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Unit 1: Patterns of Child Development (21486E)

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#### **General Comments**

There is some evidence that supports the view that learners are becoming more adept at answering higher level questions. MCQ questions are being answered more accurately however learners still struggle with identifying ages/age ranges. The 1801 series introduced some new format to questions within the paper and marks awarded to support learner achievement. The use of picture format for some of the questions, is now embedded and there are signs that learners are finding this type of question more accessible.

Question 15 now comprises three parts. The learners are given guidance on the areas to include within the response; the age appropriate milestone, the resources/activities and how these resources/activities will support development. This question now carries 6 marks and there was some evidence that learners are beginning to respond more positively to this type of question.

In other areas, the question provides an example of a typical type of response. Question 11(b) gives an example of how adults show Jennie pictures (activity) to encourage her to point (milestone). There was some evidence learners used these prompts to model their own responses. However, there were occasions where learners used examples in the questions in their own responses for which no marks were awarded.

The final question now carries a total of 9 marks. Learners were provided with a scenario and asked to assess how using the theme could support children's gross and fine motor development between ages three and five years. There was some evidence that learners were following the guidance given in 'what to include'. Learners sometimes struggled with identifying negative responses but this may have been because they were asked to focus only on gross and fine motor development. This latter aspect changes each series.

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#### Questions 1 - 6

There is evidence that many learners are achieving marks for these questions. Learners appear to have good knowledge of this unit when questions are presented in this format. There were some questions were learners struggled, e.g., where they had to identify two ways. In some cases learners made only one choice rather than trying to gain the extra mark – even if by chance.

#### Question 7 (a)

#### Targeted Specification Area: Learning Aim: B1

Learners appeared more confident with this type of question, when shown as illustration/picture. Many learners were able to gain 1 mark for pincer grasp.

#### Question 7(b)

Learners struggled more to identify the correct age range where a child first uses the pincer grasp. It is noted that similar to previous series, learners appear to struggle with the type of question that asks them to identify an age range/age. With questions asking for an age range, learners are also awarded a mark if they pick an age that falls within the correct age range.

#### **Ouestion 8**

#### Targeted Specification Area: Learning Aim: B1

As with 7(b) above, learners appear to struggle when asked to identify age/age range.

#### Ouestion 9

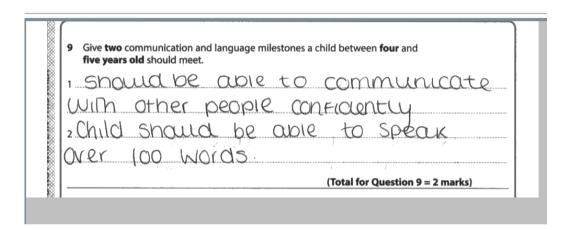
## Targeted Specification Area: Learning Aim: B1

(a) This question asked learners to give two communication and language milestones a child between four and five years should meet. Many learners gained at least 1 mark for this question. Where learners failed to gain marks, they often provided responses that were related to cognitive development. As there is an intrinsic link between language and cognition, the mark scheme for this question was further developed to enable learners to gain marks where they were able to demonstrate the clear, age appropriate link to communication and language.

#### 2 mark example

9	Give <b>two</b> communication and language milestones a child between <b>four</b> and <b>five years old</b> should meet.
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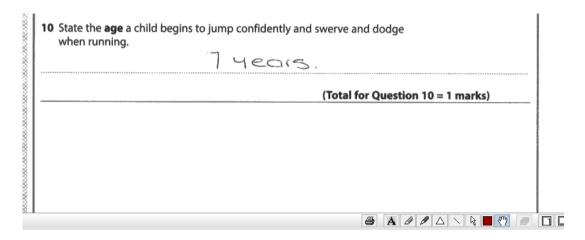
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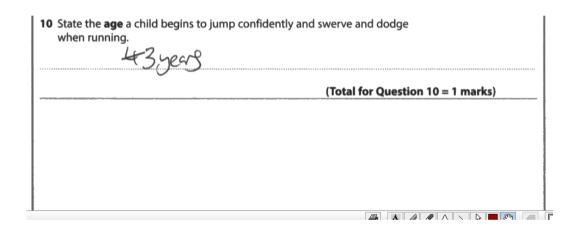
## Question 10 Targeted Specification Area: Learning Aim: B1

This question asked for the age a child should begin to jump confidently and swerve and dodge when running. It was thought that by providing more than one example, learners might be more able to correctly identify the age range. As with questions 7(b) and 8, however, learners appear to struggle with identifying the correct age/age range.

