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MARK SCHEME

Maximum Mark: 55

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Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptions for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always whole marks (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

Annotations guidance for centres

Examiners use a system of annotations as a shorthand for communicating their marking decisions to one another. Examiners are trained during the standardisation process on how and when to use annotations. The purpose of annotations is to inform the standard isation and monitoring processes and guide the supervising examiners when they are checking the work of examiners within their team. The meaning of annotations and how they are used is specific to each component and is understood by all examiners who mark the component.

We publish annotations in our mark schemes to help centres understand the annotations they may see on copies of scripts. Note that there may not be a direct correlation between the number of annotations on a script and the mark awarded. Similarly, the use of an annotation may not be an indication of the quality of the response.

The annotations listed below were available to examiners marking this component in this series.

Annotations

Annotation	Meaning
✓	Correct
×	Incorrect
^	Omission
BOD	If the examiner considers the answer to be more correct than incorrect, then 'benefit of the doubt' is given.
?	Meaning unclear or illegible
SEEN	If the examiner considers the answer to be more correct than incorrect, then 'benefit of the doubt' is given.
Highlighter	Highlight
On-page comment	To show working at the end of Question 1 and Question 2 (e.g. 29/3 = 9.6 = 10)
Off Page Comment	Used to make a holistic comment about the script

Detailed Mark Scheme

Question			Answer			Marks
1	1 To 2 Ma 3 Or	nce you have marked the translation, a	guage into English ow. Award 1 mark to each portion of co dd up the number of marks awarded. The gain a final mark for Question 1 out o	e number produced will b	e out of 30.	10
		Arabic	English	Reject	Mark	
	1	في عطلة الصيف	In the summer holiday/vacation/break,		1	
	2	يخرج كثير من الطلاب	many students go out		1	
	3	مع أصدقائهم،	with their friends,		1	
	4	وأحياناً يتأخرون في	and sometimes they are late		1	
	5	الرجوع إلى منازلهم؛	returning to their homes/houses;	Go /come without the word back	1	
	6	فينامون لساعات طويلة خلال النهار.	so they sleep long hours during the day.	Without 'so'	1	
	7	لذلك قبل عودتهم إلى المدرسة	Therefore, before their return to school		1	
	8	من الضروريّ تشجيعهم	it is necessary to encourage them		1	

Question			Answer			Ma
1		Arabic	English	Reject	Mark	
	9	على ترك العادات التي	to leave/abandon the habits		1	
	10	كانوا يقومون بها في الإجازة.	that they were doing/used to do in the holiday.		1	
	11	أول خطوة يجب أن يفعلها الطلاب	The first step that the students have to/must/should do		1	
	12	هي تتظيم أوقات نومهم	is to organise their bedtime/sleeping time		1	
	13	قبل بدء الدراسة	before studies/school/lessons begin(s)/start(s).		1	
	14	بأسبوع على الأقل.	by at least a/one week.		1	
	15	كذلك من المفيد أن يحصلوا على	It is also useful/beneficial that they get/obtain		1	
	16	الكتب الدراسية الجديدة مبكراً	the new textbooks/course books early	copybooks	1	
	17	ومقارنتها بما	and compare them		1	
	18	درسوه العام الماضي.	with what they studied/have studied last year/the year before/the previous year.		1	
	19	مع بداية العام الدراسي،	With the beginning of the school year,		1	

ion		Answer		
	Arabic	English	Reject	Mark
20	ينصبَح المعلمون الطلاب	teachers advise students		1
21	بالراحة لمدة أقصاها ساعتين يومياً،	to rest for a maximum of two hours daily/every day,	at least	1
22	ثم نتاوُل وجبة	then eating a meal		1
23	غية بالأطعمة الصحية.	full of/rich in healthy foods/ ingredients		1
24	كما بيّنَت الدراسات أنه	Studies have also shown/showed that	show	1
25	عدما يحضر الطالب دروسه	when the student prepares his lessons	attends his lessons/ the student prepare	1
26	وكل ما يحتاجه من أقلام ودفاتر،	and all what/everything he needs of pens and notebooks,		1
27	ويراجع الملاحظات	and revises the notes		1
28	المأخوذة في الصف باستمرار	taken in class continuously		1
29	فهذا يزيد تركيزه	this increases his focus/concentration		1
30	بنسبة سبعين بالمئة.	by seventy percent.		1

Question			Answer		Marks
2		Translati	on from English into Target Language		20
	2 N 3 (4 I	Once you have marked the translation, a Divide this number of marks by 2 to	ow. Award 1 mark to each portion of corrected up the number of marks awarded. The nugain a final mark for Question 2 out of a umay be left with a part-mark, e.g. 8½. If the	umber produced will be out of 40. a total of 20.	
		English	Arabic	Reject Mark	
	1	You have probably heard	ريما/ قد سمعت/سمعتم	1	
	2	about Martin Luther King;	عن مارتن لوثر كينج؛	1	
	3	he gave	هو (من/الذي) ألقى/أعطى	1	
	4	the famous speech:	الخطاب المشهور/الشهير:	1	
	5	"I Have a Dream".	"لدي/عندي حلم."	1	
	6	I will tell you	سأخبركم/سأقول لكم	1	
	7	about his life	عن حياته	1	
	8	and why he is	ولماذا هو	1	

