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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the last candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the first.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme - not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification/indicative content will not be exhaustive.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, a senior examiner must be consulted before a mark is given.
- Crossed out work should be marked **unless** the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

Marking guidance – specific

The marking grids have been designed to assess student work holistically. The grids identify which Assessment Objective is being targeted by each bullet point within the level descriptors. One bullet point is linked to one Assessment Objective, however please note that the number of bullet points in the level descriptor does not directly correlate to the number of marks in the level descriptor.

When deciding how to reward an answer, examiners should consult both the indicative content and the associated marking grid(s). When using a levels-based mark scheme, the 'best fit' approach should be used:

- examiners should first decide which descriptor most closely matches the answer and place it in that level
- the mark awarded within the level will be decided based on the quality of the answer and will be modified according to how securely all bullet points are displayed at that level
- in cases of uneven performance, the points above will still apply. Candidates will be placed in the level that best describes their answer according to each of the Assessment Objectives described in the level.

Marks will be awarded towards the top or bottom of that level depending on how they have evidenced each of the descriptor bullet points

- examiners of Advanced GCE English should remember that all Assessment Objectives within a level are equally weighted. They must consider this when making their judgements
- the mark grid identifies which Assessment Objective is being targeted by each bullet point within the level descriptors
- indicative content is exactly that – they are factual points that candidates are likely to use to construct their answer. It is possible for an answer to be constructed without mentioning some or all of these points, as long as they provide alternative responses to the indicative content that fulfils the requirements of the question. It is the examiner’s responsibility to apply their professional judgement to the candidate’s response in determining if the answer fulfils the requirements of the question.

Paper 2 Mark scheme

Indicative content

Question 1

Candidates should focus on:

- the language features shown by the child
- the interactions between the two family members
- the context of the language.

This focus should be supported with examples from the data using an appropriate range of language levels and frameworks. The candidate should not use a deficit model to describe early speech.

Students should make reference to theories associated with child language development and how the data supports such theories or challenges them. Theories discussed could include, but are not limited to, Halliday's functions, nativism, behaviourism, social interactionism and more recent research such as the work of Michael Tomasello.

Candidates should use language features to exemplify their points about context and theory.

Candidates should use the features they identify to illustrate both the development of Luke's speech and how this development allows him to shape his language to interact with his mother.

Discourse/Pragmatics

- the mother treats Luke as an expert and encourages him to expand and explain
- the mother uses interrogatives to interact and prompt Luke to expand his utterances, e.g. 'and how does he do that'
- the mother and Luke repeat each other's utterances
- the mother clarifies and models Luke's utterances
- Luke is aware that his mother does not share his knowledge and that he has to explain certain concepts, e.g. 'he's good guy in Godzilla'
- Luke can respond as expected to his mother's questions
- mother reformulates her utterances, e.g. '...study about pirates ... learn about'
- Luke reformulates his utterances, e.g. the changing pronunciation of 'Ultraman'
- Luke uses a declarative to signal his needs, e.g. 'I want blanket on'
- absence of overlaps.

Phonology

- Luke shows patterns of substitution when he finds phonemes difficult
- Luke shows deletion of consonants in some consonant clusters, e.g. 'blast'
- shows evidence of elision in his pronunciation of 'and' and 'because'
- deletion of unstressed syllable in polysyllabic 'definitely'
- repeats pronunciation to aid understanding.

Morphology

- Luke is variable in his production of third person forms
- Luke sometimes omits inflections, e.g. 'Godzilla push them off'
- majority shows standard usage.

Lexis

- Luke uses lexis from various semantic fields and these reflect his interests and environment, e.g. 'Godzilla', 'dinosaur'
- Luke invents specific terms for his toys, e.g. 'finger Godzilla'
- uses vague/imprecise 'things' and colloquial 'thingies' when he lacks specific terms
- Luke seems to make up words where there is no standard form, e.g. 'gulpa'
- phrases like 'good guy' likely learned from media.

Syntax

- some variability in the production of the copula. Luke only produces contracted forms
- omitted auxiliary verb in 'you going out?' could reflect development or casual speech. His mother also omits this verb, e.g. 'what you doing?' but does reformulate to include the auxiliary.
- variability in use of standard negative verb phrases, e.g. 'I wasn't...', 'I no have...'
- Luke uses function words except in 'he's good guy in Godzilla'.

These are suggestions only. Accept any valid interpretation based on different linguistic approaches.

Please refer to the Specific Marking Guidance on page 3 when applying these marking grids.

		AO1 = bullet points 1	AO2 = bullet point 2
Level	Mark	Descriptor (AO1 and AO2)	
	0	No rewardable material.	
Level 1	1–6	Descriptive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of methods of language analysis is largely unassimilated. Recalls limited range of terminology and makes frequent errors and technical lapses. • Knowledge of concepts and issues is limited. Uses a descriptive approach or paraphrases with little evidence of applying understanding to the data. 	
Level 2	7–12	General understanding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recalls methods of language analysis that show general understanding. Organises and expresses ideas with some clarity, though has lapses in use of terminology. • Summarises basic concepts and issues. Applies some of this understanding when discussing data. 	
Level 3	13–18	Clear relevant application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies relevant methods of language analysis to data with clear examples. Ideas are structured logically and expressed with few lapses in clarity and transitioning. Clear use of terminology. • Clear understanding and application of relevant concepts and issues to data. 	
Level 4	19–24	Discriminating controlled application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Controlled application of methods of language analysis supported with use of discriminating examples. Controls the structure of response with effective transitions, carefully chosen language and use of terminology. • Discriminating selection and application of a range of concepts and issues to the data. 	
Level 5	25–30	Critical and evaluative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical application of methods of language analysis with sustained examples. Uses sophisticated structure and expression with appropriate register and style, including use of appropriate terminology. • Evaluative application of a wide range of concepts and issues. 	

Level	Mark	Descriptor (AO3)
	0	No rewardable material.
Level 1	1–3	Descriptive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lists contextual factors and language features. Makes limited links between these and the construction of meaning in the data.
Level 2	4–6	General understanding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describes construction of meaning in the data. Uses examples of contextual factors or language features to support this.
Level 3	7–9	Clear relevant application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explains construction of meaning in data by making relevant links to contextual factors and language features.
Level 4	10–12	Discriminating controlled application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Makes inferences about the construction of meaning in data by examining relevant links to contextual factors and language features.
Level 5	13–15	Critical evaluative approach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Critically examines relevant links to contextual factors and language features. Evaluates construction of meaning in data.