

# **General Certificate of Secondary Education**

# English 3702 R Specification A Paper 1H R

# Mark Scheme

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# GCSE English 2008

## 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 those 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	5
1b	2
2a	4
2b	5
2c	5
3	14
	7

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 underneath the total for the paper.

## GCSE English 2008

## 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	1(a)	1(b)	2(a)	2(b)
(i)	✓	✓	✓	✓
(ii)		✓		
(iii)	✓	✓	(√)	✓
(iv)	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	✓
(v)			✓	✓

Read **Item 1**, the article called 'The first greenies' by Michelle Hanson.

**1(a)** According to Michele Hanson, what could 'today's green consumers' learn from 'Britain in the 40s and 50s'?. (7 marks)

Grades and	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
Marks	41.	
0	nothing relevant written	What today's green consumers
1 mark  'some simple comment'	<ul> <li>some simple supported comment</li> <li>mainly narrative description</li> <li>refers to some appropriate detail</li> <li>some views put forward</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>ethical living</li> <li>make do and mend</li> <li>not to waste resources</li> </ul>
2/3 marks  'attempts to engage'	<ul> <li>some extended supported comments</li> <li>unstructured response and tends to paraphrase</li> <li>some identification of main points [and some views]</li> <li>attempts to engage with task</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>to re-use everything</li> <li>to re-use brown paper</li> <li>not to waste food</li> <li>turn lights off</li> <li>housework</li> <li>use cloth nappies</li> <li>return bottles to shop</li> </ul>
4/5 marks  'clear attempt'	<ul> <li>clear and effective attempt to engage with the task</li> <li>structured response</li> <li>selects [&amp; comments] on Hanson's views</li> <li>a variety of points put forward</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>re-cycle clothes</li> <li>re-use sheets</li> <li>mend ladders in stockings</li> <li>etc.</li> </ul>
6/7 marks 'detailed/ shaped & absorbed '	<ul> <li>a full understanding of the points put forward</li> <li>material fully absorbed and shaped for purpose</li> <li>references integrated into argument</li> <li>a detailed and conceptualised response</li> </ul>	

✓ = what we learn

# **1(b)** What criticisms does Michele Hanson make of other people's behaviour and attitudes? (6 marks)

Grades and Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
0 1 mark 'some simple comment' 2 marks 'attempts to engage'	<ul> <li>nothing relevant written</li> <li>some simple supported comment</li> <li>mainly narrative description</li> <li>refers to some appropriate detail</li> <li>some criticisms (facts and opinions) alluded to</li> <li>some extended supported comments</li> <li>unstructured response and tends to paraphrase</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Criticisms:</li> <li>that today's generation is wasteful</li> <li>youngsters throwing food around</li> <li>Jennifer's children who leave lights on</li> <li>today's housewives for having it easy</li> <li>today's mothers for using</li> </ul>
3/4 marks	<ul> <li>some identification of criticisms (facts and opinions)</li> <li>attempts to engage with task</li> <li>clear and effective attempt to engage with task</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>disposable nappies</li> <li>today's youth for not re-cycling clothes and accessories</li> <li>today's 'pampered creatures</li> <li>expect generalised points</li> </ul>
'clear attempt'	<ul> <li>structured response</li> <li>selects [&amp; comments on] some criticisms (facts and opinions and their use)</li> <li>a variety of criticisms/facts and opinions put forward</li> </ul>	• etc.'
5/6 marks  'detailed/ shaped & absorbed'	<ul> <li>a full understanding of the [uses of] criticisms (facts and opinions and how they are used)</li> <li>material fully absorbed and shaped for purpose</li> <li>references integrated into argument</li> <li>a detailed and conceptualised response</li> </ul>	

✓ = criticism

Now Read Item 2, the front page from *The Independent* newspaper.

Now look again at Item1 and Item 2 together.

