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Mark Scheme (Original Version)

English Specification A (3702/1H)

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Paper 1 Tier H 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 H

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

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

In addition to recording the mark for a question at the end of the answer, examiners must also fill in the marks on the front cover of the answer booklet.

The grid on the front of the answer booklet should look like this:

1a	2
b	2
c	5
2a	4
b	3
3	10
	5

Then put the total mark for the paper in the box on the top right hand corner called 'For Office Use Only'.

Please make sure that you add your initials next to the total for the paper.

GCSE English 2004

Paper 1 Tier H

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.

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

Read Item 1, the page from a catalogue advertising books for young people.

1(a) How are opinions used in the catalogue page to persuade people to buy the books?

(3 marks)

Marks and	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
Grades	-	-
0	nothing written	
U		
1	may include extra detail which obscures	• use of persuasive adjectives and adverbs
D/E	answer	
	• attempts to engage with the task	• the title gives an opinion of what is to
2	• clear attempt to look at how opinions	follow
B/C	are used to persuade	
	• structured response with a sense that	• examples in both 'blurbs'
	material has been absorbed and shaped	
	extra detail is included on occasions	• opinions used to make the books appear
	• clear attempt to look at use of opinions	more attractive
3	a competent/complete answer	
A/A*	material fully absorbed and shaped	
	• a clear and full understanding of the	
	writer's use of opinions to persuade	
	• response is as detailed as you could	
	expect from a 16-year old	

Now read **Item 2:** an extract from a book review called *Lost and found in adolescent space* from *The Observer* newspaper.

1(b) What is Nicci Gerrard's argument in the first **two** paragraphs about the state of children's literature? (*3 marks*)

Marks and Grades	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
0 U	• nothing written	
1 D/E	 may include extra detail which obscures answer attempts to engage with the task 	falls into two categorieswonder and reality fuse
2 B/C	 clear attempt to follow the argument in the article structured response with a sense that material has been absorbed and shaped extra detail is included on occasions clear attempt to follow the argument 	 often about adolescent torment about difficult journeys leaving childhood behind
3 A/A*	 a competent/complete answer material fully absorbed and summarised a clear and full understanding of what is being said response is as clear as you could expect from a 16 year old 	 Tim Bowler is a good example of this type of writer reasons why he is a good example gender difference

- **1(c)** After reading the reviews of *Starseeker* and *Strawgirl*:
 - which of these two novels appeals to you more
 - how does the language of the reviews influence what you think about each novel?

(8 marks)

Marks and Grades	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
0 U	• nothing written	Which novel appeals more and why:
1-2 G/F	 little content answer may be obscured by extra detail and mainly narrative general/descriptive comment little evidence of the candidate understanding essential difference between texts 	 no right answer! may be gender biased answers Starseeker gets the better review reason based on detail from reviews Use of language:
3-4 D/E	 tends to paraphrase and attempts to evaluate the novels and the language unstructured response and largely descriptive some identification of the novels' plots and purposes some awareness of the different language, but mainly meaning attempts both tasks 	 Starseeker: lots of factual detail lots of unanswered questions positive and laudatory lots of adjectives Strawgirl
5-6 C/B	 clear/competent attempt to engage with both parts of the question structured response which selects and comments on different reasons clear choice of novel understanding of how language can influence choice clear evaluative comments 	 stresses the poetic nature of this novel 'shimmers' is effective more negative and judgmental some of the language is dismissive General points: lists
7-8 A/A*	 a clear and detailed choice between the 2 novels linked with language careful and logical organisation material fully absorbed and shaped for purpose sophisticated and convincing reasons for choice & influence of language detailed evaluation 	 enthusiastic style 'And' and 'But' sentences long sentences

2(a) How effective do you think Item 2 would be in interesting its target audience?

Write about:

- the writer's purposes
- the sorts of people she is writing for
- the Item's effectiveness.

