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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 descriptors 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.

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Question	Answer	Marks	Not Allowed Responses					
1(a)	Content Points.							
	Passage 1							
	Elephants							
	Identify and write down the information in the passimportance of elephants throughout history, and t elephant population today and what is being done	he reason	s for the decline in the					
	Importance of elephants throughout history	1 mark						
	1 Given point: (Form of) transport	for each						
	2 Working animals / work	point up to a max. of	Examples (alone), i.e. working animals in logging industry / hauling wagons / carrying trees					
	3 (Used in) warfare in <u>ancient</u> times		Lift of lines 8–9 male elephants weaponry					
	4 (Used in) modern wars / warfare in modern times		Examples of terrain / bridges (alone)					
	5 (Featured in) religion(s) // (had) religious significance / symbolism		Examples of reincarnated chiefs / leading processions, etc. (alone)					
	6 (Said to) bring (good) luck		Example of elephant's trunk (alone)					
	7 Ivory / tusks used to make (valuable works of) art / artistic / decorative / religious objects / cutlery handles / piano keys		Ivory was a much sought after commodity					
	8 Keystone species // have (huge) impact for good on the environment // have a good impact on the environment		Lift or OW version of line 26 elephants dig animals					
	9 (Form of) entertainment / used in circuses / displays							
	Reasons for the decline in the elephant population today, and what is being done to stop this decline							

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1(a)	10	Given point: Losing their habitats (because of the clearing of land for development projects)		
	11	Killed by farmers (who do not want to lose agricultural/ grazing ground to national parks)		
	12	Poaching of ivory/ tusks // poaching / hunting / killing (of elephants) for ivory/tusks		
	13	Classified / identified as threatened / endangered (species)		
	14	Ivory trade banned (in some countries)		
	15	(Many) zoos/ circuses refuse to display / keep them // (some) zoos are (publicly) criticised by groups / organisations / charities for their treatment of elephants		In Defense of Animals (alone) for groups
	16	Organisations / groups / charities raise funds for / to equip anti-poaching patrols // Organisations / groups / charities ensure conservation laws are enforced		World Wide Fund for Nature (alone) for organisations, etc.
	17	(Elephant) refuges / orphanages (established)		
Additional	infor	mation		

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Question			Answer	Marks	Not Allowed Responses
1(b)	piece of fo	s have rmal, co	now fleshed out their notes into a ontinuous prose.	10	
	words included Marks are	uding th	ne 10 words given. ed for producing a piece of writing , well-organised and easy to		
	Summary	y – Tasł	c Fulfilment 10 marks		
	Band 5	9–10	 Excellent understanding of the task demonstrated in an impressive response: All content included is relevant, with no unnecessary details/repetitions Fluent and coherent presentation of the points, including possible synthesising where appropriate, and a wide range of appropriate stylish linking devices 		
	Band 4	7–8	Good understanding of the task demonstrated in a skilful response: • Almost all content included is relevant, with only occasional unnecessary details/repetitions • Generally fluent and coherent presentation of the points, with appropriate linking devices		

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Question			Answer	Marks	Not Allowed Responses
1(b)	Summary – Task Fulfilment 10 marks (continued)				
	Band 3	5–6	Acceptable understanding of the task demonstrated in a competent response:		
			 Some of the content included is relevant, with unnecessary details/ additions Satisfactory presentation of the points with limited fluency and coherence and occasional misuse of linking devices 		
	Band 2	3–4	Insecure understanding of the task demonstrated in a rather faltering response:		
			 Content included is of limited relevance, with frequent unnecessary details/repetitions Presentation of the points breaks down, with little coherence and lacking linking devices 		
	Band 1	1–2	Very little understanding of the task demonstrated in an incoherent response: Content included is of little relevance, with noticeably unnecessary details/repetitions Little attempt to present the points with no concept of linking devices		
	Band 0	0	No understanding of the task demonstrated in: A totally irrelevant response Insufficient material to reward		