**2(a)** Write about the ways in which presentational devices are used in each item.

(8 marks)

Grades and Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
0	nothing relevant written	Presentational devices &
1/2 mark  'some simple comment'	<ul> <li>some simple supported comment</li> <li>mainly narrative description</li> <li>refers to some appropriate detail</li> <li>some reference to the presentational devices used</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>suggested uses in Item 1</li> <li>old-fashioned colours – to conjure up the 40s and 50s</li> <li>old-fashioned images – same</li> </ul>
3/4 marks  'attempts to engage'	<ul> <li>some extended supported comments</li> <li>unstructured response and tends to paraphrase</li> <li>some identification of presentational devices used</li> <li>attempts to engage with task and to explain how the devices are used</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>reason</li> <li>green headline – green issues</li> <li>clear font – to make it more formal</li> <li>headline – to attract attention by being coarse</li> <li>in columns - to make it more formally a newspaper</li> <li>etc.</li> </ul>
5/6 marks	<ul><li>clear and effective attempt to engage with task</li><li>structured response</li></ul>	Presentational devices & suggested uses in Item 2
'clear attempt'	<ul> <li>selects and comments on at least one device from each item</li> <li>a clear attempt to explain how the devices are used</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>image of a swede – a down to earth veg wraped in cling film and it exemplifies the main message</li> <li>red text – to draw attention to the</li> </ul>
7/8 marks	<ul> <li>a full understanding of what is being asked</li> <li>material fully absorbed and shaped for purpose</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>main issues</li> <li>formal font – to connote seriousness</li> <li>large fonts – to amplify the</li> </ul>
shaped & absorbed'	<ul> <li>references integrated into argument</li> <li>a detailed and conceptualised response with detailed reasons</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>meaning</li> <li>colours – colours of the Swedish flag</li> <li>etc.</li> </ul>

P1 P2

√ = how used

### **2(b)** Compare the ways in which words are used for effect in each item.

(6 marks)

Grades and Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
0	nothing relevant written	words in item 1
1 marks	<ul> <li>some simple supported comment</li> <li>mainly narrative description</li> </ul>	<ul><li>the headlines</li><li>old-fashioned words, like 'giblets' and 'darning'</li></ul>
'some simple comment'	<ul> <li>refers to some appropriate detail</li> <li>some reference to words</li> <li>some extended supported</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>short sentences</li> <li>long sentences</li> <li>mixture of 1<sup>st</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. person</li> </ul>
2 marks 'attempts to	<ul><li>comments</li><li>unstructured response and tends to paraphrase</li></ul>	<ul><li>repetition</li><li>lots of short sentences in the final paragraph</li></ul>
engage'	<ul> <li>some identification of words used in each item</li> <li>attempts to compare</li> </ul>	etc.  how they are used for effect in
3/4 marks	<ul><li>clear and effective attempt to engage with task</li><li>structured response</li></ul>	<ul> <li>item 1?</li> <li>to attract attention to the article</li> <li>to give the article an historical</li> </ul>
'clear attempt'	<ul> <li>selects &amp; comments using some appropriate terminology</li> <li>at least one example from each item given with clear attempt to compare</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>truth</li> <li>for effect</li> <li>to make the most of the point</li> <li>to give personal examples and views and to give impersonal</li> </ul>
5/6 marks	<ul> <li>a full understanding of what is being asked</li> <li>material fully absorbed and shaped for purpose</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>truth</li> <li>for rhetorical effect</li> <li>to hammer home the main personal opinion and point of the</li> </ul>
shaped & absorbed'	references integrated into argument with a convincing use of terminology	writer • etc.
	a detailed and conceptualised response which compares how words are used for effect in each item	<ul> <li>words in item 2</li> <li>demonstrative sentences</li> <li>main words are highlighted</li> <li>full stops lead to the headline</li> <li>etc.</li> <li>how they are used for effect in item 2?</li> <li>to make the article more bombastic</li> </ul>
		<ul><li>for effect</li><li>gives the headline an inevitability</li><li>etc.</li></ul>

L1

L2

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√ = used for effect

#### Specification A Paper 1, Higher, 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 which follow, 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.

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.

