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Mark Scheme

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GCSE English 2009 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 ranges 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 U. 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 range 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 range. **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 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.

Poems from the Literature section are not eligible. Put a red line through such material. An answer on two Literature poems gains 0 marks. If there is one English poem, count the answer as having dealt with one poem.

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 emarker 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.

GCSE English 2009

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 2F Assessment Grid

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

SECTION A READING

O1 Compare the ways the poet reveals feelings about a place in 'Nothing's Changed' (page 6) with the ways another poet reveals feelings about a place or places in **one** other poem from the Poems from Different Cultures.

Write about:

- the feelings about the place in 'Nothing's Changed'
- the methods the poet uses to show these feelings
- the feelings about the place or places in one other poem
- the methods the other poet uses to show these feelings
- similarities and differences between the methods used.

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
0 marks	nothing written		
1-3 marks 4-6 marks	 some awareness of one or more texts simple comment reference to some detail awareness of some aspect of presentation 	1-6 marks	 some understanding of content of 'Nothing's Changed' and/or one other poem mention of place or places and/or feelings, e.g. It's about the place he was brought up simple statement on language
7-9 marks 10-12 marks	 some simple comment supported reference to appropriate detail/ simple linkage statement on some aspects of presentation some simple extended comment appropriate reference/use of quotation to support comment/ linkage simple comment on some aspects of presentation 	7-12 marks	 accurate account of content of 'Nothing's Changed' and/or one other poem identification of aspects of the place(s) and/or feelings in one or both poems e.g. two eateries, guards simple comment on some aspects of the ways place(s) are presented e.g. by use of contrast, weeds

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
13-15 marks	 awareness of feeling(s), attitude(s), idea(s) range of comment supported by textual details with some valid cross-reference comment on effects achieved by writer 	13-18 marks	 some focus on the place(s) in 'Nothing's Changed' and one other poem comments on aspects of the place(s) and feelings about them using selected detail from the poems e.g.
16-18 marks	 understanding of feelings, attitudes, ideas range of extended supported comment with some developed cross-reference awareness of writer's techniques and purpose 		comments on the detail of restaurant and cafe relevant comparison of methods of presentation of place(s) and their effects
19-21 marks	 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	 examination and analysis of the feelings about place in both poems and what we are shown about them e.g. anger, frustration and despair examination and analysis of specific methods of
22-24 marks	 exploration of and empathy with writers' feelings, ideas and attitudes references integrated with argument and comparison analysis of variety of writers' techniques 		presentation of feelings about places, demonstrating their effects and effectiveness e.g. analysis of the differences in the images used to present black and white culture integrated comparative
25-27 marks	 consistent insight and convincing/imaginative interpretation conceptualised comparative response close textual analysis 		approach, analysing and developing own response

What methods does the poet use to present conflict in 'Not My Business' (page 15)? Compare the methods he uses to present conflict with the methods used to present conflict in **one** other poem from the Poems from Different Cultures.

Write about:

- how conflict is presented in 'Not My Business'
- how conflict is presented in one other poem
- similarities in the ways conflict is presented
- differences in the ways conflict is presented.

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark	Statements	Mark	Statements
Range		Range	
0 marks	nothing written		
1-3 marks	some awareness of one or more texts	1-6 marks	some understanding of content of 'Not my Business'
4-6 marks	simple commentreference to some detailawareness of some aspect of presentation		 and/or one other poem mention of feelings/conflict e.g. there is bitterness simple statement on language
7-9 marks	 some simple comment supported reference to appropriate detail/simple linkage statement on some aspects of presentation 	7-12 marks	 accurate account of content of 'Not My Business' and/or one other relevant poem identification of the methods used to present conflict in one or both poems e.g. the poet
10-12 marks	 some simple extended comment appropriate reference/use of quotation to support comment/ linkage simple comment on some aspects of presentation 		uses a refrain, separate stanzas simple comment on some aspects of presentation of conflict e.g. imagery, repeated chorus, four threatening stages