(6 marks)

Marks and Grades	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
0	nothing written	
U		purposes:
1	• little content	
G/F	 answer may be obscured by extra detail 	• reviewing the 2 books
	and mainly narrative	 selling the books to wider
	• general/descriptive comment	public/librarians/teachers, etc.
	• little evidence of the candidate	• to inform
	understanding differences between	 to interest purchasers and readers
	purpose, audience and effectiveness	• to review the state of children's
2	 tends to paraphrase and attempts to 	literature
D/E	explain each bullet	• to give an opinion
	 unstructured response and largely 	
	descriptive	audiences:
	• some identification of how effective this	
	page might be	 mainly adults
	• attempts to engage with task	• buyers
	 some appropriate terminology used 	• readers
3-4	 clear/competent attempt to engage with 	• 'children' (?)
C/B	media concepts	• parents
	 structured response which selects and 	 other reviewers
	comments on all three bullets	• librarians/teachers
	 clear explanation of the likely 	• etc.
	effectiveness of this page	
	• demonstrates clear competence in the	effectiveness:
	use of technical terminology	
5-6	• clear and detailed comments on the three	• no right answer
A/A*	bullets and a clear evaluation	• it is effective in fulfilling its purpose
	 careful and logical organisation 	• it does appeal to its intended audience
	 material fully absorbed and shaped for 	 however, it is limited
	purpose	• gives the reader a taste of both novels
	• sophisticated and convincing use of	and of the writer's opinion
	critical terminology to describe media	 might mention presentation
	concepts	
		Expect a general point about purpose
		and audience being inextricably linked

2(b) How does **Item 1** use different design styles, images and language to persuade the reader to buy the books?

You might write about:

- the layout and structure of the page
- the design styles of the book covers which are shown
- the print styles which are used
- the language.

Grades and Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
0 U	nothing written	Layout:
1 G/F	 little content answer may be obscured by extra detail & mainly narrative general/descriptive comment little evidence that candidate understanding differences between design styles little evidence of comparison 	 covers and reviews eye drawn to text by sub-heading fussy? baubles advertise savings several different layout features Design styles:
2-3 D/E	 tends to paraphrase and attempts to explain the differences unstructured response and largely descriptive some identification of the ways that design style, image and language are used for different effects attempts to engage with task 	 use of colour in word art and images different designs for different types of novel aimed at readers garish and adolescent Print styles:
4-5 C/B	 clear/competent attempt to engage with media concepts structured response which selects and comments on different aspects some appropriate terminolgy used clear explanation of the linkage between design styles and images demonstrate clear competence in the use of technical terminology 	 the images are central appeal to young people various sorts of trendy fonts print styles attempt to match the type of subject matter Language: informative marketing language
6-7 A/A*	 a clear and detailed analysis of the way design style, images and language contribute to effect careful and logical organisation material fully absorbed and shaped for purpose sophisticated and convincing use of critical terminology to describe media concepts 	 uses quotations to attract readership different language used in the titles language aimed at different readerships

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

This section covers the following 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.

"Books are dead." Argue for or against this point of view.

AO3 (i)/(ii) Communication and Organisation			
Mark	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors	
Notional U 1-2	communicates some meaningsome simple sequencing of ideas	some words in appropriate orderone or more points made	
Notional G 3-4	communicates some meaning with occasional sense of purpose and audience	 makes one or more direct reference to books and reading an indication of awareness of need for formality 	
	 ideas are sequenced simply, but generally appropriately 	 may express personal feelings strongly but with little or no use of supportive detail some attempt to shape points into an document 	
Notional F 5-6	clear communication of ideas with more sense of purpose and audience	 a number of arguments put forward uses isolated points from stimulus material or copies some points in detail may demonstrate occasional attempt to paragraph though likely to be random some attempt to link ideas using causal connectives e.g. because, so 	
	 uses some organisational devices appropriately with occasional conscious selection of words 	occasional attempt to use linguistic/ presentational devices e.g. repetition, capitals, bold	
Notional E 7-8	sustained awareness of purpose and audience	 linked arguments put forward which may be developed in a generalised way use a more formal register begins to use rhetorical devices, for example, rhetorical questions with occasional evidence of language being used emotively 	
	 more conscious attempt to organise sentences into paragraphs with some attempt to use vocabulary for effect 	 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 	
Notional D 9-10	conscious attempt to suit the needs of purpose and audience and begins to engage reader's response	 presents argument with a variety of reasons evidence which may be drawn from personal experience and stimulus material is used to support argument register almost wholly formal with some attempt to control tone e.g. to be angry, indignant etc. 	
	clear, if mechanical, paragraphing with more conscious use of vocabulary for effect	 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 	

