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English 3702

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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, circled 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 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 the three 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.

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.

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Paper 1 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 references to texts and developing and sustaining interpretations of them;
- (ii) distinguish between fact and opinion and evaluate how information is presented;
- (iii) follow an argument, identifying implications and recognising inconsistencies;
- (iv) select material appropriate to their 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.

Specification A Paper 1F Assessment Grid

Assessment Objectives	1(a)	1(b)	1(c)	2(a)	2(b)
(i)	✓	✓	✓		
(ii)					✓
(iii)		✓	✓		
(iv)	✓		✓		
(v)				✓	✓

Read **Item 1**, the foreword to the booklet *Bringing communities together through sport and culture*.

1(a) Choose and write down **two** reasons why Tessa Jowell thinks activities like music and football are important.

(2 marks)

- Give one mark for each of two points.

Possible points:

- culture and sport are good at bringing communities together
- offer natural opportunities for people to come together
- opportunity to participate in community life
- break down barriers between different groups
- help to create a sense of local pride and belonging.

1(b) Explain, in your own words, what sort of things were discussed at Oldham and why Tessa Jowell thought this was a useful meeting.

(6 marks)

Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nothing relevant written 	<p>Discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how arts, sport and culture have helped bring communities together • what can be achieved and how to achieve it • how activities like football, music, dance, local history and film making offer natural opportunities to bring people together and break down barriers • how activities help to create a sense of local pride and belonging. <p>Why useful:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • brought together local practitioners and regional agencies • created networks of enthusiasm and expertise • 100 people attended • discussed how to make sporting and cultural initiatives work in the future • useful because meeting needs of young people
1 mark 'some simple comment'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some simple supported comment • mainly narrative description • refers to some appropriate detail • some points put forward 	
2-3 'attempts to engage'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some extended supported comments • unstructured response and tends to paraphrase • some identification of points • attempts to engage with task 	
4-5 clear attempt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clear and effective attempt to engage with task • structured response • selects & comments on the points discussed • a variety of points put forward 	
6 marks 'detailed/ shaped & absorbed'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a full understanding of the points put forward and how they are supported • material fully absorbed and shaped for purpose • references integrated into argument • a detailed and conceptualised response 	

Now read **Item 2**, the extract from an article called *Sweeping Death Under the Carpet* by Matthew Engel.

- 1(c)** What is the argument put forward in the last two paragraphs? Select **one** fact and **one** opinion and explain how each supports the argument. **(8 marks)**

Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nothing relevant written 	<p>Argument in last two paragraphs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • races profitable/enjoyed by enthusiasts but dangerous • some deceit/cover up about accidents/deaths • this type of dangerous event questionable. <p>Possible facts (sometimes imprecise):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40,000 enthusiasts flock here • basis of tourist trade • 2 fans killed • papers did not name dead riders • Motor Cycle News put report of deaths on page 2 (but 'shoved' = opinion ?). <p>Possible opinions (sometimes presented as facts):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TT matter of huge interest • made the island famous • world's greatest bike festival • there must be Manxmen who oppose the whole business • island is a haven of tolerance • motorcyclists hate bad publicity. <p>Ways facts/opinions support argument:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • facts used to emphasise danger • opinions mostly about people's attitudes • etc. <p>Reward thoughtful selection or discussion where possible.</p>
1-2 marks 'some simple comment'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some simple supported comment • mainly narrative description • refers to some appropriate detail • one fact and one opinion alluded to 	
3-4 'attempts to engage'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some extended supported comments • unstructured response and tends to paraphrase • some identification of fact and opinion • attempts to engage with task 	
5-6 marks 'clear attempt'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clear and effective attempt to engage with task • structured response • selects & comments on at least one fact and one opinion and explain why they are important in supporting the argument • a variety of facts and opinions may be put forward in order to explain choice 	
7- 8marks 'detailed/ shaped & absorbed'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a full understanding of the use(s) of fact and opinion and how they support the argument • material fully absorbed and shaped for purpose • references integrated into argument • a detailed and conceptualised response 	

Now look again at **Item 1**.

2(a) Explain why you think the designer of this leaflet (**Item 1**) chose:

- these particular pictures
- this layout.

