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Mark Scheme

English Specification A *(3702/2F)*

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Paper 2 Tier F Mark Scheme

INTRODUCTION

Examiners will be expected to read the scripts in their allocation carefully and to make every effort to look positively for achievement throughout the ability range. They will be expected to annotate the scripts in order to show subsequent readers what evidence they have found for the achievement of the particular descriptors in the mark bands and will be expected to give a mark for each answer in the right-hand margin at the end of the answer.

There is a common marking spine which runs across all components. In this way the whole examination can be integrated by using a common grade related system for all components.

There are some rules, however, about the mark ranges that can be given.

TIER F

On Tier F, the questions are targeted at Grades C to G. However, it is quite possible that on an individual essay or component candidates may perform above grade C and so there are also descriptors for grades above C.

DECIDING ON A MARK

Examiners must use the full range of marks. Work exhibiting the highest skills should be considered for full marks.

Marking throughout must be on a ‘best-fit’ principle. Where there are both strengths and weaknesses in a particular answer, examiners should consider carefully which band is the best fit for the performance overall.

The descriptors are an attempt to guide examiners to an understanding of the qualities normally expected of, or ‘typical’ of, work in the band. **They must not be interpreted as hurdle statements.**

Once the mark has been decided upon, by the identification in the body of the script where the descriptor has been met, then the mark should be placed in the right-hand margin.

ANNOTATION OF SCRIPTS

It is important that while they are marking in red, examiners note on the script where they have found specific evidence of candidates having achieved a descriptor. It is likely that examiners will be making more extensive annotations at the beginning of the marking period than at the end, but every mark must be justified by a written comment. Ticks should be used to identify evidence of particular skills. Random ticking is extremely unhelpful.

The best kinds of comments are where a particular element of the descriptors is identified clearly and concisely. The point of making such comments is to allow subsequent readers to understand what you are identifying as positive achievement and where you are seeing material which gains credit. It is to share your marking process with those reading your scripts later (Team Leaders, Assistant Principals, Principals, the Chief, Awarders, QCA, scrutineers etc.).

Examiners are asked to number the scripts in their allocation in the order in which they mark them. The first script marked is '1'. Go right through the allocation. Number the script in the top left-hand corner of the front cover of the script. If you do extra scripts (or 'balcony' marking, etc.) just keep numbering through.

PROBLEMS

Where an examiner has great difficulty in assessing a script, (s)he can draw it to the attention of the Principal Examiner at the end of the marking season by placing RSE (Refer to Senior Examiner) on the script and attaching the relevant Form EX/SRF. This means that it will be sent to the final meeting of examiners, the occasion where all the problems are looked at and a decision arrived at. Very occasionally a script is very hard to read or illegible. If you have one of these, you should give the mark you think it deserves, but you must also mark it RSE and complete Form EX/SRF so that it can be deciphered fully later on.

RUBRIC INFRINGEMENTS

There may well be a few candidates who answer the wrong number of questions. If so, mark them all and count the highest score for those eligible under the terms of the rubric. Thus the marks should be entered which are the highest according to the allowable rubric.

RECORDING

When the mark for each question has been recorded at the end of the answer, examiners should enter the marks for each question against the appropriate question number in the e-marker programme. When the total mark is calculated by the software, this should be recorded on the front cover of the script. There is no requirement to record any other marks, such as marks for individual questions, on the front of the script.

Put the total mark for the paper in the box on the top right-hand corner of the cover marked 'For Office Use Only'. Put your initials underneath this total.

GCSE English 2004

Paper 2 Tier F

Section A: Reading

This Section covers the following Assessment Objectives:

AO2 reading (EN2)

Candidates are required to demonstrate their ability to:

- (i) read with insight and engagement making appropriate reference to texts and developing and sustaining interpretations of them;
- (iv) select material appropriate to purpose, collate material from different sources, and make cross references;
- (v) understand and evaluate how writers use linguistic, structural and presentational devices to achieve their effects, and comment on ways language varies and changes.

The Foundation Tier targets Grades U-C, but candidates may gain any mark on a particular component or question.

