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Unit **2432/01**: Different Cultures, Analysis and Argument

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INTRODUCTION

Your first task as an Examiner is to become thoroughly familiar with the material on which the examination depends. This material includes:

- the specification, especially the assessment objectives
- the question paper and its rubrics
- the texts which candidates have read and studied (texts and unseen)
- the mark scheme.

You should ensure that you have copies of these materials.

You should ensure also that you are familiar with the administrative procedures related to the marking process. These are set out in the OCR booklet **Instructions for Examiners**. If you are examining for the first time, please read carefully **Appendix 5, Introduction to Script Marking: Notes for New Examiners**.

Please ask for help or guidance whenever you need it. Your first point of contact is your Team Leader.

Your mark scheme consists of the following:

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(A) ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES

The relevant Assessment Objectives for ENGLISH are as follows:

Reading

Candidates must 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.

Writing

Candidates must demonstrate their ability to:

- (i) communicate clearly and imaginatively, using and adapting forms for different readers and purposes;
- (ii) organise ideas into sentences, paragraphs and whole texts using a variety of linguistic and structural features;
- (iii) use a range of sentence structures effectively with accurate spelling and punctuation.

		Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Unit 5
AO1 S&L	(i)					✓
	(ii)					✓
	(iii)					✓
AO2 Reading	(i)	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	(ii)	✓				
	(iii)	✓				
	(iv)	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	(v)	✓	✓	✓	✓	
AO3 Writing	(i)	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	(ii)	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	(iii)	✓	✓	✓	✓	

(B) USING THE MARK SCHEME

Please study this Mark Scheme carefully. The Mark Scheme is an integral part of the process that begins with the setting of the question paper and ends with the awarding of grades. Question papers and mark schemes are developed in association with each other so that issues of differentiation and positive achievement can be addressed from the very start.

This **Mark Scheme** is a working document; it is not exhaustive; it does not provide ‘correct’ answers. It states acceptable responses to each question in sufficient detail to allow marking in a standardised manner, and these can be supplemented by others after scrutiny of a range of ‘live’ scripts.

The Examiners’ Standardisation meeting will ensure that the Mark Scheme covers the range of candidates’ responses to the questions, and that all Examiners understand and apply the Mark Scheme in the same way. The Mark Scheme will be discussed and amended at the meeting, and administrative procedures will be confirmed. Co-ordination scripts will be issued at the meeting, to exemplify aspects of candidates’ responses and achievements; the co-ordination scripts then become part of this Mark Scheme.

Before the Standardisation Meeting, you should read and mark in pencil a number of scripts, in order to gain an impression of the range of responses and achievement that may be expected.

In your marking, you will encounter valid responses which are not covered by the Mark Scheme: these responses must be credited. You will encounter answers which fall outside the ‘target range’ of bands for the paper which you are marking – for example, above Band 4 on a Foundation Tier paper or below Band 5 on a Higher Tier paper. Please mark these answers according to the marking criteria.

Please read carefully all the scripts in your allocation and make every effort to look positively for achievement throughout the ability range. Always be prepared to use the full range of marks.

RUBRIC INFRINGEMENTS

- 1 A candidate fails to answer all required questions on a given paper. This is self-penalising and full credit should be given for the questions answered.
 - Where rubric infringements of this kind are found, write *on the front of the script* ‘RUBRIC ERROR – only X answer(s)’.
- 2 A candidate answers more than one question on any given section or text. In this case, mark each attempt and award the highest mark.
 - Where rubric infringements of this kind are found, write *on the front of the script* ‘RUBRIC ERROR – too many answers to Section/Qn z’.
- 3 In responding to questions on *OPENING WORLDS*, a candidate bases their answer on one or more stories which are NOT listed on the paper. In this case, mark the answer for its full value and then reduce by one band (eg if the mark is at the top of Band 4, award the mark at the top of Band 5).
 - Where infringements of this kind are found, please do the following:
at the end of the answer write
‘INCORRECT STORY/STORIES USED – REDUCE BY 1 BAND’.
in the margin, record the unadjusted mark and cross it through, then record the adjusted (reduced) mark and circle it.

on the front of the script, write 'RUBRIC ERROR – WRONG STORY/STORIES' and record the adjusted mark.

- 4 Similarly, if a candidate answers on only one of the prescribed stories, mark the answer at full value and reduce, as above, by a band.