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Additional information

Short answers

Candidates have been asked to write 150–180 words. There is no penalty for long answers but if a script is <u>obviously</u> short, please count the words, marks as normal (i.e. arrive at mark under relevance and coherence) and award marks to the following maxima:

91-100 = 8 max

81-90 = 7 max

71-80 = 6 max

61-70 = 5 max

51-60 = 4 max

41-50 = 3 max

31-40 = 2 max

21-30 = 1 max

0-21 = 0

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Question	Answer	Marks	Not allowed responses
2	Re-read paragraphs 1, 3 and 6. Identify and write down one opinion from each of these paragraphs. [1 mark for each correct response] • Opinion from paragraph 1 Elephants are magnificent creatures • Opinion from paragraph 3 (because) the ivory of which elephants' tusks are made is (really) beautiful • Opinion from paragraph 6 (keeping) elephants in captivity is (obviously) cruel	3	
	Allow: Own word version of opinions		

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Section 2: Reading for Meaning

Question	Answer	Marks	Not allowed responses
3(a)	From paragraph 1 Why was Emma 'staggering'?	1	She was carrying bags / groceries (alone)
	she was carrying / had / (had) bought heavy bags / heavy groceries		The bags / groceries were heavy (alone)
			lift of lines 1–2 'staggering under the heavy bags of groceries (she had just bought)'
3(b)	What was Emma's 'huge responsibility'?	1	Lift of lines 5–6 It was the first time they
	her parents had left her in charge of her brother / James		had left their children alone in the house together
	Allow looking after her (younger) brother (and the house)		She was the elder
	lift of lines 3–4 ('her parents had gone on holiday,) leaving her, (as		Excess denies
	the elder,) in charge of her brother		Parents left her alone with her brother
3(c)	What was the most unpleasant change Emma found in the house when she came home?	1	
	The muddy footprints (all over the floor)		More than one change
	Allow: James / he (had) left muddy footprints (all over the floor)		
3(d)	'Feeling justifiably aggrieved, Emma resolved to tell James off when he came home.' Explain in your own words how Emma is feeling at this point.	2	
	 Emma was cross /irritated/ angry / annoyed/ vexed / upset / aggravated / disgruntled / resentful / narked (with her brother) (And felt) she was right to be (angry, etc.) / had (good) reason to be (angry, etc.) / was understandably (angry, etc.) 		Frustrated / sad / worried / agitated / anxious

This is an own words question. Answers should capture the ideas of 'JUSTIFIABLY' and 'AGGRIEVED'.

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Question	Answer	Marks	Not allowed responses
4(a)	From paragraph 2	1	
	'A cloud crossed her mind and gradually became a storm of doubt.'		
	What does this tell you about Emma's feelings at this point?		
	She was / became more / increasingly worried / concerned / scared / suspicious / uncertain / confused / (that there might be an intruder) // she started to worry and then worried more (that there might be an intruder)		
	Allow: More / increasingly doubtful		
	Allow: Addition of reasons for worry even if wrong, e.g. James's return		
4(b)	Why did their parents want James to leave the house in the morning before Emma did?	1	
	They didn't want him to be at home alone / in the house alone		Lift of lines 11–12 'Hadn't James at home alone'
4(c)	What decision did Emma make when the 'full force of her suspicion hit her'?	1	
	(She decided) to look / check in (all) the other rooms / to search the whole house Allow: Lift of lines 15–16 'she realised rooms'		To look around the house I to look in other rooms I to make sure nobody else was in the house I to look in (all) the other rooms for her brother