#### 1 mark



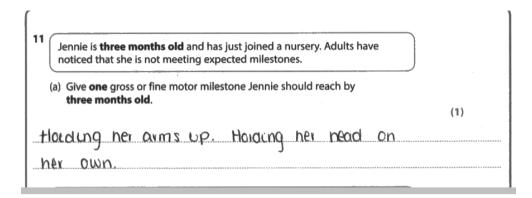
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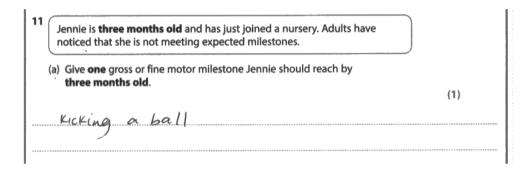
### Question 11 (a) (b) Targeted Specification Area: Learning Aim: B1, C1

(a) Learners were asked to provide one example of gross or fine motor development a child should reach at three months old. There were mixed responses to this question. Some learners were able to identify correct examples, whilst others identified milestones achieved at an older age range. It was felt that in some instances learners read 'years' as opposed to 'months' in the question.

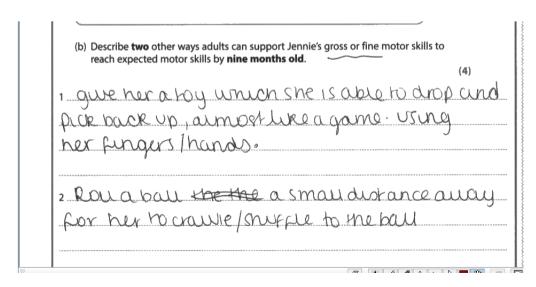
#### 1 mark



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(b) In this question learners were asked to describe two other ways adults could help Jennie reach expected milestons at nine months. Again for this question there was some evidence to suggest learners were incorrectly identifying 'months' for 'years'



In some cases although the learner identifed 'support' they gave no example of the type of support e.g., holding her hand, putting a toy out of reach for her to crawl to.

	(b) Describe two other ways adults can support Jennie's gross or fine motor skill reach expected motor skills by nine months old.	is to
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	and Support her	
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## 2 mark example

reacn expected motor skills by <b>nine months old</b> .	(4)
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but support here the f	rst
few times	
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2 give her toys that can	Ω
make noises and shake	2
them encourging her to	
repeat.	***************************************

#### 1 mark

In some cases learners gave responses that were in the question e.g., 'point' so no marks were awarded for these examples

	(b) Describe <u>two</u> other ways adults can <u>support</u> Jennie's <u>gross or fine motor</u> skills to <u>reach</u> expected motor skills by <u>nine months</u> old.	D
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Some responses related more to other areas of development

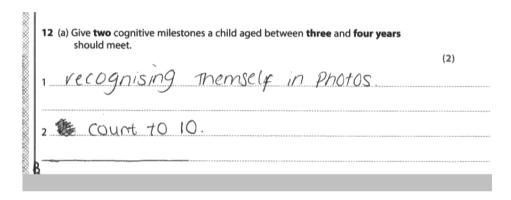
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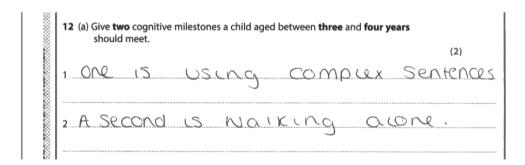
(a) This question asked learners to identify two cognitive milestones for a child aged between three and four years. Some learners were able to identify correct examples.

Counting to 10 accurately, is within the four to five year age range, if learners identified counting to 10 (without 'accurately') this was accepted.

#### 1 mark



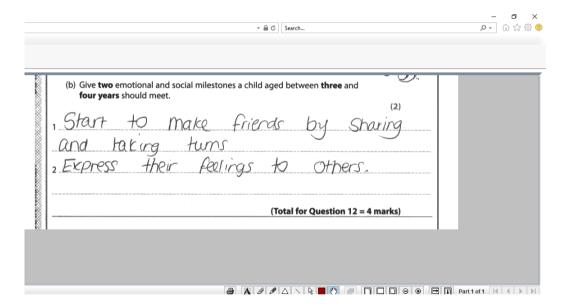
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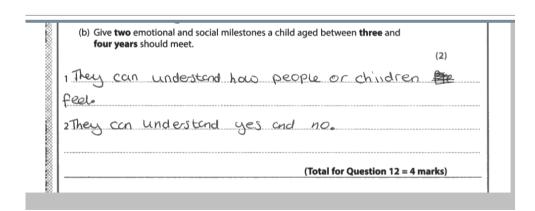


### 12 (b)

Here learners were asked to identify two emotional and social milestones for a child aged between three and four. Many learners were able to identify two correct responses. Most common were friendship preferences and playing with other friends.

