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Part I: Discussion of a newspaper article and related themes (30 marks)

- **Comprehension and discussion (14 marks)**
- **Range and accuracy (10 marks)**
- **Pronunciation and intonation (6 marks)**

Comprehension and discussion (14 marks)	Range and accuracy (10 marks)	Pronunciation and intonation (6 marks)
13–14 <i>Excellent</i> Excellent understanding of article and response to examiner's prompts. Shows initiative in developing discussion.	9–10 <i>Excellent</i> Excellent level of accuracy. Confident and effective use of wide range of structures.	6 <i>Excellent</i> Authentic pronunciation and intonation.
11–12 <i>Very good</i> Very good understanding of article and response to examiner's prompts. Responds readily without undue hesitation.	7–8 <i>Very good</i> Very good level of accuracy, over range of structures. Tenses and agreements generally reliable, but some lapses in more complex areas.	5 <i>Very good</i> Very good pronunciation and intonation.
9–10 <i>Good</i> Good understanding of article and response to examiner's prompts. Reasonably forthcoming but tends to follow examiner's lead.	5–6 <i>Good</i> Good level of accuracy, with some inconsistency. Some complex language attempted. Errors do not impair communication.	4 <i>Good</i> Generally good pronunciation and intonation.
7–8 <i>Satisfactory</i> Adequate understanding of article and response to most of examiner's prompts. Has difficulty with more complicated ideas.	3–4 <i>Satisfactory</i> Gaps in knowledge of grammar. Communication impaired by errors.	3 <i>Satisfactory</i> Satisfactory pronunciation and intonation.
4–6 <i>Weak</i> Limited understanding of article and very limited responses, with marked hesitation.	1–2 <i>Weak</i> Little evidence of grammatical awareness. Accuracy only in simple forms.	2 <i>Weak</i> Many sounds mispronounced.
1–3 <i>Poor</i> Minimal understanding of article and response to examiner's prompts.		1 <i>Poor</i> Native language heavily influences pronunciation and intonation, impeding communication.
0 No significant understanding of article and response to examiner's prompts.	0 No rewardable language.	0 Wholly inauthentic pronunciation and intonation.

Part II: Prepared topic discussion (30 marks)

- **Factual knowledge and opinions (14 marks)**
- **Range and accuracy (10 marks)**
- **Pronunciation and intonation (6 marks)**

Factual knowledge and opinions (14 marks)	Range and accuracy (10 marks)	Pronunciation and intonation (6 marks)
13–14 <i>Excellent</i> Excellent factual knowledge of subject, understanding, illustration and opinion. Excellent preparation and discussion.	9–10 <i>Excellent</i> Excellent level of accuracy. Confident and effective use of wide range of structures.	6 <i>Excellent</i> Authentic pronunciation and intonation.
11–12 <i>Very good</i> Comprehensive knowledge of the subject, demonstrating clear understanding and using appropriate illustration. Range of relevant opinion, confidently discussed.	7–8 <i>Very good</i> Very good level of accuracy, over range of structures. Tenses and agreements generally reliable, but some lapses in more complex areas.	5 <i>Very good</i> Very good pronunciation and intonation.
9–10 <i>Good</i> Good range of knowledge, generally well used. Relevant opinions. Ideas discussed well.	5–6 <i>Good</i> Good level of accuracy, with some inconsistency. Some complex language attempted. Errors do not impair communication.	4 <i>Good</i> Generally good pronunciation and intonation.
7–8 <i>Satisfactory</i> Solid base of knowledge, but insecure in some areas. Opinion adequate. Not always able to develop discussion.	3–4 <i>Satisfactory</i> Gaps in knowledge of grammar. Communication impaired by errors.	3 <i>Satisfactory</i> Satisfactory pronunciation and intonation.
4–6 <i>Weak</i> Limited knowledge, with obvious gaps. Some irrelevance and repetition. Opinions limited. Discussion pedestrian and/or hesitant.	1–2 <i>Weak</i> Little evidence of grammatical awareness. Accuracy only in simple forms.	2 <i>Weak</i> Many sounds mispronounced.
1–3 <i>Poor</i> Very limited knowledge. Material very thin and vague. Very hesitant discussion.		1 <i>Poor</i> Native language heavily influences pronunciation and intonation, impeding communication.
0 No knowledge shown of topic.	0 No rewardable language	0 Wholly inauthentic pronunciation and intonation.

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