Notional C 11-12	clear identification with purpose and audience; begins to sustain reader's response	 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
	evidence of structure with usually coherent paragraphs and clear selection of vocabulary for effect	 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
Notional B 13-14	form, content and style are generally matched to purpose and audience	 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
	well structured, starting to use paragraphs to enhance meaning and with increasing sophistication in vocabulary choice	 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
Notional A 15-16	form, content and style are consistently matched to purpose and audience	 argues successfully and convincingly; well-informed, drawing on a range of sources growing subtlety of purpose and ability to adapt tone to manipulate reader
	coherently structured with fluently linked sentence structures and paragraphs and evidence of conscious crafting	 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
Notional A* 17-18	form, content and style are assuredly matched to purpose and audience; distinctive and consistently effective	 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
	controlled and sustained crafting with highly effective and delightful vocabulary choices	 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				
Mark	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors		
Notional U 1	some sentencessome accuracy in spelling of simple wordsrandom punctuation	 some monosyllabic words spelt correctly occasional full stops 		
Notional G/F 2-3	• in sentences	may use mainly simple and compound sentences, with occasional complex sentences; may use discourse markers in an enhanced way		
	generally accurate basic spellingevidence of conscious punctuation	some monosyllabic words spelt correctlyoccasional full stops		
Notional E/D 4-5	uses a range of securely demarcated sentence structures	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		
	some accurate spelling of more complex words	commonly used words spelt correctly		
	• starts to use a range of punctuation	general accuracy in use of capital letters and full stops		
Notional C/B 6-7	uses sentence forms for effect	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 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.		
Notional A/A* 8-9	uses full range of appropriate sentence structures	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		
	achieves a high level of technical accuracy in spelling	accurate spelling		
	achieves a high level of technical accuracy in punctuation	 range of punctuation used in a sophisticated manner; colons and semi-colons used correctly when appropriate 		

Write a letter to a friend either **persuading** them to read a book that you have read recently or **persuading** them to watch a television series that you have seen.

	AO3 (i)/(ii) Communication and Organisation				
Mark	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors			
Notional U 1-2	communicates some meaningsome simple sequencing of ideas	some words in appropriate orderone or more points made			
Notional G 3-4	 communicates some meaning with occasional sense of purpose and audience ideas are sequenced simply, but generally appropriate 	 makes one or more direct reference to a book or a TV series an indication of awareness of need for letter format may express personal feelings strongly but with little or no use of supportive detail some attempt to shape points into a letter 			
Notional F 5-6	 clear communication of ideas with more sense of purpose and audience uses some organisational devices 	 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 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/ 			
Notional E	appropriately with occasional conscious selection of words	presentational devices e.g. repetition, capitals, bold			
7-8	sustained awareness of purpose and audience	 linked material which may be developed in a generalised way addresses audience directly begins to use rhetorical devices, for example, rhetorical questions with occasional evidence of language being used emotively 			
	 more conscious attempt to organise sentences into paragraphs with some attempt to use vocabulary for effect 	 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 			