Question			Answer			М
2		English	Arabic	Reject	Mark	
	9	an important figure.	شخصية مهمة.		1	
	10	Mr. King, who was of an African origin,	السيد كينج، ذو الأصل الأفريقي،	من إفريقيا	1	
	11	was born in 1929	ولد في 1929		1	
	12	In the city of Atlanta.	في مدينة أتلانتا			
	13	When he was at school,	حين/عندما كان في المدرسة،		1	
	14	he graduated	تخرج		1	
	15	at an early age	في سن صغير /في عمر مبكر	عمر باكر	1	
	16	because he was very smart	لأنه كان ذكياً جداً /في منتهى الذكاء		1	
	17	and immediately	وعلى الفور /فوراً/سرعان ما		1	
	18	went to university.	ذهب إلى الجامعة /التحق بالجامعة.		1	
	19	Mr. King wanted to make	أراد السيد كينج أن يجعل	يعمل	1	

Question			Answer			Ма
2		English	Arabic	Reject	Mark	
	20	the world a better place,	العالم مكاناً أفضل/ أحسن		1	
	21	so he fought	لذلك حارب / ناضل		1	
	22	for the rights of	من أجل حقوق		1	
	23	African Americans.	الأميركيين الأفريقيين/الأمريكان الأفارقة.		1	
	24	He tried very hard	حاول بشدة/بقوة/بجد/جاهداً		1	
	25	To change the law	أن يُغير القانون		1	
	26	which was very unfair	الذي كان غير عادل/غير منصف على الإطلاق	غير عدلا	1	
	27	to his people.	اناسه/لشعبه.		1	
	28	His aim was	كان هدفه هو		1	
	29	to end the separation	إنهاء الفصل/التفرقة بين		1	
	30	of individuals in schools,	الأفراد في المدارس،		1	

estion			Answer		
2		English	Arabic	Reject	Mark
	31	jobs, and public places	والوظائف، والأماكن العامة.		1
	32	due to their colour.	بسبب لونهم.		1
	33	He was the youngest	كان أصغر (شخص)		1
	34	person ever	شخص على الإطلاق		1
	35	to win	يفوز /يحصل على		1
	36	the Nobel Peace Prize.	جائزة نوبل للسلام.	جائزة نوبل	1
	37	'Martin Luther King Day'	(أصبح) يوم/عيد مارتن لوثر كينج		1
	38	became a national holiday	إجازة/ عطلة وطنية	عطلة عالمية / دولية	1
	39	to celebrate	للاحتفال/ إحتفالاً		1
	40	his success.	بنجاحه.	نجاحه	1

Question	Answer	Marks
3	- الناس من جميع الأعمار	2
	- الأشخاص من مختلف الطبقات الاجتماعية - الأشخاص من مختلف الطبقات الاجتماعية	

Question	Answer	Marks
4	 لما تضمه هذه اللعبة من فنون رياضية 	2
	– لما تحققه من تشويق لمحبيها	

Question	Answer	Marks
5	– "سو جو"	1

Question	Answer	Marks
6	– كرة مستديرة	3
	– مصنوعة من الجلد	
	– مملوءة بالفِراء أو الريش.	

Question	Answer	Marks
7	- للاستعداد قبل التدريب العسكري	2
	– لزيادة لياقتهم البدنية	

Question	Answer	Marks
8	– لأنها:	2
	- ألحقت أضراراً بالمدينة	
	- تسببت في إصابات خطيرة للاعين	

Question	Answer	Marks
9	Any two of the following answers:	2
	– توحيد حجم ووزن الكرة	
	الالتزام بتمرير الكرة بالقدم فقط.	
	- تحديد عدد اللاعبين في الملعب	

Question	Answer	Marks
10	 تساعد الحكم من التحقق من صحّة الهدف المُسجل 	2
	– ما إذا كان أحدُ اللاعبين قد ارتكبَ مُخالفةً.	

Question	Answer	Marks
11	 – ظلت كرة القدم مجالاً ذكورياً /تُمنع النساء من المشاركة فيه 	3
	 لسيادة بعض التقاليد الاجتماعية 	
	 كانت بعض الممارسات تُعزِّز الفوارق بين الأولاد والبنات 	

Question	Answer	Marks
12	Award either one or two marks for each item of vocabulary, up to a total of 6.	6
	ا شعبيّتها: شهرتها/انتشارها/صيتها	
	انشأتْ: بدأت/ظهرت/تأسست	
	ازيّ: لباس/ملابس/ثياب	
	التحقق: التيقن/التأكد/الإثبات	
	ماهرات: بارعات/جيدات/متفوقات	