

# **General Certificate of Secondary Education**

# English 3702 Specification A Paper 2H

# **Mark Scheme**

2009 examination – June series

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# **GCSE English June 2009**

## Paper 2 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 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 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 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 and circled.

#### ANNOTATION OF SCRIPTS

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

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

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

#### **PROBLEMS**

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

#### RUBRIC INFRINGEMENTS

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

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

In addition to recording the marks for a question at the end of the answer, examiners must also fill in the marks on the front cover of the answer booklet. A mark must be entered for Section A and 2 marks for Section B. There will, therefore, be three marks to be placed alongside the question numbers, one above the other. These should then be totalled. The total mark and your initials should be placed in the boxes in the top right-hand corner of the answer booklet.

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

2	21
4	14
	7

Then put the total for the paper in the box on the top right-hand corner of the cover marked 'For Office Use Only' and circle it.

Put your initials underneath this total.

# GCSE English June 2009

## Paper 2 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 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 Higher Tier targets Grades D to A\*, 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 D to A\*) is 13-27 for each question in Section A. Each of the questions in Section A is marked out of 27.

#### Specification A Paper 2H Assessment Grid

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

#### **SECTION A READING**

Compare the way the poet reveals feelings about a place in 'Nothing's Changed' (page 6) with the way another poet reveals feelings about a place or places in **one** other poem.

(27 marks)

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
0 marks	nothing written	rungo	
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	<ul> <li>some understanding of content of 'Nothing's Changed' and/or one other poem</li> <li>mention of aspect of place/feeling e.g. it's about place he was brought up in</li> <li>simple statement on language</li> </ul>
7-9 marks 10-12 marks	<ul> <li>some simple comment supported</li> <li>reference to appropriate detail/ simple linkage</li> <li>statement on some aspects of presentation</li> <li>extended unsupported comment</li> <li>appropriate reference/use of quotation to support comment/linkage</li> <li>simple comment on some aspects of presentation</li> </ul>	7-12 marks	<ul> <li>accurate account of content of 'Nothing's Changed' and/or one other poem</li> <li>identification of aspects of the place(s)/feeling(s) in one or both poems e.g. two places for eating, guards</li> <li>simple comment on some aspects of the ways place(s) are presented e.g. by use of contrast, weeds</li> </ul>
13-15 marks 16-18 marks	<ul> <li>awareness of feeling(s), attitude(s), idea(s)</li> <li>range of comment supported by textual details with some valid cross-reference</li> <li>comment on effects achieved by writer</li> <li>understanding of feelings, attitudes, ideas</li> <li>range of extended supported comment with some developed cross-reference</li> <li>awareness of writer's techniques and purpose</li> </ul>	13-18 marks	<ul> <li>some focus on the place(s) in 'Nothing's Changed' and one other poem</li> <li>comments on aspects of the place(s) and feelings about them using selected detail from the poems e.g. comments on the details of restaurant and café</li> <li>relevant comparison of methods of presentation of place(s) and their effects</li> </ul>

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
19-21 marks  22-24 marks  25-27 marks	<ul> <li>appreciation of feelings, attitudes and ideas</li> <li>effective use of textual detail with integrated cross-reference</li> <li>understanding of a variety of writers' techniques</li> <li>exploration of and empathy with writers' feelings, attitudes, ideas</li> <li>references integrated with argument and comparison</li> <li>analysis of a variety of writers' techniques</li> <li>consistent insight and convincing/imaginative interpretation</li> <li>conceptualised comparative response</li> </ul>	Range 19-27 marks	<ul> <li>examination and analysis of the feelings about place in both poems and what we are shown about them e.g. anger, frustration, despair</li> <li>examination and analysis of specific methods of presentation of feelings about places, demonstrating their effects and effectiveness e.g. analysis of the differences in the images used to portray black and white culture</li> <li>integrated comparative approach, analysing and developing own response</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>interpretation</li><li>conceptualised comparative</li></ul>		

How does the poet present conflict in 'Not My Business' (page 15)? Compare his methods with the ways conflict is presented in **one** other poem.

