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GCE Ordinary Level

MARK SCHEME for the May/June 2011 question paper
for the guidance of teachers

3247 FIRST LANGUAGE URDU

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Paper 1 (Reading and Writing), maximum raw mark 50

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Question 1 [maximum 25 marks]

• Communication – [maximum 10 marks]

This is a direct response to the question relating to both the passages relevant to the decline and revival of cricket.

Points that may be included:

DECLINE:

- too long, 5 days
- no results
- weather too hot or too cold
- low attendance
- people not afford time/tickets

REVIVAL

- rethink at the top
- introduction of 1 day matches
- exciting finishes
- big hitting
- crowds come back
- man of the match
- cash prizes

9–10	Excellent	Very detailed response: material from the text well selected; makes points thoughtfully, shows insight or engagement with the subject matter.
7–8	Good	Detailed response: relevant material from the text has been identified; makes some clear points; shows some engagement with the subject matter.
5–6	Satisfactory	Competent response: relevant material from the text has been identified but may lack detail or clarity; a mechanical response to the subject matter.
3–4	Poor	A limited attempt: some appropriate material from the text has been picked out but is used randomly and sometimes does not appear to be focused on the question.
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If the passages are not compared but largely summarized then apply the following maxims:

If a summary is made with no comparison at all:

Content maximum 4/10

Organization maximum 2/5

Language maximum 8/10

If some comparison is made:

Content maximum 6/10

Organization maximum 3/5

Language maximum 10/10

If the length is significantly over 250 words (300+) then read everything and go down 1 mark band for content – if you would have given 8 then go down to 6. If you would have given 6 then go down to 4.

• **Structure and organisation – [maximum 5 marks]**

5	Confidently argued and structured
4	Some ability to develop argument; clear structure
3	Attempt at structure but not entirely successful
2	Little attempt at structure
1	Ideas presented at random

• **Language – [maximum 10 marks]**

9–10	Excellent	Confident use of complex sentence structures, accurate, uses own extensive and appropriate vocabulary. Confident use of idiomatic language.
7–8	Good	Generally sound grasp of complex sentence structures and grammar. Some lapses but mostly accurate. Attempts to use a variety of vocabulary. Some use of idiomatic language.
5–6	Satisfactory	Tends to be simple and repetitive in use of structures. Basics mostly accurate, vocabulary simple: much copied from texts.
3–4	Poor	Nearly all that is written is simple and repetitive. Sentence structures containing many errors. Own vocabulary limited.
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Question 2 [maximum 25 marks]

- Communication – [maximum 10 marks]**

Question 2 is a less prescriptive task and as long as the candidate responds appropriately to the task set they are not bound by the material from the given texts.

There should be equal weight to the positives and the negatives of cricket.

Candidates should at this level write a conclusion to their arguments to access the highest band for content.

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Length – apply the same maxims as in Question 1.

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