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GCE Ordinary Level

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3248 SECOND LANGUAGE URDU

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Paper 1 (Composition and Translation),
maximum raw mark 55

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Part 1: Directed Writing (15 marks)

The syllabus specifies that the candidates are to write about 150 words in Urdu. Examiners are to read up to 200 words and ignore any further writing.

If one bullet point is not covered at all, then the maximum mark for language is 7.

If two bullet points are not covered at all then maximum mark for language is 5.

Language (out of 9)	Content (out of 6)
<p>8–9 Very good Confident use of complex sentence patterns, generally accurate, extensive vocabulary, good sense of idiom.</p>	<p>5–6 Very good Detailed, clearly relevant and well illustrated; coherently argued and structured.</p>
<p>6–7 Good Generally sound grasp of grammar in spite of quite a few lapses; reads reasonably; some attempt at varied vocabulary and sentence patterns.</p>	<p>4 Good Sound knowledge and generally relevant; some ability to develop argument and draw conclusions.</p>
<p>4–5 Adequate A tendency to be simple, clumsy or laboured; some degree of accuracy; inappropriate use of idiom.</p>	<p>3 Adequate Some knowledge, but not always relevant; a more limited capacity to argue.</p>
<p>2–3 Poor Consistently simple or pedestrian sentence patterns (basic sentence structure) with persistent errors; limited vocabulary.</p>	<p>2 Poor Some attempt at argument, tends to be sketchy or unspecific; little attempt to structure an argument; major misunderstanding of question.</p>
<p>0–1 Very poor Only the simplest sentence patterns, little evidence of grammatical awareness, very limited vocabulary.</p>	<p>0–1 Very poor Vague and general; ideas presented at random.</p>

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Part 2: Letter, Report, Dialogue or Speech (20 marks)

The syllabus specifies that the candidates are to write about 200 words in Urdu. Examiners will read up to about 250 words and ignore anything in excess of that limit.

If candidates do not write in the correct format (i.e. they write a letter instead of a report) the maximum mark for content is 3.

Language (out of 15)	Content (out of 5)
13–15 Very good Confident use of complex sentence patterns, generally accurate; extensive vocabulary; good sense of idiom.	5 Very good Detailed, clearly relevant and well illustrated; coherently argued and structured.
10–12 Good Generally sound grasp of grammar in spite of quite a few lapses; reads reasonably; some attempt at varied vocabulary and sentence patterns.	4 Good Sound knowledge and generally relevant; some ability to develop argument and draw conclusions.
7–9 Adequate A tendency to be simple, clumsy or laboured; some degree of accuracy; inappropriate use of idiom.	3 Adequate Some knowledge, but not always relevant; a more limited capacity to argue.
4–6 Poor Consistently simple or pedestrian sentence patterns (basic sentence structure) with persistent errors; limited vocabulary.	2 Poor Some attempt at argument, tends to be sketchy or unspecific; little attempt to structure an argument; major misunderstanding of question.
0–3 Very poor Only the simplest sentence patterns; little evidence of grammatical awareness; very limited vocabulary.	0–1 Very poor Vague and general; ideas presented at random.

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English	Urdu accept
1 It is said that	کہا جاتا ہے کہ
2 the only thing	ایک ہی بات پر
3 that English people	انگریز
4 are happy	خوش سے
5 to talk about	باتیں کرتے ہیں
6 is the weather.	موسم ہے۔
7 Whenever	جب کبھی
8 they meet someone	وہ کسی سے ملتے ہیں
9 they will say	کہیں گے
10 something like	کچھ اس طرح
11 "lovely weather, isn't it?"	موسم بہت اچھا ہے نا
12 or "do you think it's going to rain today?"	یا کیا آج بارش ہونے والی؟
13 The reason for this is	اس کی وجہ یہ ہے
14 that in England	کہ انگلینڈ میں
15 nobody knows	کسی کو پتہ نہیں
16 whether it will be	اگر ہوگی
17 sunny, rainy,	دھوپ یا بارش،
18 foggy or snowy	دھند یا برف
19 from one hour	ایک گھنٹے سے
20 to the next.	دوسرے گھنٹے تک

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- 21 In the subcontinent, برصغیر میں
- 22 the weather موسم
- 23 is not a very interesting thing بہت دلچسپ موضوع نہیں
- 24 to talk about گفتگو کا
- 25 For example, مثال کے طور پر
- 26 if you are in Lahore اگر آپ لاہور میں ہیں
- 27 in April اپریل میں
- 28 it will be hot and sunny, گرمی اور دھوپ ہوگی
- 29 while in August جبکہ آگست میں
- 30 it will be very hot and rainy. گرم اور بارش ہوگی
- 31 In November اور نومبر میں
- 32 it will be pleasantly خوشگوار
- 33 cool ٹھنڈا
- 34 and clear. اور صاف ہوگا۔
- 35 Everyone knows سب کو معلوم ہے
- 36 what the weather will be like موسم کیسا رہے گا
- 37 in a particular season ایک خاص موسم میں
- 38 so there really تو واقعی
- 39 is no need کوئی ضرورت نہیں
- 40 to talk about it! اس بارے میں بات کرنے کی!

As in any language translation there are different ways of translating to and from any language. This example here gives a good sense of the original English. Examiners will need to read candidates' work and judge how well the candidate had transferred the meaning of the *original*.

Mark each phrase out of 1 putting the mark in the margin. Add up the marks (out of 40) then divide by 2 to get a final mark out of 20.

NB This is not marked for written accuracy but for meaning.