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark	Statements	Mark	Statements
Range		Range	
13-15 marks	 awareness of feeling(s), attitude(s), idea(s) range of comment supported by textual details with some valid cross-reference comment on effects achieved by writer 	13-18 marks	 some focus on conflict in 'Not My Business' and one other poem comments on the methods used to present conflict e.g. negatives, dramatic verbs, apparently casual narrative
16-18 marks	 understanding of feelings, attitudes, ideas range of extended supported comment with some developed cross-reference awareness of writer's techniques and purpose 		relevant comparison of the methods used and their effects
19-21 marks	 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	 examination and analysis of conflict in both poems e.g. political and social dimensions behind personal stories examination and analysis of specific examples of the
22-24 marks 25-27 marks	 exploration of and empathy with writer's feelings, ideas and attitudes references integrated with argument and comparison analysis of a variety of writers' techniques consistent insight and convincing/imaginative interpretation conceptualised comparative response close textual analysis 		methods used to present feelings about conflict e.g. irony of apparently simple story telling method increasing tension through accumulation of threat, through repeated chorus integrated comparative approach, analysing and developing own response

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). The total available mark 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, with the AO3 (i)/(ii) total above the AO3 (iii) total.

The Skills descriptors embody the two equally weighted Assessment Objectives in the Communications 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 range, and then to check across 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 range the mark should be. Remember that to be placed in a particular range the work will satisfy some (but not necessarily 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 under timed conditions.

Write an article for a magazine of your choice in which you **inform** readers about an issue which worries you.

Remember to:

- write an article for a magazine of your choice
- inform readers about the issue.

	AO3 (i)/(ii) Communio	ation and Organisation
Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
1-2	communicates some meaningsome simple sequencing of ideas	some words in appropriate orderone or more points made
3-4	communicates some meaning with occasional sense of purpose and audience	 makes one or more direct reference to a matter of concern an indication of awareness of need to inform and to write an article may express personal feelings but with little relevant detail
	 ideas are sequenced simply, but generally appropriately 	order of ideas can be followed by reader
5-6	 clear communication of ideas with more sense of purpose and audience uses some organisational devices appropriately with occasional conscious selection of words 	 makes some linked points about a matter of concern some awareness of need to inform demonstrated by the selection of points, though likely to be underdeveloped may demonstrate occasional attempt to paragraph though likely to be random some attempt to link ideas using connectives e.g. However, the worst aspect is more evidence of vocabulary selected to inform
7-8	sustained awareness of purpose and audience	 clearer focus on a matter of concern with more developed points may be mainly anecdotal and/or narrative in approach though clearly intended to inform
	 more conscious attempt to organise sentences into paragraphs with some attempt to use vocabulary for effect 	 may use simple rhetorical devices to interest reader e.g. 'Why should we do something about this? paragraphing may be tabloid and/or, at times, correctly placed beginnings of variety in vocabulary

Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
9-10	 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 	 may describe in detail various aspects of chosen topic information is logically sequenced with paragraphs usually marking shift in focus
11-12	 clear identification with purpose and audience; begins to sustair reader's response evidence of structure with 	more evidence of selection of material
	usually coherent paragraphs and clear selection of vocabulary for effect	 content and language discursive markers are becoming more integrated and are used to enhance the organisation of the information e.g. 'Finally'
13-14	 form, content and style are generally matched to purpose and audience 	 detailed and developed information on a matter of concern begins to anticipate and respond to potential reader response may selectively use a range of devices/ approaches to provide variety and sustain reader's interest e.g. rhetorical questions, question/answer, anecdote
	 well structured, starting to use paragraphs to enhance meanin and with increasing sophistication in vocabulary choice and phrasing 	range of paragraph structures coherently
15-16	 form, content and style are consistently matched to purpos and audience 	 cogent focus on a matter of concern with wide range of interesting information growing subtlety of purpose and ability to manipulate reader's response
	 coherently structured with fluently linked sentence structures and paragraphs and evidence of conscious crafting 	 structured and developed using a range of means to inform effectively fluent control of range of devices and discursive markers extensive vocabulary range

Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
17-18	form, content and style are assuredly matched to purpose and audience; distinctive and consistently effective	 strong personal style may use satire, irony, humour etc. but always fittingly and in context demonstrates the ability to integrate a range of complex details
	controlled and sustained crafting with highly effective and delightful vocabulary choices	 discursive markers and a range of stylistic techniques integrated seamlessly may use some inventive structural and/or linguistic devices

		AO3(iii) Sentence Structure	s, Pı	unctuation and Spelling
Marks		Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
1	•	some sentences		
	•	some accuracy in spelling of	•	some monosyllabic words spelt correctly
		simple words		
	•	random punctuation		
2-3	•	in sentences	•	may use mainly simple and compound sentences with occasional complex sentences; may use discourse markers in a mechanical way
	•	generally accurate basic spelling	•	simple words generally spelt correctly
	•	evidence of conscious punctuation	•	occasional accurate full stops
4-5	•	uses a range of securely demarcated sentence structures	•	some conscious variation of syntax though not always grammatically secure; may link complex sentences with appropriate discourse markers e.g. 'because, another reason for'; some use of modifiers
	•	some accurate spelling of more complex words	•	commonly used words spelt correctly
	•	starts to use a range of punctuation	•	general accuracy in use of more than commas and full stops
6-7	•	uses sentence forms for effect	•	constructions linked securely to discourse markers; may use parallel constructions, syntactical list, adjectives, adverbs, minor sentences, for effect
	•	generally secure in spelling	•	generally secure spelling of irregular, latinate, complex words
	•	generally secure in punctuation which clarifies meaning and purpose	•	generally accurate in sentence demarcation, use of commas, question marks etc.
8-9	•	uses full range of appropriate sentence structures	•	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
	•	achieves a high level of technical accuracy in spelling (occasional lapses may occur)	•	accurate spelling
	•	achieves a high level of technical accuracy in punctuation (occasional lapses may occur)	•	range of punctuation used in sophisticated manner e.g. colons and semi-colons used correctly where appropriate

04 If you could choose, where would you most like to live? **Explain** the reasons for your choice.

Remember to:

- explain where you would most like to live
- explain the reasons for your choice.

	ation and Organisation	
Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
1-2	communicates some meaningsome simple sequencing of ideas	some words in appropriate orderone or more points made
3-4	 communicates some meaning with occasional sense of purpose and audience ideas are sequenced simply, but generally appropriately 	 makes one or more direct reference to chosen location an indication of awareness to explain e.g. uses appropriate word such as 'because' may express personal feelings about place to live but with little relevant detail order of ideas can be followed by reader
5-6	 clear communication of ideas with more sense of purpose and audience uses some organisational devices appropriately with occasional conscious selection of words 	 makes some linked points about where to live some awareness of need to explain demonstrated by selection of points, though likely to be underdeveloped may demonstrate occasional attempt to paragraph though likely to be random some attempt to link ideas using connectives e.g. 'This place would be ideal because' more evidence of vocabulary selected to
7-8	 sustained awareness of purpose and audience more conscious attempt to organise sentences into paragraphs with some attempt 	 clearer focus on the chosen place with more developed points may be mainly anecdotal and/or narrative in approach though clearly intended to explain some evidence of selection of detail for purpose e.g. specific reasons for living there may use simple rhetorical devices to interest reader e.g. lists of three
	to use vocabulary for effect	 paragraphing may be tabloid and/or, at times, correctly placed beginnings of variety in vocabulary

Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
9-10	conscious attempt to suit the needs of purpose and audience and begins to engage reader's response	 clear focus on the chosen place evidence of a variety of explanations likely to explain in some detail various examples, maybe based on personal experience
	 clear, if mechanical, paragraphing with more conscious use of vocabulary for effect 	 explanation is logically sequenced with paragraphs usually marking shift in focus begins to interest reader through vocabulary choices
11-12	clear identification with purpose and audience; begins to sustain reader's response	 more evidence of selection of material to explain the reasons for choice of place explanation likely to cover a range of aspects may address the reader directly e.g. 'Have you ever thought of?' control of anecdote in context, emphasis etc. will be competent where used
	evidence of structure with usually coherent paragraphs and clear selection of vocabulary for effect	 paragraphs are competently linked by content and language discursive markers are becoming more integrated and are used to enhance the organisation of the explanation e.g. 'Because of this'
13-14	form, content and style are generally matched to purpose and audience	 detailed and developed explanation of the choice of place to live begins to anticipate and respond to potential reader response may selectively use a range of devices/ approaches to provide variety and sustain reader's interest e.g. rhetorical questions, question/answer, anecdote
	well structured, starting to use paragraphs to enhance meaning and with increasing sophistication in vocabulary choice and phrasing	 range of paragraph structures coherently linked discursive markers are now coherently integrated varied vocabulary used effectively in explanation
15-16	form, content and style are consistently matched to purpose and audience	 cogent focus on the chosen place with wide range of interesting explanation growing subtlety of purpose and ability to manipulate reader's response
	coherently structured with fluently linked sentence structures and paragraphs and evidence of conscious crafting	 structured and developed using a range of means to explain effectively fluent control of range of devices and discursive markers extensive vocabulary range

Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
17-18	form, content and style are assuredly matched to purpose and audience; distinctive and consistently effective	 strong personal style may use satire, irony, humour etc. but always fittingly and in context demonstrates the ability to integrate a range of complex details
	controlled and sustained crafting with highly effective and delightful vocabulary choices	 discursive markers and a range of stylistic techniques are integrated seamlessly may use some inventive structural and/or linguistic devices

	AO3(iii) Sentence Structures, Punctuation and Spelling				
Marks		Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors		
1	•	some sentences			
	•	some accuracy in spelling of	 some monosyllabic words spelt correctly 		
		simple words			
	•	random punctuation			
2-3	•	in sentences	 may use mainly simple and compound sentences with occasional complex sentences; may use discourse markers in a mechanical way 		
	•	generally accurate basic spelling	 simple words generally spelt correctly 		
	•	evidence of conscious punctuation	 occasional accurate full stops 		
4-5	•	uses a range of securely demarcated sentence structures	some conscious variation of syntax though not always grammatically secure; may link complex sentences with appropriate discourse markers e.g. 'because, another reason for'; some use of modifiers		
	•	some accurate spelling of more complex words	commonly used words spelt correctly		
	•	starts to use a range of punctuation	general accuracy in use of more than commas and full stops		
6-7	•	uses sentence forms for effect	 constructions linked securely to discourse markers; may use parallel constructions, syntactical list, adjectives, adverbs, minor sentences, for effect 		
	•	generally secure in spelling	 generally secure spelling of irregular, latinate, complex words 		
	•	generally secure in punctuation which clarifies meaning and	generally accurate in sentence demorration, use of common question		
		purpose	demarcation, use of commas, question marks etc.		
8-9	•	uses full range of appropriate sentence structures	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		
	•	achieves a high level of technical accuracy in spelling (occasional lapses may occur)	accurate spelling		
	•	achieves a high level of technical accuracy in punctuation (occasional lapses may occur)	 range of punctuation used in sophisticated manner e.g. colons and semi-colons used correctly where appropriate 		

O5 Describe a journey by plane, train, bus or car.

Remember to:

• describe the journey in detail.

	AO3 (i)/(ii) Communication and Organisation				
Marks		Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
1-2	•	communicates some meaning some simple sequencing of ideas	•	some words in appropriate order one or more points made	
3-4	•	communicates some meaning with occasional sense of purpose and audience ideas are sequenced simply, but generally appropriately	•	makes one or more direct reference to journey an indication of awareness of need to describe e.g. uses appropriate adjectives may express feelings about journey but with little relevant detail order of ideas can be followed by reader	
5-6	•	clear communication of ideas with more sense of purpose and audience	•	makes some linked points about journey some awareness of need to describe, demonstrated by selection of aspects of journey, though likely to be underdeveloped	
	•	uses some organisational devices appropriately with occasional conscious selection of words	•	may demonstrate occasional attempt to paragraph though likely to be random some attempt to link ideas using connectives e.g. 'After boarding the plane' more evidence of vocabulary selected to	
7-8	•	sustained awareness of purpose and audience more conscious attempt to organise sentences into paragraphs with some attempt to use vocabulary for effect	•	describe clearer focus on journey with more developed points may be mainly anecdotal and/or narrative in approach though clearly intended to describe some evidence of selection of detail for purpose e.g. reference to particular feelings may use simple rhetorical devices to interest reader e.g. lists of three paragraphing may be tabloid and/or, at times correctly placed	
9-10	•	conscious attempt to suit the needs of purpose and audience	•	beginnings of variety in vocabulary clear focus on journey evidence of variety of description	
	•	and begins to engage reader's response clear, if mechanical, paragraphing with more conscious use of vocabulary for effect	•	likely to describe in detail various aspects of journey description is logically sequenced with paragraphs usually marking shift in focus begins to interest reader through vocabulary choices	

Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
11-12	 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 	 more evidence of selection of detail for description of journey description likely to cover a range of aspects e.g. colours, atmosphere, senses control of 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 description
13-14	 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 	 detailed and developed description of journey begins to anticipate and respond to potential reader response may selectively use a range of devices/approaches to provide variety and sustain reader's interest e.g. sentence, variation, similes range of paragraph structures coherently linked discursive markers now coherently integrated varied vocabulary used effectively in description
15-16	 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 	 cogent focus on journey with 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 atmosphere of journey effectively fluent control of range of devices and discursive markers extensive vocabulary range
17-18	 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 	 strong personal 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 seamlessly may use some inventive structural and/or linguistic devices

		AO3(iii) Sentence Structures	s, Pı	unctuation and Spelling
Marks		Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
1	•	some sentences		
	•	some accuracy in spelling of	•	some monosyllabic words spelt correctly
		simple words		
	•	random punctuation		
2-3	•	in sentences	•	may use mainly simple and compound sentences with occasional complex sentences; may use discourse markers in a mechanical way
	•	generally accurate basic spelling	•	simple words generally spelt correctly
	•	evidence of conscious punctuation	•	occasional accurate full stops
4-5	•	uses a range of securely demarcated sentence structures	•	some conscious variation of syntax though not always grammatically secure; may link complex sentences with appropriate discourse markers; some use of modifiers
	•	some accurate spelling of more complex words	•	commonly used words spelt correctly
	•	starts to use a range of punctuation	•	general accuracy in use of more than commas and full stops
6-7	•	uses sentence forms for effect	•	constructions linked securely to discourse markers; may use parallel constructions, syntactical list, adjectives, adverbs, minor sentences, for effect
	•	generally secure in spelling	•	generally secure spelling of irregular, latinate, complex words
	•	generally secure in punctuation which clarifies meaning and purpose	•	generally accurate in sentence demarcation, use of commas, question marks etc.
8-9	•	uses full range of appropriate sentence structures	•	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
	•	achieves a high level of technical accuracy in spelling (occasional lapses may occur)	•	accurate spelling
	•	achieves a high level of technical accuracy in punctuation (occasional lapses may occur)	•	range of punctuation used in sophisticated manner e.g. colons and semi-colons used correctly where appropriate

Of Choose something you are interested in. Write about your chosen topic in a way that will inform other people about it and **explain** your interest in it.

Remember to:

- choose something you are interested in
- inform other people about your chosen topic
- explain why you are interested in it.

	AO3 (i)/(ii) Communication and Organisation			
Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors		
1-2	 communicates some meaning some simple sequencing of ideas 	some words in appropriate orderone or more points made		
3-4	communicates some meaning with occasional sense of purpose and audience	 makes one or more direct reference to specific topic an indication of need to inform and/or explain e.g. uses appropriate word such as 'because' may express personal feelings about topic but with little relevant detail 		
	 ideas are sequenced simply, but generally appropriately 	order of ideas can be followed by reader		
5-6	 clear communication of ideas with more sense of purpose and audience uses some organisational devices appropriately with occasional conscious selection of words 	 makes some linked points about specific topic some awareness of the need to inform and explain, demonstrated by the selection of points, though likely to be underdeveloped may demonstrate occasional attempt to paragraph though likely to be random some attempt to link ideas using connectives e.g. 'I found it difficult because' more evidence of vocabulary selected to inform and explain 		
7-8	 sustained awareness of purpose and audience more conscious attempt to organise sentences into paragraphs with some attempt to use vocabulary for effect 	 clearer focus on a topic with more developed points may be mainly anecdotal and/or narrative in approach though clearly intended to inform and explain some evidence of selection of detail for purpose e.g. references to how to do it may use simple rhetorical devices to interest reader e.g. lists of three paragraphing may be tabloid and/or, at times, correctly placed beginnings of variety in vocabulary 		