If you meet with any other type of rubric infringement, please contact your Team Leader for advice.

2432/1 Foundation Tier Marking

There is an issue relating to Foundation Tier marking in that the mark scheme indicates that it is possible to give a mark above the maximum mark.

- In respect of individual questions, this is fine. Please give the full reward for each question.
- The problem arises on the paper as a whole. If the total mark you award for the script exceeds the maximum mark for the paper, please follow these instructions:

On the front of the script show the marks you have awarded for each question in the normal way. If the total mark exceeds 63, put the mark in brackets eg (65 – above Band 4) and next to it put 63.

In this case, a mark of 63 must be recorded on the MS2.

- NB you must not record a mark higher than the maximum mark on the MS2.
- Keep a record of any script where the total mark is more than the maximum mark and send the details to the Principal Examiner. These scripts are to be reviewed at the Marking Review.

ANNOTATION OF SCRIPTS

The purpose of annotation is to enable:

- More effective and targeted communication during training/standardisation between examiners and Team Leaders/Principals;
- Examiners to indicate clearly where a mark is earned or why it has not been awarded.
- Examiners, checkers, and those remarking scripts to understand how the script has been marked.

1 On each script, THE FOLLOWING MUST APPEAR:

- **on every page –**
evidence that the page has been read;
ticks or comments on the page;
if there are no ticks or comments, a tick at the bottom of the page to indicate that it has been read;
every blank page should be crossed through to indicate that it has been seen.
- **at the end of each answer –**
a numerical MARK, in the margin, locating the answer in the appropriate mark BAND
- **on the front page of the script –**
a summary record IN THE GRID of all marks awarded and the total of these.

2 Written annotation and comment MUST ACCORD WITH THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

- The primary audience for comment/annotation is the TEAM LEADER and/or PRINCIPAL EXAMINER – but remember that it may be read by others, too.
- Any annotation should be made in a professional manner. There is no room for demonstrations of exasperation or for derogatory comments.
- **Marginal annotation** should be used to identify significant features of the answer, and must be clearly related to the MARKING CRITERIA.
- **Final comment**, if used, should give an overview of the qualities – positive and, if necessary negative – which locate the answer in its mark band.

EG “Good use of (xyz), but not enough (abc) to move into band O”.

NB: Never refer to grades, only to bands.

3 Ticks and other symbols may be used ONLY as directed in the mark scheme and/or at the Standardisation Meeting.

(C) TASK-SPECIFIC MARKING NOTES

SECTION A

DIFFERENT CULTURES – Generic Mark Scheme

BAND	MARKS	DESCRIPTOR
		Be prepared to use the FULL range!
		The band descriptors which are shaded (headroom/footroom) reward performance above or below that expected on this paper.
		In response to the demands of the text and of the task, answers will:
Above 4	22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • respond to the task with some insight and clear relevance • show a clear understanding of the text supported by well-selected references • respond with some thoroughness to the writer's language and/or techniques, where appropriate.
4	21 20 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop a response relevant to the task • show understanding of the text supported by appropriate reference • make some response to the writer's language and/or techniques, where appropriate.
5	18 17 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • begin to develop a response which is generally related to the task • show some understanding of the text supported by some references • make some reference to the writer's language and/or techniques, where appropriate.
6	15 14 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make some comments whose relevance to the task is clearly implied • show a little understanding of the text support by some references • possibly make limited reference to the writer's language and/or techniques, where appropriate
7	12 11 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make a few straightforward comments sometimes implying relevance to the task.
8	9 8 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make some comment about the text without relevance to the task.
Below 8	0-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • not meet any of the criteria above.

Instructions to Examiners – Section A

Annotation: is to assist you to form your judgement and to enable other examiners to see how you arrive at your assessment.

In the body of the answer use ticks (✓) and double ticks (✓✓) to identify implicit and explicit relevant points.

In the margin use ticks (✓) and double ticks (✓✓) to identify acceptable and very apt illustration. Use **R** for repetition.

Use **N** for narrative (where the answer is doing no more than reproducing the story).

Use **L** for language where the precision of the quotation or the quality of the comment shows a real engagement with the language of the text.

Notes on the task: present likely responses but are neither prescriptive nor comprehensive.

Be prepared to reward answers – at every level – which produce different responses to the extent that they satisfy the requirements of the question.