Older people often blame younger people for today's problems. Write an article in which you **argue** that older people are the ones to blame. (27 marks)

	AO3 (i)/(ii) Communication and Organisation			
Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors		
1-2	<ul> <li>communicates some meaning</li> </ul>	some words in appropriate order		
	<ul> <li>some simple sequencing of ideas</li> </ul>	one or more points made		
3-4	communicates some meaning with occasional sense of purpose and audience	<ul> <li>makes one or more direct         reference to an article arguing that         older people are to blame</li> <li>an indication of awareness of need         for formality</li> <li>may express personal feelings         strongly but with little or no use of</li> </ul>		
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	ideas are sequenced simply, but generally appropriately	some attempt to shape points into an article		
5-6	clear communication of ideas with more sense of purpose and audience	<ul> <li>a number of arguments put forward</li> <li>uses isolated points from stimulus material or copies some points in detail</li> <li>shows awareness of wide audience at different points either by use of second person or by occasional use of a more formal register</li> </ul>		
	uses some organisational devices appropriately with occasional conscious selection of words	<ul> <li>may demonstrate occasional attempt to paragraph though likely to be random</li> <li>some attempt to link ideas using causal connectives e.g. because, so</li> <li>occasional attempt to use linguistic/ presentational devices e.g. repetition, capitals, bold</li> </ul>		
7-8	<ul> <li>sustained awareness of purpose and audience</li> <li>more conscious attempt to organise sentences into paragraphs with some attempt to use vocabulary for effect</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>linked arguments put forward which may be developed in a generalised way</li> <li>addresses wide audience directly and/or starts consciously to use a more formal register, though still evidence of colloquial language</li> <li>begins to use rhetorical devices, for example, rhetorical questions with occasional evidence of language being used emotively</li> <li>discursive markers e.g. the first point, where used, are mechanical and obvious</li> <li>more frequent use of linguistic/presentational devices e.g. repetition for effect</li> </ul>		

9-10	conscious attempt to suit the needs of purpose and audience and begins to engage reader's response	<ul> <li>presents argument with a variety of reasons</li> <li>evidence which may be drawn from personal experience and stimulus material may be used to support argument</li> <li>register almost wholly formal with some attempt to control tone e.g. to be judgemental, indignant etc.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>clear, if mechanical, paragraphing with more conscious use of vocabulary for effect</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>organised points with paragraphing marking some shift in argument</li> <li>more appropriate use of wider range of rhetorical devices and discursive markers though still mechanical and superimposed</li> </ul>
11-12	<ul> <li>clear identification with purpose and audience; begins to sustain reader's response</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>argument is starting to become more detailed with a clear awareness of alternative viewpoints and some second guessing</li> <li>some sense of varying emphasis for effect with conscious use of a chosen tone e.g. confrontational or placatory</li> <li>confident use of devices such as anecdote in context and rhetorical questions</li> </ul>
	evidence of structure with usually coherent paragraphs and clear selection of vocabulary for effect	<ul> <li>paragraphs are competently linked by content and language</li> <li>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</li> </ul>
13-14	form, content and style are generally matched to purpose and audience	<ul> <li>detailed and well developed; starting to use and support abstract argument, though not always convincingly carried through</li> <li>begins to anticipate and evaluate potential audience response</li> <li>may use argument and counter- argument with competence</li> </ul>
	well structured, starting to use paragraphs to enhance meaning and with increasing sophistication in vocabulary choice	<ul> <li>range of paragraph structures coherently linked</li> <li>vocabulary range successfully reflects more sophisticated level of argument and attempt to influence reader</li> <li>discursive markers are now coherently integrated</li> </ul>

