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SCHEME OF ASSESSMENT

Foundation Tier		Marks
Section 1 Role Play	Communication	8
Section 2 Role Play	Communication	8
Presentation	Communication	4
Discussion and Conversation	Communication	10
Overall Linguistic Quality	Accuracy	20
Total		50

Higher Tier		Marks
Section 2 Role Play	Communication	8
Section 3 Narrative Role Play	Communication	8
Presentation	Communication	4
Discussion and Conversation	Communication	10
Overall Linguistic Quality	Accuracy	20
Total		50

Section 1 Role Play, 4 items, marked 2, 1, 0

2	Candidate successfully communicates the message without ambiguity and with little assistance from the examiner. Incorrect use of the 'you' form overlooked at this level.
1	Candidate partially communicates the message OR Candidate eventually communicates the message after considerable assistance from the examiner, without being fed the answer
0	Candidate fails to communicate the message or is fed the answer by the examiner.

Section 2 Role Play, 4 items, marked 2, 1, 0

2	Candidate successfully communicates the message without ambiguity and with little assistance from the examiner, using the appropriate tense. Inappropriate use of the 'you' form qualifies for a maximum of 1 mark on the first occurrence only.
1	Candidate partially communicates the message OR Candidate eventually communicates the message after considerable assistance from the examiner, without being fed the answer
0	Candidate fails to communicate the message or is fed the answer by the examiner

Section 3 Narrative Role Play**8 marks**

8	All main points communicated. Some imaginative detail added. Responds readily to interjections. Confident. Gives opinions and justifications. Very fluent. Maintains good pace.
7/6	Conveys all the main points with little ambiguity. Little guidance needed. Easy interchanges with examiner. Gives opinions and justifications. Quite fluent. Maintains reasonably good pace.
5/4	Communicates most of the main points. Some guidance needed from the examiner. Responds to queries from the examiner about ambiguities. Gives limited range of opinions and justifications when prompted. Pace varies somewhat. Reasonably fluent.
3/2	Communicates some of the main points, but the overall picture is somewhat unclear. Needs much guidance from the examiner, and responds hesitantly. Pace slow. Lacks fluency.
1/0	Communicates isolated points only. No overall picture communicated. Has difficulty in responding to examiner. Pace very slow. Little fluency.

This is a 'best fit' exercise. Where some qualities are lacking, the lower of two marks in the mark band will be appropriate.

Presentation – Communication**4 marks**

4	Excellent, well-organised preparation and delivery of material. All main points communicated very clearly. A range of opinions and justifications expressed with ease.
3	Good preparation and delivery of material. All main points communicated without ambiguity. Straightforward opinions routinely expressed with some justifications.
2	Fairly good preparation and delivery of material. All main points communicated with little ambiguity. Straightforward opinions expressed.
1	Performance needs considerable examiner assistance to elicit material.
0	Absolutely nothing of merit.

For Foundation Tier it will be unusual for candidates to be awarded more than 3 marks.

Discussion of Presentation and Conversation – Communication**10 marks**

10	Mature Discussion of the Presentation. Both Conversation topics handled very impressively. Spontaneous interchange with examiner, shows initiative. A wide range of opinions and justifications expressed with ease. Takes the initiative in conversation. Outstanding.
9/8	Discussion of the Presentation and both Conversation topics handled well. Examiner has little need to rephrase. A range of opinions and justifications expressed with ease. Can take the initiative in conversation.
7/6	Discusses the Presentation reasonably well. Develops both Conversation topics reasonably well OR has one strong and one weak topic. Expresses opinions. Communicates clearly, despite errors.
5/4	Discussion of the Presentation pedestrian, with the examiner leading questioning a good deal. Conversation topics dealt with in a straightforward but limited way. Examiner may need to rephrase questions before they are understood. Communicates obvious points, despite a good number of errors.
3/2	Discussion of the Presentation laboured, with the examiner doing most of the work. Conversation topics only work with considerable input from the examiner, and generally only understands simple questions when they are rephrased. Only some points clearly communicated, and many errors.
1/0	Little or nothing of merit.

For Foundation Tier it will be unusual for candidates to be awarded more than 7 marks.

Linguistic quality – covers the whole examination except the Presentation**20 marks**

20/19	Confident and very accurate use of a variety of tenses appropriate to subject matter. Wide range of structures and vocabulary with occasional isolated errors in more complex language. Responds at considerable length to open questions. Pronunciation and intonation extremely accurate for a non-native speaker.
18/17/16	Very good and consistent use of a variety of tenses appropriate to subject matter. Very good range of structures and vocabulary. Consistent use of more complex language features. Pronunciation and intonation very accurate for a non-native speaker.
15/14	Good consistent use of tense appropriate to subject matter with only occasional errors. Good range of structures and vocabulary. Some errors in more complex language. Pronunciation and intonation mostly accurate with only occasional slips.
13/12/11	Use of past, present and future tenses appropriate, but with some inaccuracies and inconsistencies. Fair range of structures and vocabulary. Pronunciation and intonation generally accurate with occasional hesitation.
10/9	General awareness and some use of tenses appropriate to subject matter, but many inaccuracies. Adequate range of structures and vocabulary. Pronunciation and intonation generally accurate, but some errors. Hesitant at times.
8/7	Some awareness and limited use of different tenses. Generally appropriate attempts at subject/verb accord. Fairly limited range of structures and vocabulary. Pronunciation and intonation fair, but inconsistent. Some hesitation.
6/5/4	Limited success in attempts at subject/verb accord. Very limited range of structures and vocabulary. Pronunciation and intonation approximate but intelligible. Hesitant delivery.
3/2	Very occasional awareness and success at subject/verb accord. Very limited range of vocabulary. Answers brief and often monosyllabic. Pronunciation very approximate and delivery very hesitant.
1/0	Little or nothing of merit.

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