Questions 1, 3 and 5: Seriously unbalanced answers which concentrate mainly on the passage or the rest of the text may be penalised up to a maximum of 4 marks in the Higher Tier and 2 marks in the Foundation Tier.

Band descriptors: Use these in conjunction with the photostat examples as guides to your assessment.

Support: should consist of quotations and references to events and speech.

- **References:** the best merely name or 'refer' briefly to the text (not feeling the necessity to display factual knowledge); succinct summaries are a satisfactory way of illustrating a point, but when they become excessive they drift into mere narrative reproduction – sometimes partially redeemed by a brief justifying comment – 'This shows that...'
- **Quotations:** the best are brief, quoting just sufficient to illustrate the point, and perhaps embedded in the sentence; longer quotations may be satisfactory where they contain some words which usefully illustrate a point; factual quotations which merely repeat the information provided in the point are valueless.

Language: questions partly based on extracts may offer opportunities for close textual analysis, but for the most part the questions do not require specific analysis of language or technique. Candidates will mainly show their responses to the writers' language in their choice of quotations and comments on them.

SECTION A**Text: OCR: Opening Worlds**

The Pieces of Silver; The Red Ball; The Young Couple; Leela's Friend; Games at Twilight; The Winter Oak.

Question 1 MARKS AVAILABLE 22	<p>How do the writers in this passage and in one other story from the list above present characters experiencing failure?</p>
NOTES ON THE TASK:	
<p>"The Red Ball" is as much about Bolan's father as about Bolan himself. Here we see the crude inarticulacy with which he seeks to mock and abuse his son of whom he is plainly jealous. The third person account of his pathetic attempts at deception provides an apt and moving commentary on his attitude to his son. There is a ripe selection of failure elsewhere in the prescribed stories: the portrait of Chase in "The Pieces of Silver"; the failure of all the adults in "Leela's Friend" to understand either Sidda or Leela; Naraian's failure to tell the truth in "The Young Couple" (and, indeed, Cathy's failure to anticipate that). Ravi fails to achieve his aspirations for victory and "laurels" in "Games at Twilight" and Anna Vasilvena fails monumentally to understand Savushkin until her visit to the forest in "The Winter Oak".</p> <p>Higher Band responses will show understanding of both individual characters and the nature of their failure and the ways these are presented. They will develop that understanding with clear support from the text. They may say something about the writers' choice of language.</p> <p>Middle Band responses will say something about characters and the circumstances of their failure, which will have some support from the text.</p> <p>Lower Band answers will say something about characters who fail.</p>	

Question 2 MARKS AVAILABLE 22	<p>How do the writers of any two stories from the list above present misunderstanding in relationships?</p>
NOTES ON THE TASK.	
<p>There is a wide and accessible choice of material: Chase fails to understand his students in "The Pieces of Silver". Bolan's father misunderstands both himself and his son and his emotions in "The Red Ball". Misunderstanding of Sidda and Leela is rife in "Leela's Friend" and Cathy's misunderstanding of what lies in store for her on her return to India leads to much deceit and misery. Ravi misunderstands himself and his place in things at the end of "Games at Twilight" as does Anna Vasilevna her role and her students in of the "The Winter Oak".</p> <p>Answers in Band 4 and above Band 4 will give clear and well-supported and selected accounts of misunderstanding. They will have a sense of the stories as a whole and use some detail, possibly including reference to the writers' choice language to support their response.</p> <p>Answers in Band 5 & 6 will refer to clear moments of misunderstanding and will offer some detail in support.</p> <p>Answers in Bands 7 & 8 will mention misunderstanding with a little support from/ reference to the text.</p>	

Text: HEMINGWAY: *The Old Man and the Sea*

Question 3 MARKS AVAILABLE 22	How does the writer show Santiago's feelings about his fishing trip here and at one or two other moments in the novel?
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NOTES ON THE TASK.

Higher Band answers will respond to Santiago's perception of the beauty, energy and defensiveness of this earlier Marlin. They will respond to the extraordinary contrast of these perceptions with the brutal reality of "butchered her promptly". They should make something of Santiago's mention of "the boy" and "the strength of the great fish". All these link directly and palpably with later moments in the story although linking is not necessarily required for a Band 4 answer. They may make some reference to the writer's choice of language.