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Question	Answer	Marks	Not allowed responses
5(a)	From paragraph 3	2	
	What are the two physical signs of fear shown by Emma?		
	her heart was pounding // her heart beating fast		
	Allow lift of lines 17–18 'she could feel her heart pounding hallway'		
	she was sweating		Verbatim Lift of lines 24–25 'managing to ignore that fact that she was
	1 mark for each correct answer		sweating'
5(b)	Why do you think Emma's mother had left three pairs of shoes lying in the bedroom?	1	
	She couldn't fit / get / push / shove them into her (already bulging) suitcase / bag // her suitcase / bag was (already) full // they / the shoes were too much for her (already bulging) suitcase / bag		Verbatim Lift of lines 23–24 'considered ultimately to have been too much for her already bulging suitcase'
	Allow 'put' for 'fit', etc.		She didn't have time to put them in her suitcase / put them away
5(c)	Emma was 'inundated' with fear. Pick out and write down one word used in the paragraph which continues this idea of 'inundated'.	1	
	• flooded		
	Allow use of correct word in a phrase or sentence provided it is underlined or otherwise highlighted, e.g. the word is flooded		

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Question	Answer	Marks	Not allowed responses
6(a)	From paragraph 5	2	
	'James stared at his sister with a look of undisguised puzzlement, which made her realise that what he was about to say was true.' Explain in your own words how Emma knew that James was about to tell the truth.		
	 He couldn't / didn't hide (the fact) that // it was obvious / easily seen / clear / blatant he didn't understand (what she was talking about) // he was confused / bewildered / perplexed 		Genuine / real / fake / believable / uncontrolled / unfeigned / shocked / surprised
This is an o	wn words question. Answers should capture the ideas of ENT'.	of 'UNDISC	GUISED' and
6(b)	Explain fully (i) who you think was knocking on the cupboard door and (ii) why.		
	an intruder / thief / the person who had left the muddy footprints / shifted the teabags / left the drawer open		An animal / cleaner
	s/he was unable to / wanted to get out (of the cupboard) / was locked in (the cupboard)		The door could only be opened from the outside

Look for the idea of intruder inside the cupboard for the first mark, and the fact that he is locked in/cannot escape for the second mark.

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Question	Answer	Marks	Not allowed responses
7	From the whole passage For each of the words below, circle the letter (A, B, C or D) which has the same meaning that the word has in the passage.		Do not award a mark where more than one letter is indicated, unless the incorrect response(s) has I have been clearly discarded by the candidate.
7(a)	D (annoyed)	1	
7(b)	B (normal)	1	
7(c)	A (look quickly)	1	
7(d)	C (secretly)	1	
7(e)	B (scorn)	1	

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Question	Answer	Marks	Not allowed responses
8	Re-read paragraphs 3 and 4, which contain phrases about (a) Emma's entry into her parents' bedroom and (b) James's behaviour when they sat down to eat.		
	 the meaning of the phrases as they are used in the passage the effect of the phrases as they are used in the passage. 		
8(a)	The closed door of her parents' bedroom creaked open ominously' (line 21)		
	Meaning: The door opened (slowly and) threateningly / scarily / eerily / frighteningly / creepily / spookily / mysteriously	1	Noisily / on its own
	Effect: It adds tension/ suspense / mystery / drama / a feeling of foreboding / that something is wrong // makes the reader / Emma afraid / apprehensive / feel as if someone might be (hiding) in the room / hiding (there)	1	Worry / anxiety

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Question	Answer	Marks	Not allowed responses
8(b)	'Oblivious to his sister's mood, James rattled on to her about the runs he had scored in the cricket match at school.' (lines 35–36)	1	
	Meaning: James / he didn't notice / was unaware of / didn't realise / didn't pick up on / understand how his sister / Emma / was feeling / that she was worried / angry, etc. Allow: any acceptable emotion for Emma but not 'mood' of the question Effect: James is excited (about his cricket) / self-centred / selfish / insensitive		Talked (alone) chatted
	OR Meaning: James / he talked a lot / continuously // James / he nattered (on) / chattered (on) (about his performance / the runs he scored at cricket) // he talked / nattered / chattered at her (about his performance / the runs he scored at cricket) Effect: Emma /she wasn't listening to / interested / wasn't engaged (with what he was saying) // Emma was preoccupied (with her worries)		
	Allow: answers which give the effect of the whole sentence, e.g. answers which show the conflicting feelings / emotions of James and Emma (such as he was relaxed but she was tense)		
	Reward any plausible explanations.		

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