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15-16	form, content and style are consistently matched to purpose and audience	<ul> <li>argues successfully and convincingly; well informed, drawing on a range of sources</li> <li>growing subtlety of purpose and ability to adapt tone to manipulate reader</li> </ul>
	coherently structured with fluently linked sentence structures and paragraphs and evidence of conscious crafting	<ul> <li>controls a range of means to gain emphasis (e.g. one sentence paragraph) and demonstrate alternative points of view (e.g. anecdote, reference)</li> <li>fluent control of range of devices and discursive markers with an extensive vocabulary range</li> </ul>
17-18	form, content and style are     assuredly matched to purpose and     audience; distinctive and     consistently effective	<ul> <li>may use satire, irony etc. but always fittingly and in context</li> <li>demonstrates intellectual rigour and the ability to integrate a range of complex details from varied sources</li> </ul>
	controlled and sustained crafting with highly effective and delightful vocabulary choices	<ul> <li>discursive markers, rhetorical devices etc. are integrated into whole seamlessly and persuasively</li> <li>may use some inventive structural and/or linguistic devices</li> </ul>

	AO3 (iii) Sentence Structures,	Punctuation and Spelling
Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
1	<ul> <li>some sentences</li> <li>some accuracy in spelling of simple words</li> <li>random punctuation</li> </ul>	some monosyllabic words spelt correctly
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 spelling	simple words spelt correctly
	evidence of conscious punctuation	occasional full stops
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
	<ul> <li>starts to use a range of punctuation</li> </ul>	general accuracy in use of capital letters and full stops
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
	<ul> <li>generally secure in punctuation which clarifies meaning and purpose</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>generally accurate in sentence demarcation, use of commas, question marks etc.</li> </ul>
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
	<ul> <li>achieves a high level of technical accuracy in punctuation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>range of punctuation used in a sophisticated manner; colons and semi- colons used correctly when appropriate</li> </ul>

Write the text for a speech for an assembly **persuading** the school or college to start a campaign against waste.

(27 marks)

AO3 (i)/(ii) Communication and Organisation			
Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors	
1-2	<ul> <li>communicates some meaning</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>some words in appropriate order</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>some simple sequencing of ideas</li> </ul>	one or more points made	
3-4	<ul> <li>communicates some meaning with occasional sense of purpose and audience</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>makes one or more direct         references to trying to persuade         school or college to start a         campaign against waste</li> <li>an indication of awareness of need         for a sense of audience</li> <li>may express personal feelings         strongly but with little or no use of         supportive detail</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>ideas are sequenced simply, but generally appropriate</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>some attempt to shape points into the form of a speech</li> </ul>	
5-6	<ul> <li>clear communication of ideas with more sense of purpose and audience</li> <li>uses some organisational devices</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>a number of points of persuasion put forward</li> <li>uses isolated points from stimulus material or copies some points in detail</li> <li>shows awareness of mixed age audience at different points either by use of second person or by occasional use of an appropriate register</li> <li>may demonstrate occasional</li> </ul>	
	appropriately with occasional conscious selection of words	<ul> <li>attempt to paragraph though likely to be random</li> <li>some attempt to link ideas using connectives e.g. because, so</li> <li>occasional attempt to use linguistic/ presentational devices e.g. repetition, capitals, bold</li> </ul>	
7-8	<ul> <li>sustained awareness of purpose and audience</li> <li>more conscious attempt to organise</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>linked material which may be developed in a generalised way</li> <li>addresses school audience directly and/or starts consciously to use a more appropriate register, with evidence of colloquial language</li> <li>begins to use rhetorical devices, for example, rhetorical questions with occasional evidence of language being used emotively</li> <li>discursive markers e.g. the first</li> </ul>	
	sentences into paragraphs with some attempt to use vocabulary for effect	<ul> <li>point, where used, are mechanical and obvious</li> <li>more frequent use of linguistic/ presentational devices e.g. repetition for effect</li> </ul>	

