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WRITING TESTS - FOUNDATION AND HIGHER TIERS**PART ONE****Principles of Marking**

- All marking is to be done in accordance with the published Criteria for Assessment.
- The stress is on effective communication. Credit should be given for the language successfully conveying the target message without ambiguity.
- There is no need to count the number of words used to answer each question. The sole criterion is completion of the tasks set.

MARK ALLOCATION

Foundation	Communication	Quality of Language	Total
List	2		2
Message	12	8	20
Letter	8	12	20
Total	22	20	42

Higher	Communication	Quality of Language	Total
Letter	8	12	20
Question 2	8	12	20
Total	16	24	40

FOUNDATION TIER QUESTION 1 - List Question

This question will be assessed for Communication only.

Marks	Degree of Communication
1	1 - 2 words correct, without ambiguity.
2	3 - 4 words correct, without ambiguity.

Maximum mark - 2

QUESTION 2 - Message Question

This question will consist of six tasks and will be assessed for Degree of Communication and Quality of Language.

DEGREE OF COMMUNICATION

For each of the six tasks, the following criteria will be used.

Marks	Degree of Communication
0	Required message not communicated.
1	Comprehension difficult or ambiguous. Some relevant information conveyed.
2	Required message conveyed without ambiguity even if not totally correct.
6 x 2 = 12 marks	

QUALITY OF LANGUAGE

A global mark out of 8 will be awarded. The mark awarded for Communication will determine the mark range available for Quality of Language according to the following criteria.

Marks awarded for Communication	Marks available for Quality of Language	Quality of Language
0 - 1	0	Inaccuracy is almost always a barrier to communication.
2 - 4	1 - 2	Some of the messages are intelligible but the frequency of serious error makes communication difficult.
5 - 6	3 - 4	Several of the messages are intelligible, despite frequent error which creates ambiguity and requires effort from the reader.
7 - 8	5 - 6	Errors occur regularly but most intended messages can be understood, with hesitation but without undue difficulty.
9 - 12	7 - 8	Despite various errors, the piece is more accurate than inaccurate; intended meanings are usually clear.

Maximum mark 12 + 8 = 20

QUESTION 3 - Letter Question

This question will consist of eight tasks and will be assessed for Degree of Communication, Range/Complexity and Accuracy, giving a maximum mark of 20.

DEGREE OF COMMUNICATION

- The assessment of Communication depends upon recognising an attempt to write something about the task.
- You should not take into account the quality of the language used, unless it interferes so much that communication would not take place.
- Candidates will be expected to go beyond the minimum level of response in order to score at least 3 marks. This means that the candidate will have added an additional detail (hereafter called a **Development**), which goes beyond the minimum required by the task.
- For a Development to be accepted, the quality of language should be the same as that which is required for a Communication task.
- Developments cannot be credited for a task which has been rejected.
- There can be only **one** Development per task in this question.

Tasks to Marks - Degree of Communication

Tasks	Marks	Requirement	Degree of Communication
0	0		Nothing of merit; fails to communicate OR occasional words are recognisable within sentences but no complete messages are communicated.
1	1		Communicates <i>a little</i> basic information (e.g. simple facts).
2 – 8 (0 Dev)	2		
3 - 8 (1 Dev)	3		<i>Some</i> basic information is conveyed; occasional additional details conveyed (e.g. description, simple opinion).
3 - 8 (2 Dev)	4		
5 - 8 (3 Dev)	5	Must include an opinion, if not, revert to 4 marks	Communicates clearly <i>quite a lot</i> of relevant information, including personal opinions; regularly goes beyond a basic response to give more detailed information relating to descriptions and accounts.
5 - 8 (4 Dev)	6	Must include an opinion, if not, revert to 4 marks	
7 - 8 (5 Dev)	7	Must include justification of an opinion, if not, revert to 6 marks	Communicates <i>a lot</i> of relevant information; candidate can narrate events, give full descriptions and can express and justify ideas and points of view.
7 - 8 (6 Dev)	8	Must include justification of an opinion, if not, revert to 6 marks	

QUALITY OF LANGUAGE

- Marks will be awarded out of 6 for each of Range/Complexity and Accuracy. The marks will be added to make a total out of 12 for Quality of Language.
- The mark awarded under Range/Complexity must not be more than **one mark** higher than the mark awarded for Degree of Communication.
- The mark awarded under Accuracy must not be more than **one mark** higher than the mark awarded for Degree of Communication.
- If a mark is awarded for Communication this will inevitably lead to the award of a mark for Range/Complexity and for Accuracy.
- For the award of 4 marks or more under Range/Complexity there must be at least one reference to each of past, present and future events.