#### 1 mark





## Question 13 Targeted Specification Area: Learning Aim: B

Learners were asked to identify two gross milestones for a child aged three years.

Many learners struggled with this item as they were unable to identify correct milestones. A number of responses gave less specific examples e.g., run, whereas the response required was run backwards, run forwards. This is a difficult one as 'run' appears in different areas of the specification so learners needed to provide an accurate response.

#### 2 marks

Here the second response is incorrect however as run backwards and run forwards were accepted as separate responses, 2 marks awarded for the first response

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# Question 14 Targeted Specification Area: Learning Aim: B, C

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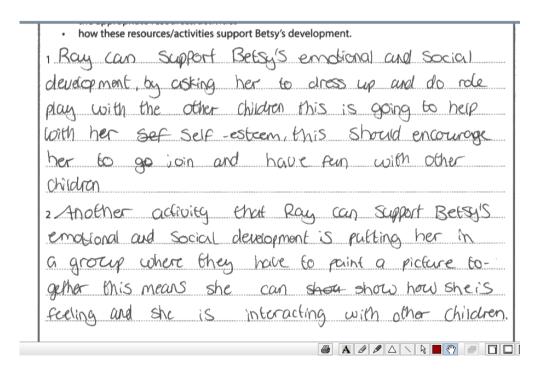
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2 Shoud be	able to woswer trings when
being asked	L.:
	(Total for Question 14 = 2 marks)

14 Give two communication and language milestones a child should reach by eight years old.  1 COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER CHILDS.	
2 MOND LANGUAGE (Machine 14 = 2 marks)	

## Question 15 Targeted Specification Area: Learning Aim: B1, C1

#### 6 mark



activities for her and other chudren

to do rogether, such as a sumple quiz.

By doing this Betsy will start to make

new friends and show friendship preferences.

2 Another way that Ray could encourage

Betsy is by setting up a roll

play activity, this will help her understand

different emotions if there is dolls with

faces and different emotions on this will

support social development because she will be orders.

#### 5 marks

1 one way lay can support Betsy's emotional and social development is he could do more grow work so that she will communicate with them and make friends.

2 Another way lay can support Betsy's emotional and social development is he cauld make her feel welcome and do more activities were Betsy could share what she's Playing with with the other children:

1 At age It is she can allow betty
to play with other chiaren by getting
out few toys so mut they'd have to share
and interact with each other

2 She can so find out betty per preferences
and other chiaren's to see is they have anything
similar Then Should allow betty to play
with other chiaren with he same perference.
This would allow her to socialise and
Pay with other chiaren

#### 4 marks

other children by putting betsy into group activities with sand or water this will encourage betsy to be social and talk to the other children about what he is doing.

Another way Ray can get betsy to play with other children is encouraging him to play games. For example, role play.

this will help betsy to use ther imagination with other children children. Therefore making her feel happy.

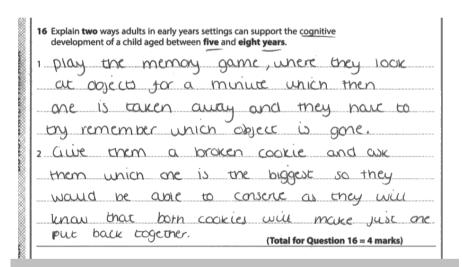
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how these resources/activities support Betsy's development.
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communace with them and they can work
cogether that For example banding houses solving
a puzzies.
2 The activite will map help Belsy's development
by Conglivaive development because she using
her brain and help her social because she
communicating withouner children which
will improve her learning new words

## Question 16 Targeted Specification Area: Learning Aim: B1 C1

#### 4 marks

1 by count	ting to 100 with them
so they c	an recognise 4 and may be
able to M	remonise them.
	with basic maths. They should
	with basic maths They Should perform sumple additions
	perform simple addutions
	perform simple addutions



16 Explain two ways adults in early years settings can support the cognitive development of a child aged between five and eight years.