(5 marks)

Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nothing relevant written 	<p>Pictures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to explain an idea about sport • to interest the reader • to show a variety of cultural events • to show variety of ages and backgrounds • to suggest pleasures/well being • use of colour to suggest happiness etc • importance of Labour party and Tessa Jowell as political propaganda <p>Layout:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • separation of text and images • juxtaposition of text and picture boxes etc.
1 mark 'some simple comment'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some simple supported comment • mainly narrative description • refers to some appropriate detail • some reference to pictures and layout 	
2-3 'attempts to engage'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some extended supported comments • unstructured response and tends to paraphrase • some identification of main features • attempts to engage with pictures and layout 	
4 marks 'clear attempt'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clear and effective attempt to engage with presentational devices • structured response • selects & comments using some appropriate terminology • a variety of examples given with clear attempt to explain how they are used 	
5 marks 'detailed/ shaped & absorbed'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a full understanding of what is being asked • material fully absorbed and shaped for purpose • references integrated into argument with a convincing use of media terminology • a detailed and conceptualised response which explains use of pictures and layout 	

Now look at **Item 1** and **Item 2** together.

2(b) Compare:

- the purposes of each item
- the ways language is used in each item.

(6 marks)

Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nothing relevant written 	
1 mark 'some simple comment'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some simple supported comment • mainly narrative description • refers to some appropriate detail • some reference to purpose and language 	Possible points: Purpose: Item 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to promote a view • to introduce • to inform • to enthuse readers
2-3 'attempts to engage'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some extended supported comments • unstructured response and tends to paraphrase • some identification of purpose and language features • attempts to engage with task 	Item 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to argue a point • to persuade • to inform • to influence
4-5 'clear attempt'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clear and effective attempt to engage with task • structured response • selects and comments on achievement of purpose • attempts to compare 	Language: Item 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • official • bland • lacking in vitality/interest • use of third person to set out main idea • second person to persuade • first person to state a position
6 marks 'detailed/ shaped & absorbed'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a full understanding of what is being asked • material fully absorbed and shaped for purpose • references integrated into argument • a detailed and conceptualised response with detailed clear evaluation. 	Item 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • journalese/some slang • lively choice of words • practical detail/examples • varied sentence structure

Specification A Paper 1, Foundation, Section B: Writing to Argue, Persuade or Advise

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). The total available marks for Section B questions is therefore 27.

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. Place the marks in the margin at the end of the answer, circled with the AO3 (i)/(ii) total above the AO3 (iii) total. Note that two marks will be awarded.

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 article in which you **argue** for or against the view that people should **not** be encouraged to take part in dangerous sports or activities.

You might write about:

- some examples of dangerous sports or activities
- why people take part
- how such sports and activities affect other people
- why such things should or should not be encouraged.

Remember to:

- use language suitable for an argument
- argue for or against.

(27 marks)

AO3 (i)/(ii) Communication and Organisation		
Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
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
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 dangerous sports and activities • an indication of awareness of need for formality • may express personal feelings strongly but with little or no use of supportive detail • some attempt to shape points into an article
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"> • a number of arguments put forward • uses isolated points from stimulus material or copies some points in detail • shows awareness of wide audience at different points either by use of second person or by occasional use of a more formal register • may demonstrate occasional attempt to paragraph though likely to be random • some attempt to link ideas using causal connectives e.g. because, so • occasional attempt to use linguistic/presentational devices e.g. repetition, capitals, bold

Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
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"> • linked arguments put forward which may be developed in a generalised way • addresses wide audience directly and/or starts consciously to use a more formal register, though still evidence of colloquial language • begins to use rhetorical devices, for example, rhetorical questions with occasional evidence of language being used emotively • discursive markers e.g. the first point ..., where used, are mechanical and obvious • more frequent use of linguistic/presentational devices e.g. repetition for effect
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"> • presents argument with a variety of reasons • evidence which may be drawn from personal experience and stimulus material may be used to support argument • register almost wholly formal with some attempt to control tone e.g. to be judgemental, indignant etc. • organised points with paragraphing marking some shift in argument • more appropriate use of wider range of rhetorical devices and discursive markers though still mechanical and superimposed
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"> • argument is starting to become more detailed with a clear awareness of alternative viewpoints and some second guessing • some sense of varying emphasis for effect with conscious use of a chosen tone e.g. confrontational or placatory • paragraphs are competently linked by content and language • confident use of devices such as anecdote in context and rhetorical questions • discursive markers are becoming more integrated and are used to enhance the argument; may mark both cause and effect e.g. as a result of this... consequently ...

Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
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 and phrasing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • detailed and well developed; starting to use and support abstract argument, though not always convincingly carried through • begins to anticipate and evaluate potential audience response • may use argument and counter-argument with competence • range of paragraph structures coherently linked • vocabulary range successfully reflects more sophisticated level of argument and attempt to influence reader • discursive markers are now coherently integrated
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"> • argues successfully and convincingly; well informed, drawing on a range of sources • growing subtlety of purpose and ability to adapt tone to manipulate reader • controls a range of means to gain emphasis (e.g. one sentence paragraph) and demonstrate alternative points of view (e.g. anecdote, reference) • fluent control of range of devices and discursive markers with an extensive vocabulary range
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"> • may use satire, irony etc. but always fittingly and in context • demonstrates intellectual rigour and the ability to integrate a range of complex details from varied sources • discursive markers, rhetorical devices etc. are integrated into whole seamlessly and persuasively • may use some inventive structural and/or linguistic devices

AO3 (iii) Sentence Structures, Punctuation and Spelling		
Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
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
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 an enhanced way • simple words spelt correctly • occasional full stops
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 use complex sentences with appropriate discourse markers e.g. <i>because, on the other hand</i> • commonly used words spelt correctly • general accuracy in use of more than commas and full stops
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 rhetorical devices, first person, imperatives, modal verbs, repetition, short sentences, rhetorical questions and/or exclamations for effect • generally secure spelling of irregular, latinate, complex words • generally accurate in sentence demarcation, use of commas, question marks etc.
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 a wide range of appropriate discourse markers linked to syntactical choice; may use syntactical variety to build rhetorical power paragraphs • accurate spelling • range of punctuation used in a sophisticated manner; colons and semi-colons used correctly when appropriate

- 4** Write a letter to a headteacher **persuading** him/her that all students should take part in at least one hour's physical activity every day at school.

You might write about:

- why this is a good idea
- how it could be arranged
- how to solve problems that might arise.

Remember to:

- write a letter
- write to persuade
- use language suitable for writing to a headteacher.

(27 marks)

AO3 (i)/(ii) Communication and Organisation		
Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
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
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 trying to persuade students to exercise • an indication of awareness of need for a sense of audience • may express personal feelings strongly but with little or no use of supportive detail • some attempt to shape points into a letter
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"> • a number of points of persuasion put forward • uses isolated points from stimulus material or copies some points in detail • shows awareness of audience at different points either by use of second person or by occasional use of an appropriate register • may demonstrate occasional attempt to paragraph though likely to be random • some attempt to link ideas using connectives e.g. because, so • occasional attempt to use linguistic/ presentational devices e.g. repetition, capitals, bold

Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
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"> • linked material which may be developed in a generalised way • addresses audience directly and/or starts consciously to use a more appropriate register, with evidence of colloquial language • begins to use rhetorical devices, for example, rhetorical questions with occasional evidence of language being used emotively • discursive markers e.g. the first point..., where used, are mechanical and obvious • more frequent use of linguistic/presentational devices e.g. repetition for effect
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"> • persuades by variety of means • evidence which may be drawn from personal experience and stimulus material used to persuade • register mainly appropriate with some attempt to control tone e.g. to be persuasive, funny, serious etc. • organised points with paragraphing marking some stages of persuasion • more appropriate use of wider range of rhetorical devices and discursive markers though still mechanical and superimposed
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"> • persuasion is starting to become more detailed with a clear awareness of the features likely to persuade young people • some sense of varying emphasis for effect with conscious use of a chosen tone • paragraphs are competently linked by content and language • confident use of devices such as anecdote in context and rhetorical questions • discursive markers are becoming more integrated and are used to persuade

Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
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 and phrasing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • detailed and well developed; starting to use and support persuasion though not always convincingly carried through • begins to anticipate and evaluate potential audience response • may use variety of rhetorical devices with competence • range of paragraph structures coherently linked • vocabulary range successfully reflects more sophisticated level of persuasion and attempt to influence reader • discursive markers are now coherently integrated
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"> • persuades successfully and convincingly; well informed, drawing on a range of sources • growing subtlety of purpose and ability to adapt to tone to manipulate reader • controls a range of means to gain emphasis (e.g. one sentence paragraph) and demonstrate variety of possible consequences • fluent control of range of devices and discursive markers with an extensive vocabulary range
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"> • may use satire, irony etc. but always fittingly and in context • demonstrates intellectual rigour and the ability to integrate a range of persuasive techniques • discursive markers, rhetorical devices etc. are integrated into whole seamlessly and persuasively • may use some inventive structural and/or linguistic devices