Middle Band answers will talk about some or all of the above points and mention Santiago's feelings somewhere else in the novel, not necessarily related to the passage. They may make mention of the writer's use of language.

Lower Band answers should be able to identify an example or two of the Old Man's feelings.

Question 4 MARKS AVAILABLE 22	How does the writer show Santiago's determination to succeed at one or two moments in the novel?
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NOTES ON THE TASK.

The story is filled with moments of Santiago's determination to succeed. Examiners should give candidates complete latitude to select relevant moments that appeal to them. For example they may choose to include Santiago's comments to the "great fish" in the course of its capture and defence. They may choose to comment on the degree of his physical suffering (his hands, his back etc.) and the ways in which these intensify in the course of his voyage. Whatever is offered needs to be supported in a clear understanding and confident appreciation of the text.

Higher Band answers will identify such moments and the very best answers may well go on to ponder the ways in which his determination is unquenched despite his conspicuous lack of what is commonly thought of as success. What is said will be supported by reference to the text: there should be some account of the writer's use of language.

Middle Band answers will have a clear sense of his determination anchored in aptly chosen moments in the text.

Lower Band answers will manage to pick one or two relevant moments from the story and say something about them.

Text: ACHEBE: *Things Fall Apart*

Question 5 MARKS AVAILABLE 22	How does the writer present the relationship between Okonkwo and Ikemefuna here and at one other moment in the novel?
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NOTES ON THE TASK.

The relationship between Okonkwo and the “hostage boy” is one of if not the most moving episodes in the novel. Taken in by Okonkwo as the result of a peaceful outcome of the murder of “a daughter of Umuofia who was killed in Mbaino”. Not only is he an elder brother to Nwoye but he also comes, as Nwoye cannot and does not, to represent the filial qualities Okonkwo most desires. The murder of Ikemefuna is one of the pivotal moments in Achebe’s charting of the way Okonkwo and Umuofia fall apart.

Higher Band answers will link this passage with episodes both prior to and subsequent to the given passage. They will make some acknowledgement of the language choices the writer uses.

Middle Band answers will respond to the passage and refer to at least one other appropriate moment with relevance and support from the text.

Lower Band answers will say something about Ikemefuna and Okonkwo with varying degrees of relevance.

Question 6 MARKS AVAILABLE 22	How does the writer present Okonkwo’s strengths and/or weaknesses at two or three moments in the novel?
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NOTES ON THE TASK.

The definitive “Okonkwo task”. Candidates have the opportunity to range throughout the novel to explore their favourite Okonkwo moments. They may dwell, literally on his physical strengths as farmer, wrestler and warrior and/or his strengths and deficiencies of character: for example, his rise to eminence and authority in Umuofia and seniority within the clan. Weaknesses may include his fear of failure, of adverse opinion and likeness to his father. The story offers ever increasing scope for an apt choice of characteristic.

Higher Band answers will focus on two or three well differentiated episodes and delineate strengths and/or weaknesses of Okonkwo’s character with clear support from the text and, perhaps, some consideration of the language (attention to the Ibo phraseology would be the sign of a strong response).

Middle Band answers will show awareness of contrasting aspects of Okonkwo’s character with some relevant support from the text.

Lower Band answers will say something about Okonkwo which may be relevant.

SECTION B**WRITING TO ANALYSE, REVIEW, COMMENT**

Question 7 MARKS AVAILABLE 21 (14 + 7)	What matters to you most about your family and friends?
GENERAL CRITERIA	Candidates should demonstrate that they can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • communicate clearly and imaginatively, using and adapting forms for different readers and purposes (AO3i) • organise ideas into sentences, paragraphs and whole texts using a variety of linguistic and structural features (AO3ii) • use a range of sentence structures effectively with accurate spelling and punctuation (AO3iii).

INSTRUCTIONS TO EXAMINERS

- 1 **Ring** errors and ✓ or ✓✓ felicities of expression and content, sufficiently to show how you have formed your judgement.
- 2 A brief summative comment may be helpful to indicate any significant strengths and/or weaknesses in the response which have informed your judgement.
- 3 For writing tasks, LENGTH is not in itself a criterion.
- 4 Short answers (50-100 words) may well be self-penalising in terms of the marking criteria (eg control and development of ideas; structure; maintaining the reader's interest), but may still demonstrate significant qualities. Very short answers (less than 50 words) should not normally be marked higher than Band 7.
- 5 Award TWO marks, one for AO3(i) + (ii), one for AO3 (iii), using the appropriate instructions and Band Descriptors. Be prepared to use the full range of marks in each sub-set.
- 6 Use the photostat examples as guides to your assessment.
- 7 At the end of the response write and total the two separate marks (eg 11 + 3 = 14). Ring this total and transfer it to the front page of the script.