Descriptors and content guides have been included for performance from U to A*.

The range of marks targeted by the paper (notional U to C) is 0-18 for each question in Section A. Each of the questions in Section A is marked out of 27.

Specification A Paper 2 F Assessment Grid

Assessment Objectives	Question 1	Question 2
AO2(i)	✓	✓
AO2(iv)	✓	✓
AO2(v)	✓	✓

SECTION A: READING

- 1 Compare the ways in which the poets explore the connections between the past and the present in *What Were They Like?* (page 11) and **one** other poem from the Poems from Different Cultures.

Compare:

- what the past was like in the poems
- what the present is like in the poems
- the methods the poets use to show the past and the present
- how the past and the present are connected to each other
- the methods the poets use to show these connections.

(27 marks)

Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
0 marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nothing written 		
1-3 marks (notional U)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some awareness of one or more texts 	1-6 marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some understanding of content of one or more poems • mention of the past and/or the present • simple statement on the past and/or the present
4-6 marks (notional G)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • simple comment • reference to some detail • awareness of some aspect of presentation 		
7-9 marks (notional F)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some simple comment supported • reference to appropriate detail • statement on some aspects of presentation 	7-12 marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • accurate account of content of one or more relevant poems • identification of material to do with the past and/or the present • simple comment on some aspects of the methods the poets use to explore the past and/or the present
10-12 marks (notional E)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • extended unsupported comment • appropriate reference/use of quotation • simple comment on some aspects of presentation 		
13-15 marks (notional D)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • awareness of feeling(s), attitude(s), idea(s) • range of comment supported by textual details with simple cross reference • comment on effects achieved by writer 	13-18 marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some focus on the past and the present in two poems • comment on the ways the poets explore the connections between the past and the present • relevant comparison of the methods poets use to explore these connections
16-18 marks (notional C)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understanding of feelings, attitudes, ideas • range of extended supported comment with some cross reference • awareness of writers' techniques and purpose 		

Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
19-21 marks (notional B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appreciation of feelings, attitudes and ideas • effective use of textual detail with integrated cross reference • understanding of a variety of writers' techniques 	19-27 marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • examination and analysis of the connection between the past and the present • examination and analysis of specific methods of exploring the connections • integrated comparative approach
22-24 marks (notional A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • exploration of and empathy with writers' feelings, attitudes, ideas • references integrated with argument and comparison • analysis of variety of writers' techniques 		
25-27 marks (notional A*)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consistent insight and convincing/imaginative interpretation • conceptualised comparative response • close textual analysis 		

- 2 Compare the ways in which the poets use language in interesting and unusual ways in *from Unrelated Incidents* (page 12) and **one** other poem from the Poems from Different Cultures.

Compare:

- the ways the language is interesting and unusual
- ideas brought out by the poets' uses of language
- feelings brought out by the poets' uses of language
- your own response to these uses of language, thoughts and feelings.

(27 marks)

Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
0 marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nothing written 		
1-3 marks (notional U)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some awareness of one or more texts 	1-6 marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some understanding of content of one or more poems • mention of the language used • simple statement on the idea(s) and/or feeling(s) in one or more poems
4-6 marks (notional G)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • simple comment • reference to some detail • awareness of some aspect of presentation 		
7-9 marks (notional F)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some simple comment supported • reference to appropriate detail • statement on some aspects of presentation 	7-12 marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • accurate account of content of one or more relevant poems • identification of the thoughts/feelings in one or more poems • simple comment on some aspects of the language poets use which is interesting/unusual
10-12 marks (notional E)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • extended unsupported comment • appropriate reference/use of quotation • simple comment on some aspects of presentation 		
13-15 marks (notional D)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • awareness of feeling(s), attitude(s), idea(s) • range of comment supported by textual detail with simple cross reference • comment on effects achieved by writer 	13-18 marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some focus on interesting and unusual language in two poems • comments on the ways poets use language to convey ideas and feelings • relevant comparison of the ways language is used in interesting and unusual ways
16-18 marks (notional C)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understanding of feelings, attitudes, ideas • range of extended supported comment with some cross reference • awareness of writers' techniques and purpose 		

Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
19-21 marks (notional B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appreciation of feelings, attitudes and ideas • effective use of textual detail with integrated cross reference • understanding of a variety of writers' techniques 	19-27 marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • examination and analysis of the interesting and unusual language in the poems • examination and analysis of specific methods of presenting ideas and feelings • integrated comparative approach
22-24 marks (notional A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • exploration of and empathy with writers' feelings, attitudes and ideas • references integrated with argument and comparison • analysis of variety of writers' techniques 		
25-27 marks (notional A*)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consistent insight and convincing/imaginative interpretation • conceptualised comparative response • close textual analysis 		

Section B: Writing to Inform, Explain or Describe

Assessment Objectives

AO3 (i) communicate clearly and imaginatively, using and adapting forms for different readers and purposes

AO3 (ii) organise ideas into sentences, paragraphs and whole texts using a variety of linguistic and structural features

AO3 (iii) use a range of sentence structures effectively with accurate punctuation and spelling

Descriptors have been included for performance from U to A*. The skills descriptors represent the base line generic expectations whilst the content descriptors offer guidance on how those expectations are likely to be demonstrated in a response.

For each question, examiners are to record one mark out of 18 for AO3 (i) and (ii) combined and a **separate** mark out of 9 for AO3 (iii).

For AO3 (i)/(ii), assess answers in terms of the levels below, i.e. the Communication and Organisation descriptors. For AO3 (iii), use the separate set of levels which follow.

Put the marks in the margin at the end of the answer. Put the mark for AO3(i)/(ii) first; then put the mark for AO3(iii) underneath it.

The Skills descriptors embody the two equally weighted Assessment Objectives in the Communication and Organisation Mark Schemes. These are amplified and customised for the question in the Content Descriptors. Examiners will need to look closely at the Content Descriptors in order to find the appropriate band, and then to check across to the Skills Descriptors to confirm or modify the preliminary judgement. Taking both Skills and Content Descriptors together will determine how high or low in the band the mark should be. Remember that to be placed in a particular band the work will satisfy some (but not necessary all) of the criteria at that level. The precise mark awarded will be determined by the extent to which the answer matches the descriptors set out in the appropriate level.

The one Assessment Objective tested in the Sentence Structures, Punctuation and Spelling Mark Scheme has been split into its three constituent parts. These are amplified and customised in the Content Descriptors. The same process should be followed as in the previous Mark Scheme to determine the mark to be awarded.

In each case, a best fit principle may need to be applied where performance in response to the Assessment Objectives or parts of Assessment Objectives is uneven.

Any valid responses should be rewarded. Remember that candidates are writing in timed conditions.

- 3 Write an **information** leaflet on an area you know well. You could include information on places to visit and things to do there.

Remember to:

- write about an area you know well
- write a leaflet
- include a range of information
- use language which informs the reader.

(27 marks)

AO3 (i)/(ii) Communication and Organisation		
Mark	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
Notional U 1-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • communicates some meaning • some simple sequencing of ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some words in appropriate order • one or more points made
Notional G 3-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • communicates some meaning with occasional sense of purpose and audience • ideas are sequenced simply, but generally appropriately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • makes one or more direct reference to area • an indication of awareness of need to inform • may express personal feelings about the area but with little relevant detail • order of ideas can be followed by the reader
Notional F 5-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clear communication of ideas with more sense of purpose and audience • uses some organisational devices appropriately with occasional conscious selection of words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • makes some linked points about area • some awareness of need to inform, demonstrated by selection of points, though likely to be underdeveloped • may show awareness of audience by use of second person • may demonstrate occasional attempt to paragraph though likely to be random • some attempt to link ideas using connectives • evidence of vocabulary selected to portray area
Notional E 7-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sustained awareness of purpose and audience • more conscious attempt to organise sentences into paragraphs with some attempt to use vocabulary for effect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clearer focus on area with more developed points • may be mainly anecdotal and/or narrative in approach though clearly intended to inform • may use simple rhetorical devices to interest reader • paragraphing may be tabloid and/or, at times, correctly placed • beginnings of variety in vocabulary
Notional D 9-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conscious attempt to suit the needs of purpose and audience and begins to engage reader's response • clear, if mechanical, paragraphing with more conscious use of vocabulary for effect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clear focus on area with some range of information • likely to describe in detail various aspects of the area • likely to sustain awareness of audience • information is logically sequenced with paragraphs usually marking shift in focus • begins to convey feelings for area, either positive or negative, through vocabulary choices

