
GCSE

Bengali

Unit 1 Listening Foundation
Mark scheme

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Notes on the Marking Scheme

Non-verbal Answers

Follow the mark scheme as set out.

Verbal Answers in English

1. The basic principle of assessment is that students should gain credit for what they know, understand and can do. The following guidance should be borne in mind when marking.
 - (a) Credit should be given for all answers which convey the key idea required intelligibly and without ambiguity. A separate assessment of spelling, punctuation and grammar is not required on these papers because of the nature of the answers. However, these aspects are an integral part of assessing communication and marks cannot be awarded where errors in spelling, punctuation or grammar lead to a failure to communicate the required information without ambiguity.
 - (b) Where a student has given alternatives or additional information in answer, the following criteria should be applied:
 - if the alternative/addition does not contradict the key idea or make it ambiguous, accept;
 - if the alternative/addition contradicts the key idea or makes it ambiguous, reject.
 - (c) Where numbered lines are given within a question/section of a question, credit should be given for correct answers, no matter which line they appear on.
 - (d) Where a question has more than one section, a student may include as part of the answer to one section the information required to answer another section. For instance, the information required to answer section (b) might be given as part of the answer to section (a). In such cases, credit should be given for having answered section (b), provided that no incorrect answer has been given for that section in the correct place.
 - (e) Where a question or part of a question carries more than one mark, students are given credit for all the correct answers they give, even if they have given incorrect answers as well, except where any of the latter contradicts a correct answer that they have given.
2. / means that these are acceptable alternative answers. (.....) means that this information is not needed for full marks.
3. In questions where students are asked to name, for example, three types of vegetable sold in the market, only the first three items they write down should be considered.

4. In multiple choice questions where students must choose one letter or number, they should automatically get no mark awarded if they give more than one. If the rubric instructs them to write one letter or number in the box and they do so, but write a second letter or number outside the box too, then the answer in the box should be considered.
5. No mark scheme can cover all possible answers. When in doubt:
 - look for the key idea, where this is appropriate.
 - **NFP** = no further penalty
6. Where a student has crossed out an answer and what was underneath remains legible then it should be assessed. Where part of an answer is crossed out then only what remains should be considered.
7. Where a student spells the answer in such a way that it is a word in the target language, no credit can be awarded.
8. If a student offers two different responses in English eg dog (cat) or dog/cat, no credit can be awarded.

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Question	Accept	Marks	Reject/ notes
1(a)	B	1	

Question	Accept	Marks	Reject/ notes
1(b)	E	1	

Question	Accept	Marks	Reject/ notes
1(c)	C	1	

Question	Accept	Marks	Reject/ notes
1(d)	G	1	

Question	Accept	Marks	Reject/ notes
2(a)	D	1	

Question	Accept	Marks	Reject/ notes
2(b)	F	1	

Question	Accept	Marks	Reject/ notes
2(c)	E	1	

Question	Accept	Marks	Reject/ notes
3(a)	F	1	

Question	Accept	Marks	Reject/ notes
3(b)	G	1	

Question	Accept	Marks	Reject/ notes
3(c)	D	1	

Question	Accept	Marks	Reject/ notes
3(d)	A	1	

Question	Accept	Marks	Reject/ notes
4(a)	F	1	

Question	Accept	Marks	Reject/ notes
4(b)	C	1	

Question	Accept	Marks	Reject/ notes
4(c)	D	1	

Question	Accept	Marks	Reject/ notes
4(d)	G	1	

Question	Accept	Marks	Reject/ notes
5(a)	<p>Advantage: the view (stunning) / large size (house)/ beautiful flowers and trees/ plants (1 of 2)</p> <p>Disadvantage: the parking / nowhere to park/ parking problem</p>	2	

Question	Accept	Marks	Reject/ notes
5(b)	<p>Advantage: well-furnished / close to the office/ work (1 of 2)</p> <p>Disadvantage: no Bangladeshi food shops nearby/ problem with Bengali food court/ eating</p>	2	

Question	Accept	Marks	Reject/ notes
5(c)	<p>Advantage: the price / not expensive/ cheap house</p> <p>Disadvantage: poor public transport/ buses are infrequent/ (public) transport problem</p>	2	

Question	Accept	Marks	Reject/ notes
6(a)	P	1	

Question	Accept	Marks	Reject/ notes
6(b)	N	1	

Question	Accept	Marks	Reject/ notes
6(c)	P+N	1	

Question	Accept	Marks	Reject/ notes
6(d)	N	1	

Question	Accept	Marks	Reject/ notes
7(a)	D	1	

Question	Accept	Marks	Reject/ notes
7(b)	C	1	

Question	Accept	Marks	Reject/ notes
7(c)	F	1	

Question	Accept	Marks	Reject/ notes
8(a)	actress	1	

Question	Accept	Marks	Reject/ notes
8(b)	flower shop / florists	1	

Question	Accept	Marks	Reject/ notes
8(c)	jewellery shop	1	

Question	Accept	Marks	Reject/ notes
8(d)	chef	1	

Question	Accept	Marks	Reject/ notes
9(a)	E	1	

Question	Accept	Marks	Reject/ notes
9(b)	F	1	

Question	Accept	Marks	Reject/ notes
9(c)	A	1	

Total: 35 marks