NOTES ON THE TASK

- 1 Answers will offer some different ideas about "what matters most", which will be whatever that means to the candidate. (Some may refer back to the stimulus material; there is no premium or penalty for such reference.)
- 2 No specific written format is required; the imagined audience may be seen as the self (a 'mulling-over' or exploration of ideas). However, the writing should reflect a sense of purpose in organising, systematising, clarifying.
- 3 **TASK-SPECIFIC CRITERIA:**
 - clarity of presentation of the idea of valuing family and friends (**overview**)
 - clarity of explanation of "what matters" (**analysis**)
 - effectiveness/ relevance of personal **comment** on the importance of family and friends.

WRITING TO ARGUE, PERSUADE, ADVISE

Question 8 MARKS AVAILABLE 21 (14 + 7)	A good friend of yours is finding it difficult to agree to what his/her family request. Write a letter to your friend giving your advice.
GENERAL CRITERIA	Candidates should demonstrate that they can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • communicate clearly and imaginatively, using and adapting forms for different readers and purposes (AO3i) • organise ideas into sentences, paragraphs and whole texts using a variety of linguistic and structural features (AO3ii) • use a range of sentence structures effectively with accurate spelling and punctuation (AO3iii).

INSTRUCTIONS TO EXAMINERS

- 1 (a) Ring errors and ✓ or ✓✓ felicities of expression and content, sufficiently to show how you have formed your judgement.
(b) Use T to indicate appropriate tone in addressing audience.
- 2 A brief summative comment may be helpful to indicate any significant strengths and/or weaknesses in the response which have informed your judgement.
- 3 For writing tasks, LENGTH is not in itself a criterion.
- 4 Short answers (50-100 words) may well be self-penalising in terms of the marking criteria (eg control and development of ideas; structure; maintaining the reader's interest), but may still demonstrate significant qualities. Very short answers (less than 50 words) should not normally be marked higher than Band 7.
- 5 Award TWO marks, one for AOs 3(i) + (ii), one for AO3(iii), using the appropriate instructions and Band Descriptors. Be prepared to use the full range of marks in each sub-set.
- 6 Use the photostat examples as guides to your assessment.
- 7 At the end of the response write and total the two separate marks (eg 11 + 3 = 14). Ring this total and transfer it to the front page of the script.

NOTES ON THE TASK:

- 1 Candidates are free to develop advice that they regard as appropriate within the requirements of the triplet. (Some may refer back to the stimulus material; there is no premium or penalty for such reference.)
- 2 Candidates are writing the words of a letter. The writing should reflect a sense of purpose in organising, systematising, clarifying.
- 3 **TASK-SPECIFIC CRITERIA:**
 - clarity of explanation of own point of view
 - effectiveness in persuading audience to share/support point of view.