Mark	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
Notional C 11-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clear identification with purpose and audience; begins to sustain reader's response • evidence of structure with usually coherent paragraphs and clear selection of vocabulary for effect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • more evidence of selection of information for interest • information likely to cover a range of aspects • may address reader directly • control of question/answer approach, anecdote in context, emphasis etc. will be competent where used • paragraphs are competently linked by content and language • discursive markers are becoming more integrated and are used to enhance the organisation of the information
Notional B 13-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • form, content and style are generally matched to purpose and audience • well structured, starting to use paragraphs to enhance meaning and with increasing sophistication in vocabulary choice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • detailed and well developed with clear outline and examples to support points • begins to anticipate and respond to potential audience response • may selectively use a range of devices/approaches to provides variety and sustain reader's interest • range of paragraph structures coherently linked • discursive markers are now coherently integrated • varied vocabulary used effectively
Notional A 15-16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • form, content and style are consistently matched to purpose and audience • coherently structured with fluently linked sentence structures and paragraphs and evidence of conscious crafting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cogent focus on area with wide range of interesting information • growing subtlety of purpose and ability to manipulate reader's response • structured and developed using a range of means to effectively inform audience about area • fluent control of range of devices and discursive markers • extensive vocabulary range
Notional A* 17-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • form, content and style are assuredly matched to purpose and audience; distinctive and consistently effective • controlled and sustained crafting with highly effective and delightful vocabulary choices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • strong personal informative style • may use satire, irony, humour etc. but always fittingly and in context • demonstrate the ability to integrate a range of complex details from range of aspects about area • discursive markers and a range of stylistic techniques are integrated into whole seamlessly and informatively • may use some inventive structural and/or linguistic devices

AO3(iii) Sentence Structures, Punctuation and Spelling		
Mark	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
Notional U 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some sentences • some accuracy in spelling of simple words • random punctuation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some monosyllabic words spelt correctly
Notional G/F 2-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in sentences • generally accurate basic spelling • evidence of conscious punctuation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • may use mainly simple and compound sentences with occasional complex sentences; may use discourse markers in a mechanical way • some monosyllabic words spelt correctly • occasional full stops
Notional E/D 4-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • uses a range of securely demarcated sentence structures • some accurate spelling of more complex words • starts to use a range of punctuation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some conscious variation of syntax though not always grammatically secure; may link complex sentences with appropriate discourse markers e.g. <i>because, another reason for</i>; some use of modifiers • commonly used words spelt correctly • general accuracy in use of capital letters and full stops
Notional C/B 6-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • uses sentence forms for effect • generally secure in spelling • generally secure in punctuation which clarifies meaning and purpose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • constructions linked securely to discourse markers; may use parallel constructions, syntactical list, adjectives, adverbs, minor sentences, for effect • generally secure spelling of irregular, latinate, complex words • generally accurate in sentence demarcation, use of commas, question marks etc.
Notional A/A* 8-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • uses full range of appropriate sentence structures • achieves a high level of technical accuracy in spelling • achieves a high level of technical accuracy in punctuation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clear and controlled manipulation of sentence structures for effect; may use wide range of appropriate discourse markers linked to syntactical choice; may use repetition, contrast, parallel phrases and clauses, verbal patterning to control sentence variety within paragraphs • accurate spelling • range of punctuation used in a sophisticated manner; colons and semi-colons used correctly when appropriate

- 4 Write a letter applying for a part-time job you would like. **Explain** why you would like the job and why you are the right person for it.

