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<p><b>21–24 Very good</b> Confident use of complex sentence patterns, generally accurate, extensive vocabulary, good sense of idiom.</p>	<p><b>14–16 Very good</b> Detailed, clearly relevant and well illustrated; coherently argued and structured.</p>
<p><b>16–20 Good</b> Generally sound grasp of grammar in spite of quite a few lapses; reads reasonably; some attempt at varied vocabulary.</p>	<p><b>11–13 Good</b> Sound knowledge and generally relevant; some ability to develop argument and draw conclusions.</p>
<p><b>10–15 Adequate</b> A tendency to be simple, clumsy or laboured; some degree of accuracy; inappropriate use of idiom.</p>	<p><b>7–10 Adequate</b> Some knowledge, but not always relevant; a more limited capacity to argue.</p>
<p><b>5–9 Poor</b> Consistently simple or pedestrian sentence patterns with persistent errors; limited vocabulary.</p>	<p><b>3–6 Poor</b> Some attempt at argument, tends to be sketchy or unspecific; little attempt to structure an argument; major misunderstanding of question.</p>
<p><b>0–4 Very poor</b> Only the simplest sentence patterns, little evidence of grammatical awareness, very limited vocabulary.</p>	<p><b>0–2 Very poor</b> Vague and general, ideas presented at random.</p>