(27 marks)

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark	Statements	Mark	Statements
Range		Range	
0 marks	<ul> <li>nothing written</li> </ul>		
1-3 marks 4-6 marks	<ul> <li>some awareness of one or more texts</li> <li>simple comment</li> <li>reference to some detail</li> <li>awareness of some aspect of presentation</li> </ul>	1-6 marks	<ul> <li>some understanding of content of 'Not My Business' and/or one other poem</li> <li>mention of method e.g. there is repetition</li> <li>simple statement on language</li> </ul>
7-9 marks	<ul> <li>some simple comment supported</li> <li>reference to appropriate detail/ simple linkage</li> <li>statement on some aspects of presentation</li> </ul>	7-12 marks	<ul> <li>accurate account of content of 'Not My Business' and/or one other relevant poem</li> <li>identification of the methods used to present conflict in one or both poems e.g. the poet</li> </ul>
10-12 marks	<ul> <li>extended simple comment supported</li> <li>appropriate reference/use of quotation to support comment/ linkage</li> <li>simple comment on some aspects of presentation</li> </ul>		uses a refrain, separate stanzas  • simple comment on some aspects of how imagery is used to present conflict e.g. repeated chorus, four threatening stages
13-15 marks	<ul> <li>awareness of feeling(s), attitude(s), idea(s)</li> <li>range of comment supported by textual details with some valid cross-reference</li> <li>comment on effects achieved by writer</li> </ul>	13-18 marks	<ul> <li>some focus on conflict in 'Not My Business' and one other poem</li> <li>comments on the methods used to present conflict e.g. list of negatives, verbs to convey violence, apparently casual</li> </ul>
16-18 marks	<ul> <li>understanding of feelings, attitudes, ideas</li> <li>range of extended supported comment with some developed cross-reference</li> <li>awareness of writer's techniques and purpose</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>narrative</li> <li>relevant comparison of the methods used and their effects</li> </ul>

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark	Statements	Mark	Statements
Range		Range	
19-21 marks	<ul> <li>appreciation of feelings, attitudes and ideas</li> <li>effective use of textual detail with integrated cross- reference</li> <li>understanding of a variety of writers' techniques</li> </ul>	19-27 marks	<ul> <li>examination and analysis of conflict in both poems e.g. political and social dimensions behind personal stories</li> <li>examination and analysis of specific methods used to convey conflict e.g. irony of</li> </ul>
22-24 marks	<ul> <li>exploration of and empathy with writers' feelings, attitudes, ideas</li> <li>references integrated with argument and comparison</li> <li>analysis of a variety of writers' techniques</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>apparently simple story telling method, increasing tension through verb use, accumulation of threat through repeated chorus</li> <li>integrated comparative approach, analysing and</li> </ul>
25-27 marks	<ul> <li>consistent insight and convincing/imaginative interpretation</li> <li>conceptualised comparative response</li> <li>close textual analysis</li> </ul>		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 marks for Section B questions is therefore 27.

For AO3 (i)/(ii), assess answers in terms of the levels below, i.e. the Communication and Organisation descriptors. For AO3 (iii), use the separate set of levels which follow. Place the marks in the margin at the end of the answer, 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 a subject which gives you cause for concern. (27 marks)

