	6–9	Shows knowledge of linguistic ideas, concepts and research. Outlines views on linguistic issues. Candidates are likely to explain: some features of children's written language drawing and handwriting, formation of letter symbols, punctuation and word classes some features of theories without linking to examples/issues of task broad/implicit understanding of the nature of the acquisition process.
2	Begins to use linguistic terms but with some errors. Expresses ideas with organisation emerging. Occasional technical errors.	3–5	Shows awareness of linguistic ideas, concepts and research. Candidates are likely to show: broad/partial accounts of stages of acquisition of writing skills a limited range of features of children's language with occasional linguistic insight some familiarity with names of researchers and broad awareness of theories.
1	Attempts to use frameworks with minimal accuracy achieved or quotes judiciously without linguistic description. Makes basic errors that intrude on communication.	2	Is anecdotal/descriptive with implicit relevance and uncertain about how to carry out linguistic study. Candidates are likely to use: some features of children's language without clear comment generalised/lay discussions of children's language/broad assertions.
0	Has major flaws in language that impede communication. Does not communicate.	0	Has little focus on linguistic issues and gives generalised discussions of children's development without language focus. Shows no understanding of anything concerned with the study of language.