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9-10	 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 	 clear focus on chosen topic and reasons for interest in it evidence of a variety of information and explanations likely to inform in detail various aspects of the topic information and explanation are logically sequenced with paragraphs usually marking shift in focus begins to interest reader through vocabulary choices
11-12	clear identification with purpose and audience; begins to sustain reader's response	 more evidence of selection of material to inform about the topic and explain interest in it information and explanation likely to cover a range of aspects may address reader directly e.g. 'How would you react if' control of anecdote in context, emphasis etc. will be competent where used
	evidence of structure with usually coherent paragraphs and clear selection of vocabulary for effect	 paragraphs are competently linked by content and language discursive markers are becoming more integrated and are used to enhance the organisation of the information and explanation e.g. 'Because of him'
13-14	form, content and style are generally matched to purpose and audience	 detailed and developed information about the topic and explanation of interest in it begins to anticipate and respond to potential reader response may selectively use a range of devices/approaches to provide variety and sustain reader's interest e.g. sentence variation, rhetorical questions
	well structured, starting to use paragraphs to enhance meaning and with increasing sophistication in vocabulary choice and phrasing	 range of paragraph structures coherently linked discursive markers are now coherently integrated varied vocabulary used effectively in information and explanation

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15-16	 form, content and style are consistently matched to purpose and audience 	 cogent focus on information about the topic with wide range of interesting explanation of interest in it growing subtlety of purpose and ability to manipulate reader's response
	 coherently structured with fluently linked sentence structures and paragraphs and evidence of conscious crafting 	 structured and developed using a range of means to inform and explain effectively fluent control of range of devices and discursive markers extensive vocabulary range
17-18	 form, content and style are assuredly matched to purpose and audience; distinctive and consistently effective 	 strong personal style may use satire, irony, humour etc. but always fittingly and in context demonstrates the ability to integrate a range of complex details
	 controlled and sustained crafting with highly effective and delightful vocabulary choices 	 discursive markers and a range of stylistic techniques integrated seamlessly may use some inventive structural and/or linguistic devices

	1	AO3(iii) Sentence Structure		
Marks		Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors	
1	•	some sentences		
	•	some accuracy in spelling of	some monosyllabic words spelt correctly	
		simple words		
0.0	•	random punctuation		
2-3	•	in sentences	 may use mainly simple and compound sentences with occasional complex sentences; may use discourse markers in mechanical way 	n a
	•	generally accurate basic spelling	 simple words generally spelt correctly 	
	•	evidence of conscious punctuation	occasional accurate full stops	
4-5	•	uses a range of securely demarcated sentence structures	some conscious variation of syntax though not always grammatically secure; may lin complex sentences with appropriate discourse markers e.g. 'because', 'another reason for'; some use of modifiers	ik
	•	some accurate spelling of more complex words	commonly used words spelt correctly	
	•	starts to use a range of punctuation	general accuracy in use of more than commas and full stops	
6-7	•	uses sentence forms for effect	 constructions linked securely to discourse markers; may use parallel constructions, syntactical list, adjectives, adverbs, mino sentences, for effect 	
	•	generally secure in spelling	generally secure spelling of irregular, latinate, complex words	ļ
	•	generally secure in punctuation	generally accurate in sentence	
		which clarifies meaning and	demarcation, use of commas, question	
		purpose	marks etc.	
8-9	•	uses full range of appropriate sentence structures	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	,
	•	achieves a high level of technical accuracy in spelling (occasional lapses may occur)	accurate spelling	
	•	achieves a high level of technical accuracy in punctuation (occasional lapses may occur)	 range of punctuation used in sophisticate manner e.g. colons and semi-colons used correctly where appropriate 	