9-10	conscious attempt to suit the needs of purpose and audience and begins to engage reader's response	<ul> <li>persuades by variety of means</li> <li>evidence which may be drawn from personal experience and stimulus material is used to persuade</li> <li>register mainly appropriate with some attempt to control tone e.g. to be persuasive, funny, serious, etc.</li> </ul>
	clear, if mechanical, paragraphing with more conscious use of vocabulary for effect	<ul> <li>organised points with paragraphing marking some stages of persuasion</li> <li>more appropriate use of wider</li> </ul>
		range of rhetorical devices and discursive markers though still mechanical and superimposed
11-12	clear identification with purpose and audience; begins to sustain reader's response	<ul> <li>persuasion is starting to become more detailed with a clear awareness of the features likely to persuade students</li> <li>some sense of varying emphasis for effect with conscious use of a chosen tone</li> </ul>
	evidence of structure with usually coherent paragraphs and clear selection of vocabulary for effect	<ul> <li>paragraphs are competently linked by content and language</li> <li>confident use of devices such as anecdote in context and rhetorical questions</li> <li>discursive markers are becoming more integrated and are used to persuade</li> </ul>
13-14	form, content and style are generally matched to purpose and audience	<ul> <li>detailed and well developed; starting to use and support persuasion though not always convincingly carried through</li> <li>begins to anticipate and evaluate potential audience response</li> <li>may use variety of rhetorical devices with competence</li> </ul>
	well structured, starting to use paragraphs to enhance meaning and with increasing sophistication in vocabulary choice	<ul> <li>range of speech sections coherently linked</li> <li>vocabulary range successfully reflects more sophisticated level of persuasion and attempt to influence reader</li> <li>discursive markers are now coherently integrated</li> </ul>

15-16	form, content and style are consistently matched to purpose and audience	<ul> <li>persuades successfully and convincingly; well informed, drawing on a range of sources</li> <li>growing subtlety of purpose and ability to adapt tone to manipulate reader</li> </ul>
	coherently structured with fluently linked sentence structures and paragraphs and evidence of conscious crafting	<ul> <li>controls a range of means to gain emphasis (e.g. one sentence paragraph) and demonstrate variety of possible consequences</li> <li>fluent control of range of devices and discursive markers with an extensive vocabulary range</li> </ul>
17-18	<ul> <li>form, content and style are assuredly matched to purpose and audience; distinctive and consistently effective</li> <li>controlled and sustained crafting with highly effective and delightful vocabulary choices</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>may use satire, irony etc. but always fittingly and in context</li> <li>demonstrates intellectual rigour and the ability to integrate a range of persuasive techniques</li> <li>discursive markers, rhetorical devices etc. are integrated into whole seamlessly and persuasively</li> <li>may use some inventive structural and/or linguistic devices</li> </ul>

AO3 (iii) Sentence Structures, Punctuation and Spelling		
Mark	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
1	<ul> <li>some sentences</li> <li>some accuracy in spelling of simple words</li> <li>random punctuation</li> </ul>	some monosyllabic words spelt correctly
2-3	in sentences	may use mainly simple and compound sentences, with occasional complex sentences; may use discourse markers in an enhanced way
	<ul><li>generally accurate basic spelling</li><li>evidence of conscious punctuation</li></ul>	<ul><li>simple words spelt correctly</li><li>occasional full stops</li></ul>
4-5	uses a range of securely demarcated sentence structure	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
	<ul><li>some accurate spelling of more complex words</li><li>starts to use a range of</li></ul>	<ul><li>commonly used words spelt correctly</li><li>general accuracy in use of capital</li></ul>
	punctuation	letters and full stops
6-7	uses sentence forms for effect	<ul> <li>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</li> </ul>
	generally secure in spelling	<ul> <li>generally secure spelling of irregular, latinate, complex words</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>generally secure in punctuation which clarifies meaning and purpose</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>generally accurate in sentence demarcation, use of commas, question marks etc.</li> </ul>
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
	<ul> <li>achieves a high level of technical accuracy in spelling</li> </ul>	accurate spelling
	achieves a high level of technical accuracy in punctuation	<ul> <li>range of punctuation used in a sophisticated manner; colons and semi-colons used correctly when appropriate</li> </ul>

Write an article for a school magazine **advising** Year 11 students what to do with their lives after their GCSEs.