	AO3 (i)/(ii) Communi	cation and Organisation
Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
1-2	<ul><li>communicates some meaning</li><li>some simple sequencing of ideas</li></ul>	<ul><li>some words in appropriate order</li><li>one or more points made</li></ul>
3-4	communicates some meaning with occasional sense of purpose and audience	<ul> <li>makes one or more direct reference to a matter of concern</li> <li>an indication of awareness of need to write an article</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>ideas are sequenced simply, but generally appropriately</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>may express personal feelings but with little relevant detail</li> <li>order of ideas can be followed by reader</li> </ul>
5-6	clear communication of ideas with more sense of purpose and audience	<ul> <li>makes some linked points about a matter of concern</li> <li>some awareness of need to inform demonstrated by the selection of points, though likely to be underdeveloped</li> <li>may show awareness of reader of magazine article</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 connectives e.g. This worries me because</li> <li>more evidence of vocabulary selected to inform</li> </ul>
7-8	sustained awareness of purpose and audience	<ul> <li>clearer focus on a matter of concern</li> <li>may be mainly anecdotal and/or narrative in approach though clearly intended to inform</li> <li>some evidence of selection of some detail to interest the reader e.g. picks out</li> </ul>
	more conscious attempt to organise sentences into paragraphs with some attempt to use vocabulary for effect	<ul> <li>some different aspects of the topic</li> <li>may use simple rhetorical devices to interest reader e.g. Why should we do something about this?</li> <li>paragraphing may be tabloid and/or, at times, correctly placed</li> <li>beginnings of variety in vocabulary</li> </ul>
9-10	conscious attempt to suit the needs of purpose and audience and begins to engage reader's response	<ul> <li>clear focus on a matter of concern</li> <li>information relevant to task is given though may be incidental or sporadic</li> <li>clear awareness of audience</li> <li>may describe in detail various aspects of the chosen topic</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>clear, if mechanical, paragraphing with more conscious use of vocabulary for effect</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>information is logically sequenced with paragraphs usually marking shift in focus</li> <li>begins to interest reader through vocabulary choices</li> </ul>

Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
11-12	clear identification with purpose and audience; begins to sustain reader's response	<ul> <li>more evidence of selection of information about the chosen topic</li> <li>information likely to cover a range of things about the matter of concern</li> <li>may address reader directly e.g. Have you ever thought of?</li> <li>control of sub-headings, question/answer approach, anecdote in context, emphasis etc. will be competent where used</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 organisation of the information e.g. Finally</li> </ul>
13-14	form, content and style are generally matched to purpose and audience	<ul> <li>detailed and developed information on a matter of concern</li> <li>begins to anticipate and respond to potential reader response</li> <li>may selectively use a range of devices/approaches to provide variety and sustain reader's interest e.g. rhetorical questions, question/answer, anecdote</li> </ul>
	well structured, starting to use paragraphs to enhance meaning and with increasing sophistication in vocabulary choice and phrasing	<ul> <li>range of paragraph structures coherently linked</li> <li>discursive markers now coherently integrated</li> <li>varied vocabulary used effectively to inform</li> </ul>
15-16	<ul> <li>form, content and style are consistently matched to purpose and audience</li> <li>coherently structured with fluently linked sentence structures and paragraphs and evidence of conscious crafting</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>cogent focus on a matter of concern with wide range of interesting information</li> <li>growing subtlety of purpose and ability to manipulate reader's response</li> <li>structured and developed using a range of means to effectively inform</li> <li>fluent control of range of devices and discursive markers</li> <li>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</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>strong personal style</li> <li>may use satire, irony, humour etc. but always fittingly and in context</li> <li>demonstrate the ability to integrate a range of complex details</li> <li>discursive markers and a range of stylistic techniques integrated seamlessly</li> <li>may use some inventive structural and/or</li> </ul>
	choices	linguistic devices

	AO3(iii) Sentence Structure	s, 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 a mechanical way
	<ul><li>generally accurate basic spelling</li><li>evidence of conscious punctuation</li></ul>	<ul><li>simple words generally spelt correctly</li><li>occasional accurate full stops</li></ul>
4-5	<ul> <li>uses a range of securely demarcated sentence structures</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>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</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>some accurate spelling of more complex words</li> </ul>	commonly used words spelt correctly
	<ul> <li>starts to use a range of punctuation</li> </ul>	uses more than commas and full stops accurately
6-7	uses sentence forms for effect	<ul> <li>constructions linked securely to discourse markers; may use parallel constructions, syntactical list, adjectives, adverbs, minor sentences, for effect</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>generally secure in spelling</li> </ul>	<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 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
	<ul> <li>achieves a high level of technical accuracy in spelling (occasional lapses may occur)</li> </ul>	accurate spelling
	achieves a high level of technical accuracy in punctuation (occasional lapses may occur)	<ul> <li>range of punctuation used in sophisticated manner e.g. colons and semi-colons used correctly where appropriate</li> </ul>