Remember to:

- apply for a part-time job you would like
- write a letter
- use language which explains why you are the right person for the job. (27 marks)

AO3 (i)/(ii) Communication and Organisation		
Mark	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
Notional U 1-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • communicates some meaning • some simple sequencing of ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some words in appropriate order • one or more points made
Notional G 3-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • communicates some meaning with occasional sense of purpose and audience • ideas are sequenced simply, but generally appropriately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • makes one or more direct reference to the job • an indication of awareness of need to explain why he/she is the right person: uses appropriate words to explain e.g. because • may express simple personal feelings but with little relevant detail • order of ideas can be followed by reader
Notional F 5-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clear communication of ideas with more sense of purpose and audience • uses some organisational devices appropriately with occasional conscious selection of words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • makes some linked points • some awareness of need to explain demonstrated by selection of points, though likely to be underdeveloped • may show awareness of purpose by use of first person • may demonstrate occasional attempt to paragraph though likely to be random • some attempt to link ideas using connectives e.g. I would be good because ... • more evidence of vocabulary selected to show attractions of subject; limited in range
Notional E 7-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sustained awareness of purpose and audience • more conscious attempt to organise sentences into paragraphs with some attempt to use vocabulary for effect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clearer focus on job application with more developed points • may be mainly anecdotal and/or narrative in approach though clearly intended to explain • may use simple rhetorical devices to interest reader • paragraphing may be tabloid and/or, at times, correctly placed • beginnings of variety in vocabulary
Notional D 9-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conscious attempt to suit the needs of purpose and audience and begins to engage reader's response • clear, if mechanical, paragraphing with more conscious use of vocabulary for effect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clear focus on reasons for application • evidence of a variety of explanations • likely to explain in detail with various reasons for the application • explanation is logically sequenced with paragraphs usually marking shift in focus • begins to convey engagement with the topic through vocabulary choices

Mark	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
Notional C 11-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clear identification with purpose and audience; begins to sustain reader’s response • evidence of structure with usually coherent paragraphs and clear selection of vocabulary for effect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • more evidence of selection of material for explanation • explanations likely to cover a range of aspects • paragraphs are competently linked by content and language • control of anecdote in context, emphasis etc. will be competent where used • discursive markers are becoming more integrated and are used to enhance the organisation of the explanation • generally effectively chosen words
Notional B 13-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • form, content and style are generally matched to purpose and audience • well structured, starting to use paragraphs to enhance meaning and with increasing sophistication in vocabulary choice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • detailed and well developed with clear outline and examples to support explanations • begins to anticipate and respond to potential audience response • may selectively use a range of devices/approaches to provide variety and sustain reader’s interest e.g. rhetorical questions, anecdote, emotive language etc. • range of paragraph structures coherently linked • discursive markers are now coherently integrated • varied vocabulary used effectively
Notional A 15-16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • form, content and style are consistently matched to purpose and audience • coherently structured with fluently linked sentence structures and paragraphs and evidence of conscious crafting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cogent focus on job application with wide range of interesting explanations • growing subtlety of purpose and ability to manipulate reader’s response • structured and developed using a range of means to explain effectively • fluent control of range of devices and discursive markers • extensive vocabulary range
Notional A* 17-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • form, content and style are assuredly matched to purpose and audience; distinctive and consistently effective • controlled and sustained crafting with highly effective and delightful vocabulary choices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • strong personal informative style • may use satire, irony, humour etc. but always fittingly and in context • demonstrates the ability to integrate a range of explanations • discursive markers and a range of stylistic techniques are integrated into whole seamlessly • may use some inventive structural and/or linguistic devices