Range / Complexity	Marks	Accuracy
Very little effective vocabulary. There are occasional recognisable words but they make little coherent sense.	0	There is little, if any, evidence of understanding of the most basic linguistic structures.
The vocabulary and structures used are simple, often repetitive, limited in range and may contain many cognates.	1	There is only limited understanding of the most basic linguistic structures and most sentences contain major errors.
Vocabulary is appropriate to the basic needs of the task. Structures are simple, often repetitive and are rarely linked.	2	Most sentences contain errors, many of a major nature, and verb forms are rarely accurate.
Vocabulary and structures are appropriate to the task with a little attempt at variety and there is some successful attempt to link structures together.	3	There are some major errors and frequent minor ones. Attempts at verb forms and tense formations are often unsuccessful.
There is some variety in the use of vocabulary and some successful attempts at a variety of structures including attempts at longer sentences using appropriate linking words. Some personal opinions are successfully expressed. There are successful attempts at using more than one time frame.	4	There are a number of minor errors and a few major ones, but the piece is more accurate than inaccurate. Verb forms and tense formations are not always correct, but the intended meaning is clearly recognisable.
There is a wider range of vocabulary and structure which communicates descriptions and opinions with some precision. Longer sentences, including the use of subordinate clauses, are used more regularly and with increasing success.	5	Inaccuracies are mainly of a minor nature although some major errors may occur when complex structures are attempted. Verb forms and tense formations are usually correct.
A wide range of vocabulary and structures appropriate to the topic is effectively used. Longer, more complex sentences are handled with confidence producing a fluent piece of coherent language.	6	There are hardly any major and few minor errors even in more complex structures. The overall impression is of accuracy and verb forms and tense formations are secure.

The maximum mark for the Foundation Tier Paper is 42.

HIGHER TIER**QUESTION 1**

This question is the same as that set for Foundation Writing Question 3. It should therefore be marked in accordance with the instructions given for Foundation Tier Question 3.

QUESTION 2

This question will consist of *four* tasks and will be assessed for Degree of Communication, Range/Complexity and Accuracy, giving a maximum of 20.

DEGREE OF COMMUNICATION

- The assessment of Communication depends upon recognising an attempt to write something about the task. All responses should be self-contained and comprehensible without reference to the rubrics.
- Candidates will be expected to go beyond the minimum level of response in order to score at least 2 marks. This means that the candidate will have added an additional piece of information, in the form of a phrase or clause (hereafter called a **Development**), which goes beyond the minimum required by the task.
- For a Development to be accepted, the quality of language should be the same as that which is required for a Communication task.
- Developments cannot be credited for a task which has been rejected.
- There can be *up to two* developments per task in this question.

Tasks to Marks - Degree of Communication

Tasks	Marks	Requirement	Degree of Communication
0	0		Nothing of merit; fails to communicate OR occasional words are recognisable within sentences but no complete messages are communicated.
1 – 4 (0 Dev)	1		Communicates <i>a little</i> basic information (e.g. simple facts).
1 - 4 (1 Dev)	2		
2 - 4 (2 Dev)	3		<i>Some</i> basic information is conveyed; occasional additional details conveyed (e.g. description, simple opinion).
2 - 4 (3 Dev)	4		
3 - 4 (4 Dev)	5	Must include an opinion, if not, revert to 4 marks	Communicates clearly <i>quite a lot</i> of relevant information, including personal opinions; regularly goes beyond a basic response to give more detailed information relating to descriptions and accounts.
3 - 4 (5 Dev)	6	Must include an opinion, if not, revert to 4 marks	
4 (6 Dev)	7	Must include justification of an opinion, if not, revert to 6 marks	Communicates <i>a lot</i> of relevant information; candidate can narrate events, give full descriptions and can express and justify ideas and points of view.
4 (7 - 8 Dev)	8	Must include justification of an opinion, if not, revert to 6 marks	