O4 If you could choose, where would you most like to live? Explain the reasons for your choice. (27 marks)

	AO3 (i)/(ii) Commun	ication and Organisation
Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
1-2	<ul><li>communicates some meaning</li><li>some simple sequencing of ideas</li></ul>	<ul><li>some words in appropriate order</li><li>one or more points made</li></ul>
3-4	<ul> <li>communicates some meaning with occasional sense of purpose and audience</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>makes one or more direct reference to chosen location</li> <li>an indication of awareness of need to explain e.g. uses appropriate words such as because</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>ideas are sequenced simply, but generally appropriately</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>may express personal feelings about place to live but with little relevant detail</li> <li>order of ideas can be followed by reader</li> </ul>
5-6	clear communication of ideas with more sense of purpose and audience	<ul> <li>makes some linked points about where to live</li> <li>some awareness of need to explain, demonstrated by the selection of points, though likely to be underdeveloped</li> <li>may demonstrate occasional attempt to paragraph though likely to be random</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>uses some organisational devices appropriately with occasional conscious selection of words</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>some attempt to link ideas using connectives e.g. This place would be</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>clearer focus on the chosen place with more developed points</li> <li>may be mainly anecdotal and/or narrative in approach though clearly intended to explain</li> <li>some evidence of selection of detail for purpose e.g. specific reasons for living there</li> <li>may use simple rhetorical devices to interest reader e.g. lists of three</li> <li>paragraphing may be tabloid and/or, at times, correctly placed</li> <li>beginnings of variety in vocabulary</li> </ul>
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>clear focus on the chosen place</li> <li>evidence of a variety of explanations</li> <li>likely to describe in detail various examples, some perhaps based on personal experience</li> <li>explanation is logically sequenced with paragraphs usually marking shift in focus</li> <li>begins to interest reader through vocabulary choices</li> </ul>

Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
11-12	clear identification with purpose and audience, begins to sustain reader's response	<ul> <li>more evidence of selection of material to explain the reasons for choice of place</li> <li>explanation likely to cover a range of aspects regarding choice and may include description</li> <li>may address reader directly e.g. Have you ever wondered why?</li> <li>control of anecdote in context, emphasis etc. will be competent where used</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 organisation of the explanation e.g. Because of this</li> </ul>
13-14	form, content and style are generally matched to purpose and audience	<ul> <li>detailed and developed explanation of the choice of place to live</li> <li>begins to anticipate and respond to potential reader response</li> <li>may selectively use a range of devices/approaches to provide variety and sustain reader's interest e.g. rhetorical questions, question/answer, anecdote</li> </ul>
	well structured, starting to use paragraphs to enhance meaning and with increasing sophistication in vocabulary choice and phrasing	<ul> <li>range of paragraph structures coherently linked</li> <li>discursive markers now coherently integrated</li> <li>varied vocabulary used effectively in explanation</li> </ul>
15-16	<ul> <li>form, content and style are consistently matched to purpose and audience</li> <li>coherently structured with fluently linked sentence structures and paragraphs and evidence of conscious crafting</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>cogent focus on the chosen place with wide range of interesting explanation</li> <li>growing subtlety of purpose and ability to manipulate reader's response</li> <li>structured and developed using a range of means to effectively explain</li> <li>fluent control of range of devices and discursive markers</li> <li>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>strong personal style</li> <li>may use satire, irony, humour etc. but always fittingly and in context</li> <li>demonstrates the ability to integrate a range of complex details</li> <li>discursive markers and a range of stylistic techniques integrated seamlessly</li> <li>may use some inventive structural and/or linguistic devices</li> </ul>

		AO3(iii) Sentence Structure	s, Punctuation and Spelling
Marks		Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
1	•	some sentences some accuracy in spelling of simple words random punctuation	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 a mechanical way
	•	generally accurate basic spelling evidence of conscious punctuation	<ul> <li>simple words generally spelt correctly</li> <li>occasional accurate full stops</li> </ul>
4-5	•	uses a range of securely demarcated sentence structures	<ul> <li>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</li> </ul>
	•	some accurate spelling of more complex words	commonly used words spelt correctly
	•	starts to use a range of punctuation	uses more than commas and full stops accurately
6-7	•	uses sentence forms for effect	<ul> <li>constructions linked securely to discourse markers; may use parallel constructions, syntactical list, adjectives, adverbs, minor sentences, 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	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)	<ul> <li>range of punctuation used in sophisticated manner e.g. colons and semi-colons used correctly where appropriate</li> </ul>