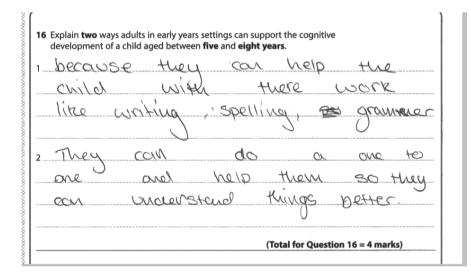
1 adults could support them by giving them putzles or maths questions to increase their problem solving.

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2 They could also give them a memory game to increase their memory skills as they are able to remember what they'd seen.

(Total for Question 16 = 4 marks)

#### 0 mark



# Question 17 Targeted Specification Area: Learning Aim: B1 C1

Explain (wo	ways that adults ca t when he is <b>two a</b>	n support James old	communication and	d language
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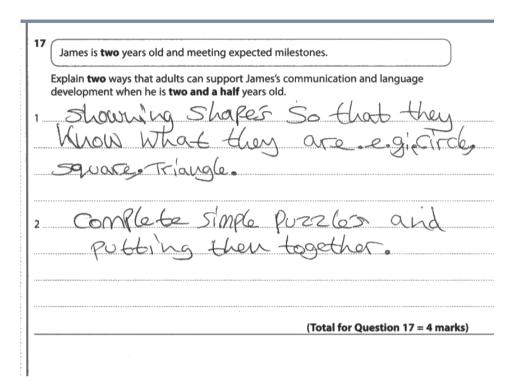
James is <b>two</b> years old and meeting expected milestones.
Explain <b>two</b> ways that adults can support James's communication and language development when he is <b>two and a half</b> years old.
adults can support this by talking
to James about things and encourager
rim to use new words.
adults can do activitys such as
urcle time and when you get the
eady you have to say something
start weekend this will helphin
CONUMICATE WITH OTHEY (Total for Question 17 = 4 marks)
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James is <b>two</b> years old and meeting expected milestones.
Explain <b>two</b> ways that adults can support James's communication and language development when he is <b>two and a half</b> years old.
1 practice reading win James Thu win give nom the
apparuncy te prie upnow words and vacabulary.
Athen as nexp nin to improve his talking by the
time he vi 3yaael.
2 They can proceed talk to James and ashow try
to get him to speak to litt communeation improved
and he knows better range of rocabulary
(Total for Question 17 = 4 marks)

James is <b>two</b> years old and meeting expected milestones.
Explain <b>two</b> ways that adults can support James's communication and language development when he is <b>two and a half</b> years old.
1 Provide book and picture book to
help understand the vocabulary and tend to only questions.
2 ringing numery Thymer to make him usinn in and ring along.
(Total for Question 17 = 4 marks)

Explain <b>two</b> ways that adults can support development when he is <b>two and a half</b> y	
1 They could read t	to James. To By tellis
him storys it will v	erp james
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2 They could sing hus	ery enymes, so Tanes will
pick them up and be	egin to sing them himse
if he is singing to co	an communicate singing
or even tacking	
	(Total for Question 17 = 4 marks)

James is <b>two</b> years old and meeting expected milestones.
Explain <b>two</b> ways that adults can support James's communication and language development when he is <b>two and a half</b> years old.
1 By asking him for simple questions, like
do you want to do this game.
2 let him work with other children where
he sauce so chem.
(Total for Question 17 = 4 marks)

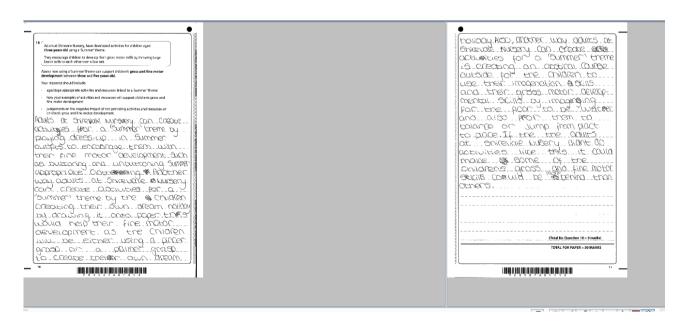


#### **Question 18**

Targeted Specification Area: Learning Aim: A1 B1, C1

#### Level 3 mark band

Learners gaining grades within this boundary were more able to cite age appropriate examples related to the theme. They made appropriate links to the type of support adults could provide the negative impact on development in reaching appropriate milestones.



18 Adults at Shirevale Nursery, have developed activities for children aged three years old using a 'Summer' theme.

They encourage children to develop their gross motor skills by throwing large beach balls to each other over a low net.