AO3 (iii) Sentence Structures, Punctuation and Spelling		
Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
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
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 an enhanced way • simple words spelt correctly • occasional full stops
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 use complex sentences with appropriate discourse markers e.g. because, on the other hand • commonly used words spelt correctly • general accuracy in use of more than commas and full stops
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 rhetorical devices, first person, imperatives, modal verbs, repetition, short sentences, rhetorical questions and/or exclamations for effect • generally secure spelling of irregular, latinate, complex words • generally accurate in sentence demarcation, use of commas, question marks etc.
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 a wide range of appropriate discourse markers linked to syntactical choice; may use syntactical variety to build rhetorical power throughout sections of speech • accurate spelling • range of punctuation used in a sophisticated manner; colons and semi-colons used correctly when appropriate

- 5** Write an article **advising** teenagers on how to make the difficult decisions that face people during their teenage years.

You might write about:

- the difficult decisions which face people during their teenage years
- the advice you would give.

Remember to:

- use language suitable for an article
- give clear advice.

(27 marks)

AO3 (i)/(ii) Communication and Organisation		
Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
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
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 giving advice about the decisions to be made • an indication of awareness of need for formality • may express personal feelings strongly but with little or no use of supportive detail • some attempt to shape points into an article
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"> • a number of points made • uses isolated points from stimulus material or copies some points in detail • shows awareness of general audience at different points in the article either by use of second person or by occasional use of a more appropriate register • may demonstrate occasional attempt to paragraph though likely to be random • some attempt to link ideas using causal connectives e.g. because, so • occasional attempt to use linguistic/ presentational devices e.g. repetition, capitals, bold

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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"> • linked advice put forward which may be developed in a generalised way • addresses audience directly and/or starts consciously to use an authoritative register, plus evidence of colloquial language • begins to use rhetorical devices, for example, rhetorical questions with occasional evidence of language being used emotively • discursive markers e.g. the first point..., where used, are mechanical and obvious • more frequent use of linguistic/presentational devices e.g. repetition for effect
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"> • presents advice with a variety of reasons • evidence which may be drawn from personal experience and stimulus material is used to support advice • register appropriate with some attempt to control tone • organised points with paragraphing marking some stages in advice • more appropriate use of wider range of rhetorical devices and discursive markers though still mechanical and superimposed
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"> • advice is starting to become more detailed with a clear awareness of the decisions and how to deal with them • some sense of varying emphasis for effect with conscious use of a chosen tone • confident use of devices such as anecdote in context and rhetorical questions • paragraphs are competently linked by content and language • discursive markers are becoming more integrated and are used to enhance the advice; may mark both cause and effect e.g. as a result of this... consequently...

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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 and phrasing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • detailed and well developed; starting to use and support advice, though not always convincingly carried through • begins to anticipate and evaluate potential response of young people • may use conditional(s) with competence • range of paragraph structures coherently linked • vocabulary range successfully reflects more sophisticated level of advice and attempt to influence teenagers • discursive markers are now coherently integrated
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"> • advises successfully and convincingly; well informed, drawing on a range of sources • growing subtlety of purpose and ability to adapt tone to manipulate reader • controls a range of means to gain emphasis (e.g. one sentence paragraph) and demonstrate possible consequences • fluent control of range of devices and discursive markers with an extensive vocabulary range
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"> • may use exaggeration, irony etc. but always fittingly and in context • demonstrates intellectual rigour and the ability to integrate a range of complex details from varied sources • discursive markers, rhetorical devices etc. are integrated into whole seamlessly and persuasively • may use some inventive structural and/or linguistic devices

AO3 (iii) Sentence Structures, Punctuation and Spelling		
Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
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
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 an enhanced way simple words spelt correctly occasional full stops
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 use complex sentence with appropriate discourse markers e.g. <i>because, on the other hand</i> commonly used words spelt correctly general accuracy in use of more than commas and full stops
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 rhetorical devices, first person, imperatives, modal verbs, repetition, short sentences, rhetorical questions and/or exclamations for effect generally secure spelling of irregular, latinate, complex words generally accurate in sentence demarcation, use of commas, question marks etc.
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 a wide range of appropriate discourse markers linked to syntactical choice; may use syntactical variety to build rhetorical power throughout paragraphs accurate spelling range of punctuation used in a sophisticated manner; colons and semi-colons used correctly when appropriate

6 Friends of yours are unsure about whether to take a holiday abroad.

Write a letter:

- **persuading** them that this would be a good idea
- **advising** them on which country to go to.