(27 marks)

	AO3 (i)/(ii) Communication and Organisation		
Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors	
1-2	communicates some meaning	some words in appropriate order	
	some simple sequencing of ideas	one or more points made	
3-4	<ul> <li>communicates some meaning with occasional sense of purpose and audience</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>makes one or more direct references to giving advice about what to do with their lives after GCSEs</li> </ul>	
		an indication of awareness of need for formality     may express personal feelings	
		<ul> <li>may express personal feelings strongly but with little or no use of supportive detail</li> </ul>	
	ideas are sequenced simply, but generally appropriately	some attempt to shape points into an article	
5-6	clear communication of ideas with more sense of purpose and audience	<ul> <li>a number of points made</li> <li>shows awareness of student audience at different points in the article either by use of second person or by occasional use of a more appropriate register</li> </ul>	
	uses some organisational devices appropriately with occasional conscious selection of words	<ul> <li>may demonstrate occasional attempt to paragraph though likely to be random</li> <li>some attempt to link ideas using causal connectives e.g. because, so</li> <li>occasional attempt to use linguistic/presentational devices e.g. repetition, capitals, bold</li> </ul>	
7-8	sustained awareness of purpose and audience	<ul> <li>linked advice put forward which may be developed in a generalised way</li> <li>addresses audience directly and/or starts consciously to use a more formal register, plus evidence of colloquial language</li> <li>begins to use rhetorical devices, for example, rhetorical questions with occasional evidence of language being used emotively</li> </ul>	
	more conscious attempt to organise sentences into paragraphs with some attempt to use vocabulary for effect	<ul> <li>discursive markers e.g. the first point, where used, are mechanical and obvious</li> <li>more frequent use of linguistic/ presentational devices e.g. repetition for effect</li> </ul>	

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9-10	conscious attempt to suit the needs of purpose and audience and	presents advice with a variety of reasons
	begins to engage reader's response	<ul> <li>evidence which may be drawn from personal experience and stimulus material is used to support argument</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>register almost wholly formal with some attempt to control tone</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>clear, if mechanical, paragraphing with more conscious use of vocabulary for effect</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>organised points with paragraphing marking some stages in advice</li> <li>more appropriate use of wider range of rhetorical devices and discursive markers though still mechanical and superimposed</li> </ul>
11-12	<ul> <li>clear identification with purpose and audience; begins to sustain reader's response</li> </ul>	advice is starting to become more detailed with a clear awareness of the type of advice which would be helpful
		<ul> <li>some sense of varying emphasis for effect with conscious use of a chosen tone</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>confident use of devices such as anecdote in context and rhetorical questions</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>evidence of structure with usually coherent paragraphs and clear</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>paragraphs are competently linked by content and language</li> </ul>
	selection of vocabulary for effect	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
13-14	<ul> <li>form, content and style are generally matched to purpose and audience</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>detailed and well-developed; starting to use and support advice, though not always convincingly carried through</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>begins to anticipate and evaluate potential response of the readership</li> <li>may use conditional(s) with competence</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>well structured, starting to use paragraphs to enhance meaning</li> </ul>	range of paragraph structures coherently linked
	and with increasing sophistication in vocabulary choice	<ul> <li>vocabulary range successfully reflects more sophisticated level of advice and attempt to influence teachers</li> </ul>
		discursive markers are now coherently integrated

15-16	form, content and style are consistently matched to purpose and audience	<ul> <li>advises successfully and convincingly; well informed, drawing on a range of sources</li> <li>growing subtlety of purpose and ability to adapt tone to manipulate reader</li> </ul>
	coherently structured with fluently linked sentence structures and paragraphs and evidence of conscious crafting	<ul> <li>controls a range of means to gain emphasis (e.g. one sentence paragraph) and demonstrate possible consequences</li> <li>fluent control of range of devices and discursive markers with an extensive vocabulary range</li> </ul>
17-18	<ul> <li>form, content and style are assuredly matched to purpose and audience; distinctive and consistently effective</li> <li>controlled and sustained crafting</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>may use exaggeration, irony etc. but always fittingly and in context</li> <li>demonstrates intellectual rigour and the ability to integrate a range of complex details from varied sources</li> <li>discursive markers, rhetorical</li> </ul>
	with highly effective and delightful vocabulary choices	<ul> <li>devices etc. are integrated into whole seamlessly and persuasively</li> <li>may use some inventive structural and/or linguistic devices</li> </ul>