Assess how using a 'Summer' theme can support children's gross and fine motor development between three and five years old,

Your meaning chauld include

- · age/stage appropriate activities and resources linked to a 'Summer' theme
- how your examples of activities and resources will support children's gross and fine motor development
- judgements on the negative impact of not providing activities and resources on children's gross and fine motor development.

wing a "Summer' theme can Support fine motor skill because the child can take part in an air and class Session when the child user their fincer.
Grusp to hold a crayon and draw fictures of flowers Gomerning Summery) developing their handers cooldination.

Using a "Jummer" theme can support gross motor

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On the Sand. This is benefical because it the Child

fails Off the bike, it is failing on a smooth surface
(Sand). Riding a bike allows the Child to use the
larger mucks (Legs) developing growth

Wing a Jummer' theme can support fine motor skills, by playing in the sandpit. This allows the church to exterior feeling the different textures like sand mixed with water and using the smaller muscles (fingus) to devilop movement.

Wiling a "Summer" theme can Juppart gross motor skuls by practicing to Juvin When Juvinming with a Jubber ring, the child is wiling the legs to Kick and the aims to move about and stay above the water this again is developing the Child's muscles in the bigger joints developing growth.

If Children's gross and motor skills are not developed by being provided with resourds and activities, the creatism a child's growth as they are not moving the Large and small muscles such as the arms and legs Llarger and those is maluri. This also effects other areas of development Juch as hand-eye coordination.

(Total for Question 18 = 9 marks)

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Adults at Shirevale Nursery, have developed activities for children aged three years old using a 'Summer' theme. They encourage children to develop their gross motor skills by throwing large beach balls to each other over a low net. Assess how using a 'Summer' theme can support children's gross and fine motor development between three and five years old. Your response should include: age/stage appropriate activities and resources linked to a 'Summer' theme how your examples of activities and resources will support children's gross and fine motor development judgements on the negative impact of not providing activities and resources on children's gross and fine motor development. Having a summer theme for three year olds is a good idea because at This age they will start to want to play outside more often especially if it's worm outside as were Some Fine motor developments are they could Sit on the grass and try and make little daisy chains, or they could take colours outside like chalk and draw on the pavements. They could take to cycles outside and let the adults help them on it, or they can take balls outside and Kick them around and pretend to play football with it. They could have water play outside for them like

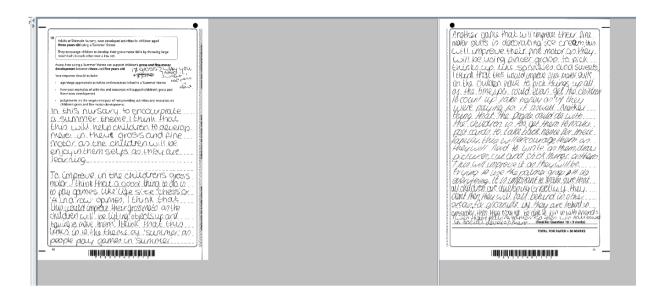
tittle books and plastic toys.

This will help them with their grass and fine motor development with picking daisys as they will be using the pincer grip to get them and using their lingers to make the chain with for their gross motor development, Kicking the bows would be a good idea because it is totting them find their balance and being dering to do it. Him There will be no negative impact of providing these activities and resources because having an the children together will mean that no one is being left out and they won't have to concentrate on one ehidd feeling left out or being behind in anything

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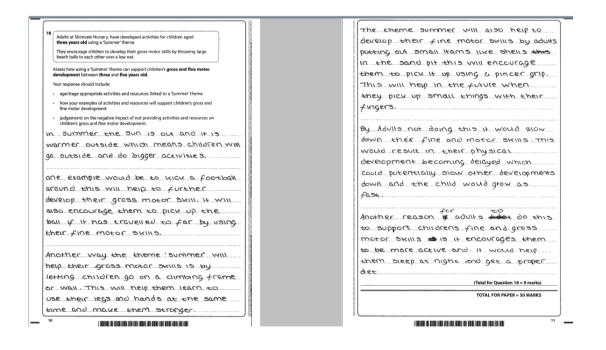
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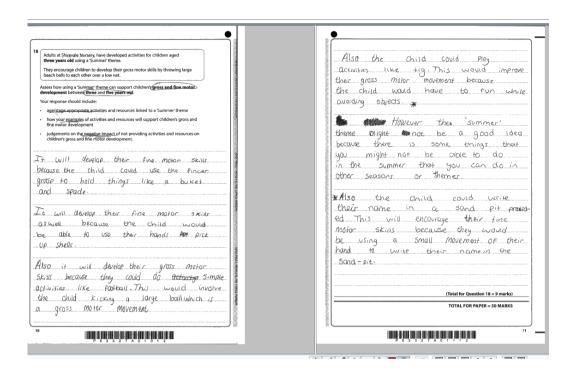
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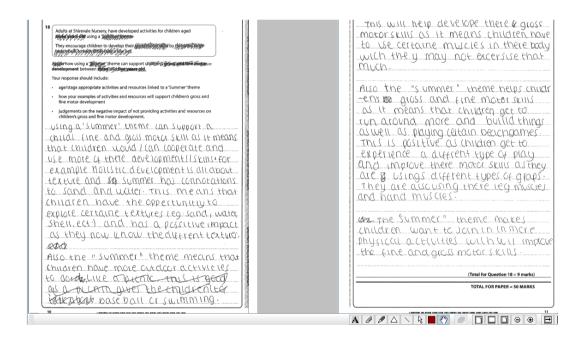