You might write about:

- why it would be a good experience
- any problems they might have being abroad
- why they should go to the country you suggest.

Remember to:

- write in standard English even though it is to a friend
- write to persuade
- give clear advice.

(27 marks)

AO3 (i)/(ii) Communication and Organisation		
Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
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
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 friends going abroad • an indication of awareness of need for appropriate register • may express personal feelings strongly but with little or no use of supportive detail • some attempt to shape points into format appropriate for a formal letter
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"> • a number of persuasive reasons put forward along with some advice • shows awareness of the issues involved at different points either by use of second person or by occasional use of a more formal register • may demonstrate occasional attempt to paragraph though likely to be random • some attempt to link ideas using causal connectives e.g. because, so • occasional attempt to use linguistic/ presentational devices e.g. repetition, capitals, bold

Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
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"> • linked material put forward which may be developed in a generalised way and an attempt to persuade and advise • addresses audience directly and/or starts to consciously use an appropriate register • begins to use rhetorical devices, for example, rhetorical questions with occasional evidence of language being used emotively • discursive markers e.g. the first point..., where used, are mechanical and obvious • more frequent use of linguistic/ presentational devices e.g. repetition for effect
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"> • presents persuasion and advice with a variety of reasons • evidence which may be drawn from personal experience and stimulus material is used to support argument • register mainly consistent with some attempt to control tone e.g. to be cajoling, indignant etc. • organised points with paragraphing marking some shift in persuasion and advice • more appropriate use of wider range of rhetorical devices and discursive markers though still mechanical and superimposed
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"> • persuasion and advice are starting to become more detailed with a clear awareness of alternative viewpoints and some second guessing • some sense of varying emphasis for effect with conscious use of a chosen tone e.g. confrontational or placatory • confident use of devices such as anecdote in context and rhetorical questions • paragraphs are competently linked by content and language • discursive markers are becoming more integrated and are used to enhance the argument; may mark both cause and effect e.g. as a result of this ... so ...

Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
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 and phrasing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • detailed and well developed; starting to use and support persuasion and advice, though not always convincingly carried through • begins to anticipate and evaluate potential response • may use argument and counter-argument with competence • range of paragraph structures coherently linked • vocabulary range successfully reflects more sophisticated level of persuasion and advice and attempt to influence reader • discursive markers are now coherently integrated
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"> • advises and persuades successfully and convincingly; well informed, drawing on a range of sources • growing subtlety of purpose and ability to adapt tone to manipulate reader • controls a range of means to gain emphasis (e.g. one sentence paragraph) and demonstrate alternative points of view (e.g. anecdote, reference) • fluent control of range of devices and discursive markers with an extensive vocabulary range
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"> • may use satire, irony etc. but always fittingly and in context • demonstrates intellectual rigour and the ability to integrate a range of complex details from varied sources • discursive markers, rhetorical devices etc. are integrated into whole seamlessly and persuasively • may use some inventive structural and/or linguistic devices

AO3 (iii) Sentence Structures, Punctuation and Spelling		
Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
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
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 an enhanced way • simple words spelt correctly • occasional full stops
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 use complex sentence with appropriate discourse markers e.g. <i>because, on the other hand</i> • commonly used words spelt correctly • general accuracy in use of more than commas and full stops
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 rhetorical devices, first person, imperatives, modal verbs, repetition, short sentences, rhetorical questions and/or exclamations for effect • generally secure spelling of irregular, latinate, complex words • generally accurate in sentence demarcation, use of commas, question marks etc.
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 a wide range of appropriate discourse markers linked to syntactical choice; may use syntactical variety to build rhetorical power throughout paragraphs • accurate spelling • range of punctuation used in a sophisticated manner; colons and semi-colons used correctly when appropriate