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

(27 marks)

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

Marks	Skills Descripto	ors Content Descriptors
11-12	clear identification w	·
	and audience; begin	
	sustain reader's resp	<ul> <li>description likely to cover a range of aspects e.g. colours, atmosphere, senses</li> </ul>
		may address reader directly e.g. Have
		you ever
		<ul> <li>control of anecdote in context, emphasis etc. will be competent where used</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>evidence of structure usually coherent para</li> </ul>	
	and clear selection of	0 1
	vocabulary for effect	
13-14	• form, content and sty	/le are • detailed and developed description of
	generally matched to	
	and audience	<ul> <li>begins to anticipate and respond to potential reader response</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>may selectively use a range of</li> </ul>
		devices/approaches to provide variety
		and sustain reader's interest e.g.
	• wall atrustured starti	sentence variation, similes
	<ul> <li>well structured, starti paragraphs to enhan</li> </ul>	ice linked
	meaning and with inc	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
	sophistication in voca choice and phrasing	
	· •	description
15-16	<ul> <li>form, content and sty consistently matched</li> </ul>	
	purpose and audiend	
		manipulate reader's response
	<ul> <li>coherently structured</li> </ul>	
	fluently linked senter	·
	structures and parag evidence of consciou	
	evidence of consciou	<ul> <li>fluent control of range of devices and discursive markers</li> </ul>
		extensive vocabulary range
17-18	form, content and sty	
0	assuredly matched to	•
	and audience; distinct	
	consistently effective	demonstrates the ability to integrate a
		range of complex details
	<ul> <li>controlled and sustain</li> </ul>	
	crafting with highly e	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	and delightful vocabu	- I ,
	choices	linguistic devices

	AO3(iii) Sentence Structui	res, 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 a mechanical way
	<ul><li>generally accurate basic spelling</li><li>evidence of conscious punctuation</li></ul>	<ul><li>simple words generally spelt correctly</li><li>occasional accurate full stops</li></ul>
4-5	<ul> <li>uses a range of securely demarcated sentence structures</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>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</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>some accurate spelling of more complex words</li> </ul>	commonly used words spelt correctly
	<ul> <li>starts to use a range of punctuation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>general accuracy in use of more than full stops and commas</li> </ul>
6-7	uses sentence forms for effect	<ul> <li>constructions linked securely to discourse markers; may use parallel constructions, syntactical list, adjectives, adverbs, minor sentences, for effect</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>generally secure in spelling</li> </ul>	<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 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
	<ul> <li>achieves a high level of technical accuracy in spelling (occasional lapses may occur)</li> </ul>	•
	<ul> <li>achieves a high level of technica accuracy in punctuation (occasional lapses may occur)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>range of punctuation used in sophisticated manner e.g. colons and semi-colons used correctly where appropriate</li> </ul>

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. (27 marks)