#### Level 2 mark band

Learners achieving grades within this boundary were able to cite good examples linked to the theme, though they were not always age appropriate, some linked to other areas of development whereas this question focuses on one area of development. There were some good attempts at providing adult support however synthesis was slightly weaker.

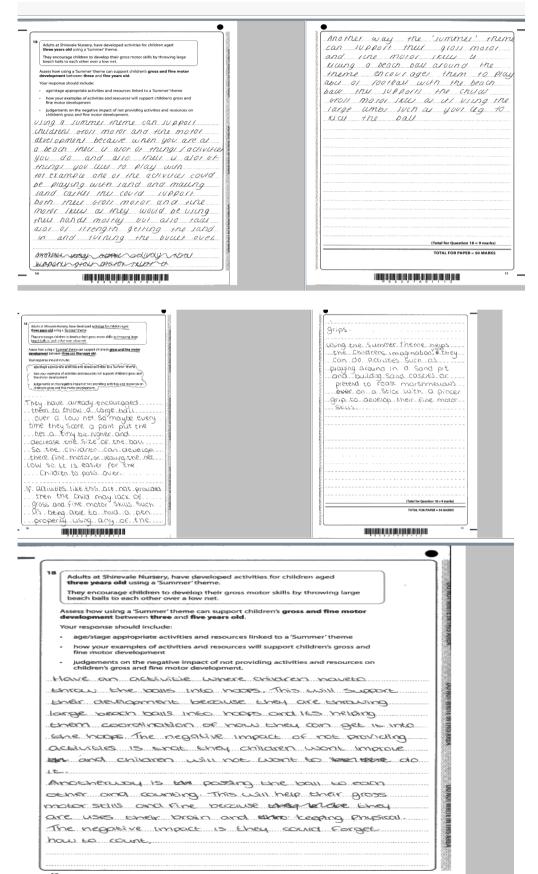


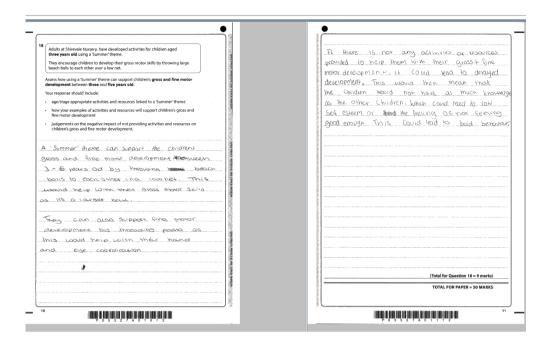




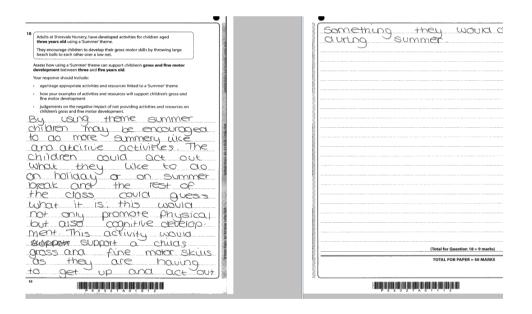
#### Level 1 mark band

Learners achieving marks within this grade boundary were able to cite few examples and these were mostly unrelated the appropriate milestones and/or to the theme. Links to the types of adult support provided were weak or absent and there was no/little relevant detail as to the effects on development. In some instances learners repeated types of support or discussed examples that were provided in the question.





#### 0 marks awarded



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