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Paper 2 Grammar, Writing and Translation

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MARK SCHEME

Maximum Mark: 50

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Mark schemes should be read in conjunction with the question paper and the Principal Examiner Report for Teachers.

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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 standardisation 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.

Annotation	Meaning
	Credit for good language or content point.
	Incorrect.
	Omission.
	Meaning unclear or illegible.
BOD	If the examiner considers the answer to be more correct than incorrect, then 'benefit of doubt' is given.
NBOD	If the examiner considers the answer to be more incorrect than correct, then ' no benefit of the doubt' is given.
HA	Harmless addition: used if the candidate extends their answer, without contradicting or invalidating the response.
REP	Repetition.
INVL	Invalidates: used if the candidate includes material in their answer which contradicts the correct answer, and therefore invalidates their response.
SEEN	Used to show that blank pages have been seen and any creditworthy material has been awarded.
IR	Irrelevant.
C	Communication issue.
E	Minor Error.
	To show the end of word count.
Off Page Comment	Used to make a holistic comment about the script.

This component tests the following assessment objectives (AOs):

AO1: Reading

R1 identify and select relevant information

R2 understand ideas, opinions and attitudes

R3 show understanding of the connections between ideas, opinions and attitudes

R4 understand what is implied but not directly stated, e.g. gist, writer's purpose, intention and feelings

AO2: Writing

W1 communicate information/ideas/opinions/key points clearly, accurately and effectively

W2 organise ideas into coherent paragraphs using a range of appropriate linking devices

W3 manipulate the target language accurately to use appropriate examples of grammatical structures and vocabulary in context

W4 show control of punctuation and spelling

W5 use appropriate register and style/format for the given purpose and audience

Overview of exercises on Paper 2

Exercise	Task type	Reading objectives tested	Marks for Reading objectives	Writing objectives tested	Marks for Writing objectives	Total available marks
1	Sentence transformation	R2	2	W3, W4, W5	3	5
2	Multiple-choice cloze passage	R2	4	W3, W4, W5	6	10
3	Extended writing exercise			W1, W2, W3, W4, W5	20	20
4	Translation			W1, W2, W3, W4, W5	15	15
Total marks						50

Exercise 1

Question	Answer	Marks
1	شوقین/دلدادہ/شیدائی/مشتاق	1
2	قیمت/لاگت	1
3	عرصہ لگا/وقت لگا/دورانیہ لگا	1
4	تکمیل/انتہا	1
5	سبب/باعث/فیصلہ/جواز	1

Exercise 2

Question	Answer	Marks
6	B	1
7	C	1
8	D	1
9	C	1
10	A	1
11	B	1
12	C	1
13	D	1
14	A	1
15	D	1

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