QUALITY OF LANGUAGE

- Marks will be awarded out of 6 for each of Range/Complexity and Accuracy. The marks will be added to make a total out of 12 for Quality of Language.
- The mark awarded under Range/Complexity must not be more than **one mark** higher than the mark awarded for Degree of Communication.
- The mark awarded under Accuracy must not be more than **one mark** higher than the mark awarded for Degree of Communication.
- If a mark is awarded for Communication this will inevitably lead to the award of a mark for Range/Complexity and for Accuracy.
- For the award of 4 marks or more under Range/Complexity there must be at least one reference to two of past/present/future events.

Range / Complexity	Marks	Accuracy
Very little effective vocabulary. There are occasional recognisable words but they make little coherent sense.	0	There is little, if any, evidence of understanding of the most basic linguistic structures.
The vocabulary and structures used are simple, often repetitive, limited in range and may contain many cognates.	1	There is only limited understanding of the most basic linguistic structures and most sentences contain major errors.
Vocabulary is appropriate to the basic needs of the task. Structures are simple, often repetitive and are rarely linked.	2	Most sentences contain errors, many of a major nature, and verb forms are rarely accurate.
Vocabulary and structures are appropriate to the task with a little attempt at variety and there is some successful attempt to link structures together.	3	There are some major errors and frequent minor ones. Attempts at verb forms and tense formations are often unsuccessful.
There is some variety in the use of vocabulary and some successful attempts at a variety of structures including attempts at longer sentences using appropriate linking words. Some personal opinions are successfully expressed. There are successful attempts at using more than one time frame.	4	There are a number of minor errors and a few major ones, but the piece is more accurate than inaccurate. Verb forms and tense formations are not always correct, but the intended meaning is clearly recognisable.
There is a wider range of vocabulary and structure which communicates descriptions and opinions with some precision. Longer sentences, including the use of subordinate clauses, are used more regularly and with increasing success.	5	Inaccuracies are mainly of a minor nature although some major errors may occur when complex structures are attempted. Verb forms and tense formations are usually correct.
A wide range of vocabulary and structures appropriate to the topic is effectively used. Longer, more complex sentences are handled with confidence producing a fluent piece of coherent language.	6	There are hardly any major and few minor errors even in more complex structures. The overall impression is of accuracy and verb forms and tense formations are secure.

The maximum mark for the Higher Tier paper is 40.

Writing –Part 2 Mark Scheme**Foundation Tier****Question 1**

This question will be assessed for Communication only.

1 List four items		
2	1	0
3 or four appropriate answers e.g. ਮੇਜ਼, ਪੈਨਸਲ, ਕਿਤਾਬਾਂ ਆਦਿ। Accept English words written in Panjabi	1 or 2 appropriate answers.	No appropriate answer.

Question 2

This question consists of six tasks and will be assessed for Degree of Communication and Quality of Language.

Degree of Communication

For each of the six tasks the following criteria will be used.

1 How tall you are.		
2	1	0
One detail in complete sentence e.g. ਮੇਰਾ ਕੱਦ 5 ਫੁੱਟ 5 ਇੰਚ ਹੈ। Or any other similar answer. ਮੈਂ 5' ਹਾਂ।	Answer not in complete sentence e.g. ਕੱਦ 5 ਫੁੱਟ 5 ਇੰਚ। Or any other similar answer. ਮੈਂ ਪੰਜ ft ਹਾਂ।	No relevant information. If only number is given without any units.

2 How many brothers and sisters you have.		
2	1	0
One detail in complete sentence e.g. ਮੇਰੇ ਦੋ ਭਰਾ ਹਨ/ ਮੇਰੀ ਇੱਕ ਭੈਣ ਹੈ/ ਮੇਰਾ ਕੋਈ ਭਰਾ/ ਮੇਰੀ ਕੋਈ ਭੈਣ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ।	Answer not in complete sentence e.g. ਦੋ ਭਰਾ / ਇੱਕ ਭੈਣ/ ਕੋਈ ਭਰਾ ਨਹੀਂ/ ਕੋਈ ਭੈਣ ਨਹੀਂ।	No relevant information.

