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Listening and Reading tests

General principles of marking

Non-verbal answers

Follow the mark scheme as set out.

Verbal answers (English or target language)

1. The basic principle of assessment is that students should gain credit for what they know, understand and can do; provided their written response communicates the required message without ambiguity, it will get the mark. The following guidance should be borne in mind when marking.
 - (a) Credit should be given for all answers which convey the key idea required intelligibly and without ambiguity. This applies whether the answer is in English or target language. A separate assessment of spelling, punctuation and grammar is not required because of the nature of the answers. However, these aspects are an integral part of assessing communication and marks cannot be awarded where errors in spelling, punctuation or grammar lead to a failure to communicate the required information **without ambiguity**.
 - (b) Where a student has given alternatives or additional information in an answer, the following criteria should be applied: – if the alternative/addition does not contradict the key idea/make it ambiguous, **accept** – if the alternative/addition contradicts the key idea or makes it ambiguous, **reject**.
 - (c) Where numbered lines are given within a question/section of a question, credit should be given for correct answers, no matter which line they appear on.
 - (d) Where a question has more than one **section (eg (i) and (ii))**, a candidate may include as part of the answer to one section the information required to answer another section. Eg, in Listening, information required to answer section (ii) might be given as part of the answer to section (i). In such cases, credit should be given for having answered section (ii), provided that no incorrect answer has been given for that section in the correct place on the question paper.
2. In questions where students are asked to give for example a list of three items, only the first three items they write down should be considered for assessment purposes.
3. No mark scheme can cover all possible answers. When in doubt, look for the key idea.
4. Where a student has crossed out an answer and what was underneath remains legible then it should be marked. When part of an answer is crossed out, then only what remains should be considered.
5. .../. means that these are acceptable alternative answers in the mark scheme. (.....) means that this information is not needed for full marks to be awarded.
6. In questions which are T/F/? or ✓/X/? in either Section A or Section B, a mix and match approach should be tolerated and credit given where it is clear and unambiguous (eg consistent use by the candidate). If candidates write 'True' instead of 'ص' for درست/صحیح in Section B, this should also be credited despite the wrong language being used.

7. The following general principles should be applied in relation to answers in the target language in Section B:

- (a) Incorrect personal pronouns – accept (unless this causes ambiguity).
- (b) Incorrect possessive adjectives – accept (unless this causes ambiguity).
- (c) Wrong gender – accept (unless this causes ambiguity).
- (d) Infinitive – will normally communicate without ambiguity, so should be accepted.
- (e) Wrong tense – accept as long as student comprehension is not in question.
- (f) Minor spelling errors – accept as long as the answer is understandable with no ambiguity. In Section B, this means that even if the spelling error results in the creation of a word in another language, including English, then provided it is a recognisable attempt at a spelling in the target language, it will be credited.

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
01	Advantage: No difference between the rich and poor Disadvantage: Colours are not good			2

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
02	Advantage: Schools identity Disadvantage: Someone else decides what one should wear			2

Question	Accept	Mark
3.1	B (to enjoy the city view)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
3.2	C (to visit historical buildings)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
3.3	D (to enjoy walking on the beach)	1

Question	Last week's activity	This week's activity	Next week's activity	Mark
04	Cycling	Walking	Watching a movie	2

Question	Accept	Mark
05	B (two days a week)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
06	A (work for a company)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
07	B, D, F (in any order) B (work from home.) D (have a happy family.) F (have a healthy family.)	3

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
08	Village/countryside	Mountains/river/nature		1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
09	Museums/ancient churches		Buildings/things	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
10	(Because she) (enjoys) the hot weather/(because she) plays with (sea) waves	Water/occasion		1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
11	public transport/bus		car	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
12	forgetting to recycle (glass, paper and plastic)	Not recycling		1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
13	it's too far	10 miles away/far		1

Question	Accept	Mark
14	P (positive)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
15	P (positive)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
16	N (negative)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
17	P + N (positive and negative)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
18.1	Second largest city Mini Europe/same facilities like Europe	2

Question	Accept	Mark
18.2	Illegal occupation of properties False cases	2

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
19	<p>Advantages:</p> <p>Good atmosphere Friendly staff</p> <p>Disadvantages:</p> <p>Had to wait forty minutes to eat Too greasy/oily Fresh juices were not available</p>	Staff is nice/good		2

Question	Accept	Mark
20.1	C (Washing cars)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
20.2	D (Collecting from locals)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
20.3	F (Selling cakes at school)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
21	B (Silence in the corridor)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
22	E (Banning smartphones)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
23	C (Punishment for minor lateness)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
24.1	Kite flying/dancing/singing (any two)	2

Question	Accept	Mark
24.2	Banned festival, build (sport) facilities, build sport centre (any two)	2

Question	Accept	Mark
25.1	B (تفریح کے لیے)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
25.2	D (اپنی رائے کے لیے)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
26.1	A (چھکالگانے کی کوشش کرتے ہیں۔)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
26.2	C (وہ تیز بال کرتے ہیں۔)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
27.1	A (سچے)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
27.2	B (ناقابل بھروسہ)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
28.1	دسویں جماعت	1

Question	Accept	Mark
28.2	غصہ کرتے ہیں / ڈانٹ دیتے ہیں	1

Question	Accept	Mark
28.3	مہربان / شفیق	1

Question	Accept	Mark
28.4	استانی / ٹیچر / اساتذہ	1

Total marks = 50