AO3(iii) Sentence Structures, Punctuation and Spelling		
Mark	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
Notional U 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some sentences • some accuracy in spelling of simple words • random punctuation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some monosyllabic words spelt correctly
Notional G/F 2-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in sentences • generally accurate basic spelling • evidence of conscious punctuation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • may use mainly simple and compound sentences with occasional complex sentences; may use discourse markers in a mechanical way • some monosyllabic words spelt correctly • occasional full stops
Notional E/D 4-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • uses a range of securely demarcated sentence structures • some accurate spelling of more complex words • starts to use a range of punctuation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some conscious variation of syntax though not always grammatically secure; may link complex sentences with appropriate discourse markers e.g. <i>because, another reason for</i>; some use of modifiers • commonly used words spelt correctly • general accuracy in use of capital letters and full stops
Notional C/B 6-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • uses sentence forms for effect • generally secure in spelling • generally secure in punctuation which clarifies meaning and purpose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • constructions linked securely to discourse markers; may use parallel constructions, syntactical list, adjectives, adverbs, minor sentences, for effect • generally secure spelling of irregular, latinate, complex words • generally accurate in sentence demarcation, use of commas, question marks etc.
Notional A/A* 8-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • uses full range of appropriate sentence structures • achieves a high level of technical accuracy in spelling • achieves a high level of technical accuracy in punctuation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clear and controlled manipulation of sentence structures for effect; may use wide range of appropriate discourse markers linked to syntactical choice; may use repetition, contrast, parallel phrases and clauses, verbal patterning to control sentence variety within paragraphs • accurate spelling • range of punctuation used in a sophisticated manner; colons and semi-colons used correctly when appropriate

5 Describe a place that is special to you.

Remember to:

- describe a special place
- give a range of details about the place
- use language suitable for describing.

(27 marks)

AO3 (i)/(ii) Communication and Organisation		
Mark	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
Notional U 1-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • communicates some meaning • some simple sequencing of ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some words in appropriate order • one or more features mentioned
Notional G 3-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • communicates some meaning with occasional sense of purpose and audience • ideas are sequenced simply, but generally appropriately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • makes one or more direct reference to place • an indication of awareness of need to describe: uses appropriate adjectives • may express personal feelings about the place • order of ideas can be followed by reader
Notional F 5-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clear communication of ideas with more sense of purpose and audience • uses some organisational devices appropriately with occasional conscious selection of words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • makes some linked points about the place • some awareness of need to describe demonstrated by selection of aspects of the place though likely to be underdeveloped • may demonstrate occasional attempt to paragraph though likely to be random • some attempt to link ideas using connectives • more evidence of vocabulary selected to show that the place is special; limited in range
Notional E 7-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sustained awareness of purpose and audience • more conscious attempt to organise sentences into paragraphs with some attempt to use vocabulary for effect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clearer focus on the place with more developed description • may be anecdotal and/or narrative in approach though clearly intended to be descriptive • may use simple rhetorical devices to interest reader • paragraphing may be tabloid and/or, at times, correctly placed • beginnings of variety in vocabulary
Notional D 9-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conscious attempt to suit the needs of purpose and audience and begins to engage reader's response • clear, if mechanical, paragraphing with more conscious use of vocabulary for effect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clear focus on relevant place • evidence of description of a range of features • likely to describe in detail various aspects of the place • description is logically sequenced with paragraphs usually marking shift in focus • begins to convey enthusiasm for subject through vocabulary choices

Mark	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
Notional C 11-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clear identification with purpose and audience; begins to sustain reader's response • evidence of structure with usually coherent paragraphs and clear selection of vocabulary for effect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • more evidence of selection of detail for interest and sequencing of description • description likely to cover a range of aspects e.g. atmosphere • paragraphs are competently linked by content and language • control of parallel structure, shaping, links, modifiers will be competent where used • discursive markers are becoming more integrated and are used to enhance the organisation of the description • generally effectively chosen words
Notional B 13-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • form, content and style are generally matched to purpose and audience • well structured, starting to use paragraphs to enhance meaning and with increasing sophistication in vocabulary choice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • detailed and well developed with clear outline and examples to build description • begins to anticipate and respond to potential audience response • may selectively use a range of devices/approaches to provide variety and sustain reader's interest e.g. sentence variation, parallelism • range of paragraph structures coherently linked • discursive markers are now coherently integrated • wide vocabulary used effectively
Notional A 15-16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • form, content and style are consistently matched to purpose and audience • coherently structured with fluently linked sentence structures and paragraphs and evidence of conscious crafting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cogent focus on the place with a wide range of interesting description • growing subtlety of purpose and ability to manipulate reader's response • structured and developed using a range of means to convey the place effectively • fluent control of range of devices and discursive markers • extensive vocabulary range
Notional A* 17-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • form, content and style are assuredly matched to purpose and audience; distinctive and consistently effective • controlled and sustained crafting with highly effective and delightful vocabulary choices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • strong personal descriptive style • may use satire, irony, humour etc. but always fittingly and in context • demonstrates the ability to integrate a range of complex details • discursive markers and a range of stylistic techniques are integrated into whole seamlessly and informatively • may use some inventive structural and/or linguistic devices