WRITING MARK SCHEME – Foundation Tier

Use 'best-fit' within and across columns: if most elements are fully achieved, award the higher mark in the band.				
		AO3		AO3
Band	Marks	Descriptors	Marks	Descriptors
Above 4	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A secure attempt to write in the specified writing triplet. • The specified genre is used confidently, consistently and with a positive purpose. • Content is adapted to reveal a clear understanding of the task and is conveyed in a fully appropriate tone and register. • Vocabulary is varied and sufficiently precise to convey some subtlety of thought and shades of meaning. • A focused opening clearly establishes direction followed by a coherent and well sustained development leading logically to a convincing ending. • Confident use of paragraphing structures and controls content. • Within and between paragraphs a range of devices links ideas clearly and consciously. • The writer is in control of the material and consistently aware of the audience. 	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A good range of sentence structures appropriate to the task are well controlled and suitably varied for effect although there may be the occasional syntactical error. • Spelling is secure across a range of vocabulary. • Punctuation is used accurately and precisely both between and within sentences with evidence of a conscious attempt to create effects.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A clear attempt to write in the specified writing triplet. • The specified genre will be used in a straightforwardly consistent way. • Content is relevant to the task and is conveyed in an appropriate tone and register. • Vocabulary used may show some restriction in range but is adequate to convey the writer's ideas clearly. • A focused opening leads to clear development with some detail and a suitable ending. • Paragraphs are used to organise content and there may be some variation in length and structure in order to emphasise important points. • Within and between paragraphs ideas are clearly linked. • The writer is mainly in control of the material and has a sound awareness of the audience. 		
4	14 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sentence structures have some variety and are appropriate to the task although there may be a predominance of simple/compound structures and the occasional syntactical error. • Spelling of complex regular words is usually secure but less so with irregular/more complex vocabulary. • Punctuation between sentences is usually secure but that within sentences is only partially so. 	7	
5	12 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A recognisable attempt to write in the specified writing triplet. • A generally consistent attempt to write in the specified genre. • Content is relevant to the task and there is usually an appropriate use of tone and register. • Vocabulary conveys ideas generally but will be lacking in shades of meaning. • A focused opening is followed by some straightforward development with an attempt to achieve an appropriate ending. • Paragraphing is logically ordered but not always carefully linked, resulting in some loss of coherence. • Within sentences, references are clearly established. • The writer is aware of the audience but is not always successful in controlling the material and its effect on the audience. 	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sentence structures show a limited range, largely simple and compound, or rambling and uncontrolled, and tend to be repetitive with some syntactical errors. • Spelling is usually correct in straightforward vocabulary but not always consistent and there may be a number of error-types. • Punctuation between sentences is often insecure and only sometimes successful within sentences.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is some awareness of the need to write in the specified writing triplet. • Some evidence that the task has been understood. • Content is generally relevant to the task with an awareness of the need to write in the specified genre and the use of an appropriate tone and register may be present, but only inconsistently. • Vocabulary is likely to be limited and imprecise. • The opening may be focused and offer some direction, but this focus may be lost as the writing progresses with a limited attempt to achieve an ending. • Paragraphing, if present, is likely to be random. • Within sentences, references are not always clear. • The writer has some awareness of the audience but lacks control of the material to communicate effectively with the reader. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sentence structures are repetitive, mainly simple and compound or lengthy and uncontrolled with simple syntax not always used correctly. • Spelling is mainly correct in simple vocabulary but not always consistent; otherwise errors are frequent, including a number of error-types. • Punctuation between sentences is not secure and is only occasionally attempted within sentences, with limited success.
7		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There may be some awareness of the need to write in the specified writing triplet. • Some attempt to respond to the task showing an occasional awareness of audience. • Responses at this level may be marked by a tendency to adopt an inappropriate tone and to write subjectively. • Vocabulary is limited and lacking in any attempt at precision. • There may be some evidence of an attempt to create a sense of direction but development is limited and the writing is likely to stop rather than achieve an ending. • Paragraphing may be used to show obvious divisions of content but is unlikely to give any positive structure to the writing. • Within sentences, there may be limited use of referencing. 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sentence structures are simple and repetitive; syntactical faults are frequent. • Spelling errors are frequent even in simple vocabulary, and are random/difficult to categorise. • Punctuation between sentences is insecure and within sentences, punctuation is largely omitted or misused.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is little, if any awareness of the requirement to write in the specified writing triplet. • Content is likely to be unfocused on the task with no identifiable register or awareness of audience. • Vocabulary will be very limited and frequently inappropriate for the task. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sentence structures are recognisable; simple structures are sometimes correct. • The spelling of most words is recognisable, but only the simplest are correctly spelt and not always consistently so. • Punctuation is largely haphazard, inconsistent or absent.
8	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be very limited evidence of any attempt either to organise ideas into a coherent whole or to show an overall understanding of the task. • Paragraphing, if present, will be haphazard and unhelpful to the reader. • Scripts at this level may be either very short or rambling and uncontrolled. 	3	
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Below 8	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be very little, if any, convincing evidence of an attempt to write in the specified writing triplet. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Few, if any, recognisable sentence structures are apparent.
	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serious limitations of vocabulary and an inability to structure and organise ideas will result in very little that is coherent or relevant to the topic being conveyed to the reader. 	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spelling and punctuation are mostly so imprecise that very little meaning is communicated.
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	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scripts at this level are likely to be either very short or show very limited linguistic ability. 		
	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marks in this band should be reserved for scripts from which only very limited sense emerges. 	0	

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