

General Marking Guidance Writing

- If a learner has crossed out a response to a question, the work should still be marked unless the learner has replaced it with an alternative answer.
- Markers should apply the mark scheme consistently across all papers marked.
- Markers should mark according to the mark scheme and should apply it positively awarding full marks where the answer meets the mark scheme.
- Where the answers do not meet the mark scheme, markers should be prepared to award zero marks.
- The mark scheme gives guidance as to how to allocate marks where an answer is graded according to candidate performance. Where the response does not meet the requirements of the minimum mark, zero marks should be awarded.
- Where the mark scheme allows a mark for 'any (other) valid response', the marker should judge the response's merits based on the information provided in the assessment materials.
- Where the marker is unsure of how to apply the mark scheme, guidance from the Principal Examiner must be sought.

Assessment Guidance

Skill Standards	Coverage and Range	Task
<p>Writing Write a range of texts to communicate information, ideas and opinions, using formats and styles suitable for their purpose and audience</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write clearly and coherently, including an appropriate level of detail • Present information in a logical sequence • Use language, format and structure suitable for purpose and audience • Use correct grammar, including correct and consistent use of tense • Ensure written work includes generally accurate punctuation and spelling and that meaning is clear <p>In more than one type of text.</p>	<p>1 and 2</p> <p>1 and 2</p> <p>1 and 2</p> <p>1 and 2</p> <p>1 and 2</p>

Assessment Mark Sheet – Writing

Writing Task One		
<p>Content</p> <p><i>You have decided to go to college to study a course. You have seen a course you would like to do. You decide to apply to the course organiser.</i></p> <p><i>Write a letter to Susan McCann, the course organiser, her address is: Budlington College, 24 Town Hall Road, Budlington, BC2 8HN</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Explain why you are writing</i> • <i>Explain why you would like to study on her course</i> • <i>Tell her about your skills and experiences</i> • <i>Why you would be ideal for the course</i> • <i>Ask her what you need to do next.</i> <p>3 marks – Good Fully relevant and detailed response to the task. Contains relevant information covering all the required elements of the task with appropriate reasons given in support of opinions/ideas. A wide range of vocabulary used which has been chosen to create effect or convey meaning.</p> <p>2 marks – Sufficient Contains some relevant information but not covering all the required elements of the task in detail. Although some appropriate reasons are given in support of opinions and ideas, these are not always totally coherent or succinct. Some range of vocabulary has been used, and sometimes selected specifically and effectively to convey meaning or to create an effect. However, this shows some inconsistency.</p> <p>1 mark – Limited Contains some relevant information but not covering all the required elements of the task and not in detail. Ideas and opinions are not fully explored and sometimes are not coherent. A limited range of vocabulary is used with little variation of word choice for meaning or effect.</p> <p>0 marks – The answer shows no relevance to the task set.</p>	<p>3 marks maximum</p>	

<p>Presentation and style</p> <p>3 marks – Good Writing presented clearly and concisely nearly all of the time and is of a suitable length for the purpose. Paragraphs, where required, are mostly used effectively to structure the writing. Shows a good understanding of the audience and mostly uses a format relevant to the activity, e.g. appropriate level of formality and appropriate salutations and writing conventions for the task set.</p> <p>2 marks – Sufficient Writing presented clearly and concisely most of the time. Paragraphs, where required, are used to sequence writing into some logical order some of the time. Some awareness has been shown of the audience and the appropriate level of formality is used most of the time. Writing format for task set is mostly accurate.</p> <p>1 marks – Limited Writing is presented inconsistently with paragraphs, where required, sometimes used incorrectly. Inconsistent application of level of formality with significant errors. Inconsistent application of writing format for task set.</p> <p>0 marks – No paragraphs and no consistency. Too many errors to be functional.</p>	<p>3 marks maximum</p>	
<p>Sentence Structures</p> <p>3 marks – Good Complex sentences are used effectively. Includes a range of other sentence structures.</p> <p>2 marks – Sufficient Variety in sentence structure is evident most of the time with some use of complex sentences.</p> <p>1 mark – Limited Some variety in sentence structure is shown but sentences are predominantly simple in structure occasionally using conjunctions such as ‘and’ and ‘so’ to join sentences together.</p> <p>0 marks – Very little use of sentences, no conjunctions used, not functional.</p>	<p>3 marks maximum</p>	

<p>Grammar and punctuation</p> <p>3 marks – Good Generally accurate grammar and punctuation including subject/verb agreement, correct use of tense and correct use of apostrophes, commas and inverted commas with just minor errors in one aspect.</p> <p>2 marks – Sufficient Grammar and punctuation are accurate most of the time but with some significant errors in one or more aspect.</p> <p>1 mark – Limited Inconsistent grammar and punctuation with significant errors throughout the document.</p> <p>0 marks – Errors impact on and impede meaning.</p>	<p>3 marks maximum</p>	
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<p>Writing Activity One Total Marks</p>	<p>15 marks</p>	

Writing Task Two		
<p>Content</p> <p><i>You have enrolled on a college course. You think one of your friends would also like to study this course.</i></p> <p><i>Write an email to your friend explaining why you think they should do it.</i></p> <p><i>Information you could write about:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Explain why you are writing</i> • <i>Explain to your friend about the course</i> • <i>Explain to your friend why you enrolled on the course</i> • <i>Explain to your friend why you think it would be good for them to attend this course</i> • <i>Ask your friend if they would like to enrol on it.</i> <p>3 marks – Good Fully relevant and detailed response to the task. Contains relevant information covering all the required elements of the task with appropriate reasons given in support of opinions/ideas. A wide range of vocabulary used which has been chosen to create effect or convey meaning.</p> <p>2 marks – Sufficient Contains some relevant information but not covering all the required elements of the task in detail. Although some appropriate reasons are given in support of opinions and ideas, these are not always totally coherent or succinct. Some range of vocabulary has been used, and sometimes selected specifically and effectively to convey meaning or to create an effect. However, this shows some inconsistency.</p> <p>1 mark – Limited Contains some relevant information but not covering all the required elements of the task and not in detail. Ideas and opinions are not fully explored and sometimes are not coherent. A limited range of vocabulary is used with little variation of word choice for meaning or effect.</p> <p>0 marks – The answer shows no relevance to the task set.</p>	<p>3 marks maximum</p>	

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Total marks Writing 30		
Pass Mark 21 out of 30		