conscious attempt to suit the needs of purpose and audience and begins to engage.	persuades by variety of meansevidence which may be drawn from
reader's response	personal experience and stimulus material is used to persuade
	• register mainly appropriate with some attempt to control tone e.g. to be angry, indignant etc.
clear, if mechanical, paragraphing with more conscious use of vocabulary for effect	 organised points with paragraphing marking some stages of persuasion
	more appropriate use of wider range of rhetorical devices and discursive markers
alear identification with nurness and	 though still mechanical and superimposed persuasion is starting to become more
	detailed with a clear awareness of the
	alternative standpoint/interests of the friend
	some sense of varying emphasis for effect
	with conscious use of a chosen tone
	paragraphs are competently linked by
a saidanaa af atmaatana saidh sassalla a ahanant	content and languageconfident use of devices such as anecdote in
	• confident use of devices such as anecdote in context and rhetorical questions
	 discursive markers are becoming more
101 41100	integrated and are used to persuade
form, content and style are generally	detailed and well developed; starting to use
matched to purpose and audience	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
well structured, startling to use paragraphs	• range of speech sections coherently linked
to enhance meaning and with increasing sophistication in vocabulary choice	vocabulary range successfully reflects more sophisticated level of persuasion and attempt to influence listener
	 discursive markers are now coherently
	integrated
form, content and style are consistently matched to purpose and audience	persuades successfully and convincingly; well-informed, drawing on a range of sources
	 growing subtlety of purpose and ability to
	adapt tone to manipulate reader
coherently structured with fluently linked	controls a range of means to gain emphasis
sentence structures and paragraphs and	(e.g. one sentence paragraph) and
evidence of conscious crafting	demonstrate variety of possible
	consequences
	 fluent control of range of devices and
	discursive markers with an extensive
	 purpose and audience and begins to engage reader's response clear, if mechanical, paragraphing with more conscious use of vocabulary for effect 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 form, content and style are generally matched to purpose and audience well structured, startling to use paragraphs to enhance meaning and with increasing sophistication in vocabulary choice form, content and style are consistently matched to purpose and audience coherently structured with fluently linked sentence structures and paragraphs and

Notional A* 17-18	form, content and style are assuredly matched to purpose and audience;	 may use satire, irony etc. but always fittingly and in context
	distinctive and consistently effective	 demonstrates intellectual rigour and the ability to integrate a range of persuasive techniques
	controlled and sustained crafting with highly effective and delightful vocabulary choices	 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, Punc	tuation and Spelling
Mark	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
Notional U 1	some sentencessome accuracy in spelling of simple wordsrandom punctuation	 some monosyllabic words spelt correctly occasional full stops
Notional G/F 2-3	• in sentences	may use mainly simple and compound sentences, with occasional complex sentences; may use discourse markers in an enhanced way
	generally accurate basic spellingevidence of conscious punctuation	some monosyllabic words spelt correctlyoccasional full stops
Notional E/D 4-5	uses a range of securely demarcated sentence structures	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
	some accurate spelling of more complex words	commonly used words spelt correctly
	• starts to use a range of punctuation	general accuracy in use of capital letters and full stops
Notional C/B 6-7	uses sentence forms for effect	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 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.
Notional A/A* 8-9	uses full range of appropriate sentence structures	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
	achieves a high level of technical accuracy in spelling	accurate spelling
	achieves a high level of technical accuracy in punctuation	 range of punctuation used in a sophisticated manner; colons and semi-colons used correctly when appropriate

You are a celebrity who has won an award for your work. Write the text for your speech where you **advise** young people about pursing their dreams.

AO3 (ii)/(ii) AO (i)/(ii) Communication and Organisation		
Mark	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
Notional U 1-2	communicates some meaningsome simple sequencing of ideas	some words in appropriate orderone or more points made
Notional G 3-4	communicates some meaning with occasional sense of purpose and audience	 makes one or more direct reference to celebrity and the advice given an indication of awareness of need for formality may express personal feelings strongly but with little or no use of supportive detail
	• ideas are sequenced simply, but generally appropriately	 some attempt to shape points into an advice sheet
Notional F 5-6	clear communication of ideas with more sense of purpose and audience	 a number of points made uses isolated points from stimulus material or copies some points in detail shows awareness of of student audience at different points in the text for a speech either by use of second person or by occasional use of a more formal register
	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 casual connectives e.g. because, so occasional attempt to use linguistic/presentational devices e.g. repetition, capitals, bold
Notional E 7-8	sustained awareness of purpose and audience	 linked arguments put forward which may be developed in a generalised way addresses audience of young people 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
	more conscious attempt to organise sentences into paragraphs with some attempt to use vocabulary for effect	 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