3 What pets you have.		
2	1	0
One detail in complete sentence e.g. ਮੇਰੇ ਕੋਲ ਇੱਕ ਕੁੱਤਾ ਹੈ। Or any other similar answer.	Answer not in complete sentence e.g. ਇੱਕ ਕੁੱਤਾ। Or any other similar answer.	No relevant information.

4 What your house is like.		
2	1	0
One detail in complete sentence e.g. ਮੇਰਾ ਘਰ ਵੱਡਾ ਹੈ । Or any other similar answer.	Answer not in complete sentence e.g. ਵੱਡਾ ਘਰ । Or any other similar answer.	No relevant information.

5 What there is of interest in your home town.		
2	1	0
One detail in complete sentence e.g. ਸਾਡੇ ਸ਼ਹਿਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਇੱਕ ਵੱਡੀ ਪਾਰਕ ਹੈ । Or any other similar answer.	Answer not in complete sentence e.g. ਪਾਰਕ । Or any other similar answer.	No relevant information

6 What subject you like best in school.		
2	1	0
One detail in complete sentence e.g. ਮੈਂ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਪਸੰਦ ਕਰਦਾ/ਕਰਦੀ ਹਾਂ । Or any other similar answer.	Answer not in complete sentence e.g. ਪੰਜਾਬੀ Or any other similar answer. Full sentences with the subject in English e.g. ਮੈਂ P.E ਪਸੰਦ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ।	No relevant information.

Total marks for Degree of Communication = $6 \times 2 = 12$

Quality of Language

A global mark out of 8 will be awarded. The mark awarded for Communication will determine the mark range available for Quality of Language according to the criteria given in Part 1 Mark Scheme.

Question 3

This question will consist of eight tasks and will be assessed for Degree of Communication, Range/ Complexity and Accuracy.

Degree of Communication

The assessment of Communication depends upon recognising an attempt to write something about the task.

You should not take into account the quality of the language used, unless it interferes so much that communication would not take place.

Candidates will be expected to go beyond the minimum level of response in order to score at least 3 marks. This means that the candidate will have added an additional detail (hereafter called a development), which goes beyond the minimum required by the task. One development is required for a higher level of response in six tasks.

Example:

Task one

(ਆਮ ਤੌਰ ਤੇ) ਮੈਂ ਗਾਣੇ ਸੁਣਦਾ / ਸੁਣਦੀ ਹਾਂ। (minimum information) ਮੈਨੂੰ ਗੁਰਦਾਸ ਮਾਨ ਦੇ ਗਾਣੇ ਬਹੁਤ ਚੰਗੇ ਲਗਦੇ ਹਨ। (development)

Degree of Communication, Range/Complexity and Accuracy will be assessed according to the criteria given in the Part 1 Mark Scheme.

Degree of Communication is marked out of 8 according to the criteria. However, the minimum level of response required for the completion of each of the 8 tasks is given below:

- 1 What you usually do in your spare time.
One detail required.
e.g. (ਆਮ ਤੌਰ ਤੇ) ਮੈਂ ਗਾਣੇ ਸੁਣਦਾ / ਸੁਣਦੀ ਹਾਂ। (present)
- 2 What you did last weekend.
One detail required.
e.g. (ਪਿਛਲੇ ਵੀਕਐਂਡ) ਅਸੀਂ ਇੱਕ ਵਿਆਹ ਦੇਖਿਆ ਸੀ। (past)
- 3 What you will do next weekend.
One detail required. (future)
e.g. (ਅਗਲੇ ਵੀਕਐਂਡ) ਅਸੀਂ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰੇ ਜਾਵਾਂਗੇ।
- 4 What your plans are for summer holidays.
One detail required. (present, past, future)
e.g. ਅਸੀਂ ਛੁੱਟੀਆਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਜਾਵਾਂਗੇ / ਸਾਡਾ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਜਾਣ ਦਾ ਪ੍ਰੋਗਰਾਮ ਹੈ / ਗਰਮੀਆਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਅਸੀਂ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਜਾਣਾ ਹੈ।