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Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
1-2	<ul><li>communicates some meaning</li><li>some simple sequencing of ideas</li></ul>	<ul><li>some words in appropriate order</li><li>one or more points made</li></ul>
3-4	communicates some meaning with occasional sense of purpose and audience	<ul> <li>makes one or more direct reference to a specific topic</li> <li>an indication of awareness of need to inform and/or explain e.g. uses appropriate words such as because</li> <li>may express personal feelings about the topic but with little relevant detail</li> <li>order of ideas can be followed by reader</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>ideas are sequenced simply, but generally appropriately</li> </ul>	
5-6	<ul> <li>clear communication of ideas with more sense of purpose and audience</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>makes some linked points about specific topic</li> <li>some awareness of the need to inform and explain, demonstrated by the selection of points, though likely to be underdeveloped</li> <li>may demonstrate occasional attempt to paragraph though likely to be random</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>uses some organisational devices appropriately with occasional conscious selection of words</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>some attempt to link ideas using connectives e.g. I am interested in this because</li> <li>more evidence of vocabulary selected to describe and explain</li> </ul>
7-8	sustained awareness of purpose and audience	
	<ul> <li>more conscious attempt to organise sentences into paragraphs with some attempt to use vocabulary for effect</li> </ul>	may use simple rhetorical devices to interest reader e.g. lists of three
9-10	conscious attempt to suit the needs of purpose and audience and begins to engage reader's response	<ul> <li>clear focus on a chosen topic and reasons for interest in it</li> <li>some variety in information and explanation</li> <li>likely to describe in detail various aspects of the topic</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>clear, if mechanical, paragraphing with more conscious use of vocabulary for effect</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>information and explanation are logically sequenced with paragraphs usually marking shift in focus</li> <li>begins to interest reader through vocabulary choices</li> </ul>

Marks	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors
11-12	<ul> <li>clear identification with purpose and audience; begins to sustain reader's response</li> <li>evidence of structure with</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>more evidence of selection of material to inform and explain</li> <li>information and explanation likely to cover a range of aspects</li> <li>may address reader directly e.g. 'You know how it is when you first discover something new'</li> <li>control of anecdote in context, emphasis etc. will be competent where used</li> <li>paragraphs are competently linked by</li> </ul>
	usually coherent paragraphs and clear selection of vocabulary for effect	<ul> <li>content and language</li> <li>discursive markers are becoming more integrated and are used to enhance the organisation of the description and explanation e.g. 'Because of this'</li> </ul>
13-14	<ul> <li>form, content and style are generally matched to purpose and audience</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>detailed and well developed information on, and explanation of, chosen topic</li> <li>begins to anticipate and respond to potential reader response</li> <li>may selectively use a range of devices/approaches to provide variety and sustain reader's interest e.g. sentence variation, rhetorical questions</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>well structured, starting to use paragraphs to enhance meaning and with increasing sophistication in vocabulary choice and phrasing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>range of paragraph structures coherently linked</li> <li>discursive markers are now coherently integrated</li> <li>varied vocabulary used effectively in information and explanation</li> </ul>
15-16	<ul> <li>form, content and style are consistently matched to purpose and audience</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>cogent focus on chosen topic with wide range of interesting information and explanation</li> <li>growing subtlety of purpose and ability to manipulate reader's response</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>coherently structured with fluently linked sentence structures and paragraphs and evidence of conscious crafting</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>structured and developed using a range of means to effectively inform and explain</li> <li>fluent control of range of devices and discursive markers</li> <li>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> </ul>	<ul> <li>strong personal style</li> <li>may use satire, irony, humour etc. but always fittingly and in context</li> <li>demonstrates the ability to integrate a range of complex details</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>controlled and sustained crafting with highly effective and delightful vocabulary choices</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>discursive markers and a range of stylistic techniques integrated seamlessly</li> <li>may use some inventive structural and/or linguistic devices</li> </ul>

	AO3(iii) Sentence Structure	s. 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 a mechanical way
	<ul><li>generally accurate basic spelling</li><li>evidence of conscious punctuation</li></ul>	<ul><li>simple words generally spelt correctly</li><li>occasional accurate full stops</li></ul>
4-5	<ul> <li>uses a range of securely demarcated sentence structures</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>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</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>some accurate spelling of more complex words</li> </ul>	commonly used words spelt correctly
	<ul> <li>starts to use a range of punctuation</li> </ul>	uses more than commas and full stops accurately
6-7	uses sentence forms for effect	<ul> <li>constructions linked securely to discourse markers; may use parallel constructions, syntactical list, adjectives, adverbs, minor sentences, 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 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
	<ul> <li>achieves a high level of technical accuracy in spelling (occasional lapses may occur)</li> </ul>	accurate spelling
	achieves a high level of technical accuracy in punctuation (occasional lapses may occur)	<ul> <li>range of punctuation used in sophisticated manner e.g. colons and semi-colons used correctly where appropriate</li> </ul>