AO3(iii) Sentence Structures, Punctuation and Spelling		
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Notional U 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some sentences • some accuracy in spelling of simple words • random punctuation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some monosyllabic words spelt correctly
Notional G/F 2-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in sentences • generally accurate basic spelling • evidence of conscious punctuation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • may use mainly simple and compound sentences with occasional complex sentences; may use discourse markers in a mechanical way • some monosyllabic words spelt correctly • occasional full stops
Notional E/D 4-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • uses a range of securely demarcated sentence structures • some accurate spelling of more complex words • starts to use a range of punctuation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some conscious variation of syntax though not always grammatically secure; may link complex sentences with appropriate discourse markers, some use of modifiers • commonly used words spelt correctly • general accuracy in use of capital letters and full stops
Notional C/B 6-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • uses sentence forms for effect • generally secure in spelling • generally secure in punctuation which clarifies meaning and purpose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • constructions linked securely to discourse markers; may use parallel constructions, syntactical list, adjectives, adverbs, minor sentences, for effect • generally secure spelling of irregular, latinate, complex words • generally accurate in sentence demarcation, use of commas, question marks etc.
Notional A/A* 8-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • uses full range of appropriate sentence structures • achieves a high level of technical accuracy in spelling • achieves a high level of technical accuracy in punctuation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clear and controlled manipulation of sentence structures for effect; may use wide range of appropriate discourse markers linked to syntactical choice; may use repetition, contrast, parallel phrases and clauses, verbal patterning to control sentence variety within paragraphs • accurate spelling • range of punctuation used in a sophisticated manner; colons and semi-colons used correctly when appropriate

6 Describe a person who is important in your life and **explain** his or her importance to you.

Remember to:

- describe someone important in your life
- explain his or her importance to you
- use language suitable to describe and explain.

(27 marks)

AO3 (i)/(ii) Communication and Organisation		
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Notional U 1-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • communicates some meaning • some simple sequencing of ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some words in appropriate order • one or more points made
Notional G 3-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • communicates some meaning with occasional sense of purpose and audience • ideas are sequenced simply, but generally appropriately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • makes one or more direct reference to person • an indication of awareness of need to describe and explain • may express personal feelings about person but with little relevant detail • order of ideas can be followed by reader
Notional F 5-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clear communication of ideas with more sense of purpose and audience • uses some organisational devices appropriately with occasional conscious selection of words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • makes some linked points • some awareness of need to describe and explain demonstrated by selection of aspects of person and reasons, though likely to be underdeveloped • may show awareness of audience by use of first person • may demonstrate occasional attempt to paragraph though likely to be random • some attempt to link ideas using connectives e.g. because ... • more evidence of vocabulary selected to show attractions of place; limited in range
Notional E 7-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sustained awareness of purpose and audience • more conscious attempt to organise sentences into paragraphs with some attempt to use vocabulary for effect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clearer focus on chosen person with more developed description and explanation • may be mainly anecdotal and/or narrative in approach though clearly intended to describe and explain • may use simple rhetorical device to interest reader • paragraphing may be tabloid and/or, at times, correctly placed • beginnings of variety in vocabulary

Notional D 9-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> conscious attempt to suit the needs of purpose and audience and begins to engage reader's response clear, if mechanical, paragraphing with more conscious use of vocabulary for effect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> clear focus on person with some range of explanation description of several aspects of person and several reasons likely to describe in detail various aspects of the person logically sequenced with paragraphs usually marking shift in focus begins to convey enthusiasm for person through vocabulary choices
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