Notional D 9-10	conscious attempt to suit the needs of purpose and audience and begins to engage reader's response	 presents advice with a variety of reasons evidence which may be drawn from personal experience and stimulus material is used to support argument
	clear, if mechanical, paragraphing with more conscious use of vocabulary for effect	 register almost wholly formal 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
Notional C 11-12	clear identification with purpose and audience; begins to sustain reader's response	 advice is starting to become more detailed with a clear awareness of the task as a speech and the audience of young people some sense of varying emphasis for effect with conscious use of a chosen tone paragraphs are competently linked by
	evidence of structure with usually coherent paragraphs and clear selection of vocabulary for effect	 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 advice; may mark both cause and effect e.g. as a result of this consequently
Notional B 13-14	form, content and style are generally matched to purpose and audience	 detailed and well developed; starting to use and support advice, though not always convincingly carried through begins to anticipate and evaluate potential student response
	well structured, starting to use paragraphs to enhance meaning and with increasing sophistication in vocabulary choice	 may use conditional(s) with competence range of paragraph structures coherently linked vocabulary range successfully reflects level of advice and attempt to influence students to follow their dreams discursive markers are now coherently integrated
Notional A 15-16	form, content and style are consistently matched to purpose and audience	 advises successfully and convincingly; well-informed, drawing on a range of sources growing subtlety of purpose and ability to adapt tone to manipulate reader
	coherently structured with fluently linked sentence structures and paragraphs and evidence of conscious crafting	 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

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Notional A* 17-18	form, content and style are assuredly matched to purpose and audience;	•	may use exaggeration, irony etc but always fittingly and in context
	distinctive and consistently effective	•	demonstrates intellectual rigour and the ability to integrate a range of complex details from varied sources
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		•	may use some inventive structural and/or linguistic devices

	AO3 (iii) Sentence Structures, Punc	tuation and Spelling
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Notional G/F 2-3	• in sentences	may use mainly simple and compound sentences, with occasional complex sentences; may use discourse markers in an enhanced way
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Notional C/B 6-7	uses sentence forms for effect	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 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.
Notional A/A* 8-9	uses full range of appropriate sentence structures - cockieves a high level of technical accuracy.	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
	 achieves a high level of technical accuracy in spelling achieves a high level of technical accuracy 	 accurate spelling range of punctuation used in a sophisticated
	in punctuation	manner; colons and semi-colons used correctly when appropriate

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AO3 (i)/(ii) Communication and Organisation		
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Notional U 1-2	communicates some meaningsome simple sequencing of ideas	some words in appropriate orderone or more points made
Notional G 3-4	communicates some meaning with occasional sense of purpose and audience	 makes one or more direct reference to the number of exams and their effects an indication of awareness of need for formality may express personal feelings strongly but with little or no use of supportive detail
	• ideas are sequenced simply, but generally appropriately	some attempt to shape points into format appropriate for parents' magazine
Notional F 5-6	 clear communication of ideas with more sense of purpose and audience uses some organisational devices 	 a number of arguments put forward uses isolated points from stimulus material or copies some points in detail shows awareness of magazine reader at different points either by use of second person or by occasional use of a more formal register may demonstrate occasional attempt to
	appropriately with occasional conscious selection of words	 paragraph though likely to be random some attempt to link ideas using casual connectives e.g. because, so occasional attempt to use linguistic/presentational devices e.g. repetition, capitals, bold
Notional E 7-8	sustained awareness of purpose and audience	 linked arguments put forward which may be developed in a generalised way addresses reader 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
	 more conscious attempt to organise sentences into paragraphs with some attempt to use vocabulary for effect 	 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

Notional D 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 	 presents argument 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 consistently formal with some attempt to control tone e.g. to be angry, indignant etc. organised points with paragraphing marking some shift in argument and persuasion more appropriate use of wider range of rhetorical devices and discursive markers
Notional C 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 	 though still mechanical and superimposed argument 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 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 so
Notional B 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 	 detailed and well developed; starting to use and support argument and persuasion, 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 argument and advice and attempt to influence reader discursive markers are now coherently integrated
Notional A 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 	 argues and 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 alternative points of view (e.g. anecdote, reference) fluent control of range of devices and discursive markers with an extensive vocabulary range

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