	AO3 (iii) Sentence Structure	s, Punctuation and Spelling
Mark	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
1	<ul><li>some sentences</li><li>some accuracy in spelling of simple words</li><li>random punctuation</li></ul>	some monosyllabic words spelt correctly
2-3	in sentences	<ul> <li>may use mainly simple and compound sentences, with occasional complex sentences; may use discourse markers in an enhanced way</li> </ul>
	generally accurate basic spelling	simple words spelt correctly
	evidence of conscious punctuation	occasional full stops
4-5	uses a range of securely demarcated sentence structures	<ul> <li>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</li> </ul>
	some accurate spelling of more complex words	commonly used words spelt correctly
	starts to use a range of punctuation	<ul> <li>general accuracy in use of capital letters and full stops</li> </ul>
6-7	uses sentence forms for effect	<ul> <li>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</li> </ul>
	generally secure in spelling	<ul> <li>generally secure spelling of irregular, latinate, complex words</li> </ul>
	generally secure in punctuation which clarifies meaning and purpose	<ul> <li>generally accurate in sentence demarcation, use of commas, question marks etc</li> </ul>
8-9	uses full range of appropriate sentence structures	<ul> <li>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</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>achieves a high level of technical accuracy in spelling</li> <li>achieves a high level of technical accuracy in punctuation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>accurate spelling</li> <li>range of punctuation used in a sophisticated manner; colons and semi- colons used correctly when appropriate</li> </ul>

Your local community has been awarded a grant to build either a sports centre or a live music venue. Write a letter to your local paper **arguing** for the money to be spent on the one you prefer and **persuading** readers to support you. (27 marks)

AO3 (i)/(ii) Communication and Organisation		
Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
1-2	communicates some meaning	<ul> <li>some words in appropriate order</li> </ul>
	some simple sequencing of ideas	one or more points made
3-4	communicates some meaning with occasional sense of purpose and audience	<ul> <li>makes one or more direct reference to either a sports centre or live music venue</li> <li>an indication of awareness of need for formality</li> <li>may express personal feelings strongly but with little or no use of supportive detail</li> </ul>
	ideas are sequenced simply, but generally appropriately	<ul> <li>some attempt to shape points into format appropriate for a letter</li> </ul>
5-6	clear communication of ideas with more sense of purpose and audience	<ul> <li>a number of arguments put forward along with some persuasion</li> <li>shows awareness of the issues involved and wider audience at different points either by use of second person or by occasional use of a more formal register</li> </ul>
	uses some organisational devices appropriately with occasional conscious selection of words	<ul> <li>may demonstrate occasional attempt to paragraph though likely to be random</li> <li>some attempt to link ideas using causal connectives e.g. because, so</li> <li>occasional attempt to use linguistic/presentational devices e.g. repetition, capitals, bold</li> </ul>
7-8	<ul> <li>sustained awareness of purpose and audience</li> <li>more conscious attempt to organise</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>linked arguments put forward which may be developed in a generalised way and an attempt to argue and persuade</li> <li>addresses audience directly and/or starts to consciously use an appropriate register</li> <li>begins to use rhetorical devices, for example, rhetorical questions with occasional evidence of language being used emotively</li> <li>discursive markers e.g. the first</li> </ul>
	sentences into paragraphs with some attempt to use vocabulary for effect	point, where used, are mechanical and obvious  more frequent use of linguistic/ presentational devices e.g. repetition for effect