- 5 Which television programme you like best and why.
One detail and one reason required. (present, past, future)
e.g. ਮੈਂ ਖਬਰਾਂ ਦਾ ਪ੍ਰੋਗਰਾਮ ਪਸੰਦ ਕਰਦਾ / ਕਰਦੀ ਹਾਂ ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਪਤਾ ਲਗਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਦੁਨੀਆਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਕੀ ਹੋ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ।
- 6 Your views about the film you have seen recently.
Two details required - name of the film and views about it. (present, past)
e.g. ਮੈਂ ਫਿਲਮ ਬੇਵਫਾ ਦੇਖੀ ਸੀ। ਮੈਨੂੰ ਬਹੁਤ ਚੰਗੀ ਲੱਗੀ / ਮੈਂ ਕੋਈ ਫਿਲਮ ਨਹੀਂ ਦੇਖੀ ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਫਿਲਮਾਂ ਲੰਬੀਆਂ ਹੁੰਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ।
- 7 Whether you have a part-time job or not.
One detail required. (present, past, future)
e.g. ਮੈਂ ਕੋਈ ਪਾਰਟ ਟਾਈਮ ਕੰਮ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰਦਾ / ਕਰਦੀ।
- 8 How your studies are going.
One detail required. (present, past, future)
e.g. ਮੇਰੀ ਪੜ੍ਹਾਈ ਚੰਗੀ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਚੱਲ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ।

Quality of Language

Marks will be awarded out of 6 for each of Range/Complexity and Accuracy. The marks will be added to make a total of 12 for Quality of Language. Quality of Language will be assessed according to the criteria given in Part 1 Mark Scheme.

Higher Tier

Question 1

This question is the same as that set for Foundation Writing Question 3. It should, therefore, be marked in accordance with the instructions given for Foundation Tier Question 3.

Question 2

This question consists of 4 tasks and is assessed for Degree of Communication, Range/Complexity and Accuracy.

Degree of Communication

The assessment of Communication depends upon recognising an attempt to write something about the task. The task should be self-contained and comprehensive without reference to the rubrics.

Candidates are expected to go beyond the minimum level of response in order to score at least 2 marks. This means that the candidate has added an additional piece of information in the form of a phrase or clause that goes beyond the minimum required by the task. Two developments are required in each task in addition to the minimum responses in this question to score maximum marks.

Example:

Task one

ਸਾਡਾ ਘਰ ਸਟੇਸ਼ਨ ਦੇ ਕੋਲ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਇਲਾਕਾ ਬਹੁਤ ਚੰਗਾ ਹੈ। (minimum information) ਸ਼ੌਪਿੰਗ ਸੈਂਟਰ ਨੇੜੇ ਹੈ। (development 1) ਲੋਕ ਬਹੁਤ ਚੰਗੇ ਹਨ। (development 2)

The minimum level of response required for completion of each of the 4 tasks is given below. Candidates can write similar a answer in several different ways.

1 Which area your new house is in and your views about this area.

Two details required.

e.g. ਸਾਡਾ ਘਰ ਸਟੇਸ਼ਨ ਦੇ ਕੋਲ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਇਲਾਕਾ ਬਹੁਤ ਚੰਗਾ ਹੈ।

(past, present, future)

2 Why you changed your house.

One detail required.

e.g. ਸਾਡਾ ਪਹਿਲਾ ਘਰ ਛੋਟਾ ਸੀ।

(future, present, past)

3 How your new house is different from your old house.

One detail required.

e.g. ਸਾਡਾ ਨਵਾਂ ਘਰ ਪਹਿਲੇ ਘਰ ਨਾਲੋਂ ਕਾਫੀ ਵੱਡਾ ਹੈ।

(past, present, future)

4 Your opinion about your new neighbours.

One detail required.

(present, future, past)

e.g. ਸਾਡੇ ਨਵੇਂ ਗੁਆਂਢੀ ਬਹੁਤ ਚੰਗੇ ਹਨ।

Quality of Language

Quality of Language will be assessed according to the criteria given in Part 1 Mark Scheme.