9-10	<ul> <li>conscious attempt to suit the needs of purpose and audience and begins to engage reader's response</li> <li>clear, if mechanical, paragraphing with more conscious use of vocabulary for effect</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>presents persuasion and argument with a variety of reasons</li> <li>evidence which may be drawn from personal experience and stimulus material is used to support argument</li> <li>register mainly consistent formal with some attempt to control tone e.g. to be cajoling, indignant etc.</li> <li>organised points with paragraphing marking some shift in argument and persuasion</li> <li>more appropriate use of wider range</li> </ul>
		of rhetorical devices and discursive markers though still mechanical and superimposed
11-12	clear identification with purpose and audience; begins to sustain audience response	<ul> <li>persuasion and argument are starting to become more detailed with a clear awareness of alternative viewpoints and some second guessing</li> <li>some sense of varying emphasis for effect with conscious use of a chosen tone e.g. confrontational or placatory</li> <li>confident use of devices such as anecdote in context and rhetorical questions</li> </ul>
	evidence of structure with usually coherent paragraphs and clear selection of vocabulary for effect	<ul> <li>paragraphs are competently linked by content and language</li> <li>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</li> </ul>
13-14	form, content and style are generally matched to purpose and audience	<ul> <li>detailed and well developed; starting to use and support argument and persuasion, though not always convincingly carried through</li> <li>begins to anticipate and evaluate potential response</li> <li>may use argument and counterargument with competence</li> </ul>
	well structured, starting to use paragraphs to enhance meaning and with increasing sophistication in vocabulary choice	<ul> <li>range of paragraph structures coherently linked</li> <li>vocabulary range successfully reflects more sophisticated level of argument and persuasion and attempt to influence reader</li> <li>discursive markers are now coherently integrated</li> </ul>

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15-16	form, content and style are consistently matched to purpose and audience	<ul> <li>persuades and argues successfully and convincingly; well-informed, drawing on a range of sources</li> <li>growing subtlety of purpose and ability to adapt tone to manipulate reader</li> </ul>
	coherently structured with fluently linked sentence structures and paragraphs and evidence of conscious crafting	<ul> <li>controls a range of means to gain emphasis (e.g. one sentence paragraph) and demonstrate alternative points of view (e.g. anecdote, reference)</li> <li>fluent control of range of devices and discursive markers with an extensive vocabulary range</li> </ul>
17-18	<ul> <li>form, content and style are assuredly matched to purpose and audience; distinctive and consistently effective</li> <li>controlled and sustained crafting with highly effective and delightful vocabulary choices</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>may use satire, irony etc. but always fittingly and in context</li> <li>demonstrates intellectual rigour and the ability to integrate a range of complex details from varied sources</li> <li>discursive markers, rhetorical devices etc. are integrated into whole seamlessly and persuasively</li> <li>may use some inventive structural and/or linguistic devices</li> </ul>

AO3 (iii) Sentence Structures, Pur		ctures, Punctuation and Spelling
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1	<ul> <li>some sentences</li> <li>some accuracy in spelling of simple words</li> <li>random punctuation</li> </ul>	some monosyllabic words spelt correctly
2-3	in sentences	may use mainly simple and compound sentences, with occasional complex sentences; may use discourse markers in an enhanced way
	<ul><li>generally accurate basic spelling</li><li>evidence of conscious punctuation</li></ul>	<ul><li>simple words spelt correctly</li><li>occasional full stops</li></ul>
4-5	<ul> <li>uses a range of securely demarcated sentence structures</li> <li>some accurate spelling of more complex words</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>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</li> <li>commonly used words spelt correctly</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>starts to use a range of punctuation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>general accuracy in use of capital letters and full stops</li> </ul>
6-7	uses sentence forms for effect	<ul> <li>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</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>generally secure in spelling</li> <li>generally secure in punctuation which clarifies meaning and purpose</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>generally secure spelling of irregular, latinate, complex words</li> <li>generally accurate in sentence demarcation, use of commas, question marks etc.</li> </ul>
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
	<ul> <li>achieves a high level of technical accuracy in punctuation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>range of punctuation used in a sophisticated manner; colons and semi-colons used correctly when appropriate</li> </ul>