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**Text 1 Email**

| Qu | Marking Guidance | Total Marks |
|---|---|---|
| | **Accept** | |
| 01 | A | 1 |
| | **Accept** | |
| 02 | B | 1 |
| | **Accept** | |
| 03 | A | 1 |
| | **Accept** | |
| 04 | C | 1 |
| | **Accept** | |
| 05 | B | 1 |
| | **Accept** | |
| 06 | B | 1 |

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**Text 2 The Old Trafford Museum and Tour Centre**

| Qu | Marking Guidance | Total Marks |
|---|---|---|
| | **Accept** | |
| 07 | • 80 minutes<br>• accept approximately (and synonyms of this) 80 minutes | 1 |
| | **Accept any two of the following** | |
| 08 | • visit/experience the Sir Alex Ferguson Stand<br>• visit/open the door to the (players') dressing room<br>• visit the press room<br>• step out of the (players') tunnel<br>• follow in the footsteps of the players<br><br>*Please note a verb in a correct form is required* | 2 |
| | **Accept** | |
| 09 | A | 1 |
| | **Accept either** | |
| 10 | (From) the Customer Services Desk/(in the) Megastore or both<br>*Do not accept 'from customer service'.* | 1 |
| | **Accept** | |
| 11 | Award a maximum of 2 marks<br><br>**2 marks** – candidate explains idea that there is a lot (synonyms for plenty) **and** that they (the food and drink/meals) are a treat for the eyes/something good to look at<br>**1mark** – candidate gives one idea or partially both but lacks clarity<br>**0 marks** – nothing relevant | 2 |
| | **Accept** | |
| 12 | A and D | 2 |
| | **Accept** | |
| 13 | B and D | 2 |

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|---|---|---|
| | **Accept** | |
| 14 | B | 1 |

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**Text 3 Children and Social Media**

| Qu | Marking Guidance | Total Marks |
|---|---|---|
| | **Accept** | |
| 15 | A | 1 |
| | **Accept** | |
| 16 | C | 1 |
| | **Accept** | |
| 17 | Award a maximum of 2 marks<br><br>**2 marks** – candidate explains ideas of constant (other synonyms for relentless are acceptable) (excessive) use of social media<br>**1 mark** – explains one of these ideas or partially both but lacks clarity<br>**0 marks** – nothing relevant | 2 |
| | **Accept any three of the following** | |
| 18 | • she spent 12 hours in 24 hours a day on social media/ on her phone<br>• she can only relax (from her phone) when she goes into the bath<br>• she would take the phone in the bath if it were 'waterproof'<br>• she is typical of most teenagers in her use of it<br>• the only time she is without her phone is when she is in the bath<br>*Do not accept use of social media apps listed separately.* | 3 |
| | **Accept** | |
| 19 | Award a maximum of 1 mark<br><br>**1 mark** – candidate explains the idea of stating/ confessing (accept other synonyms for admitting) that they fell asleep on their phone<br>**0 marks** – nothing relevant | 1 |
| | **Accept** | |
| 20 | A, C, E and F | 4 |

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| | Accept | |
|---|---|---|
| 21 | Award a maximum of 2 marks<br><br>**2 marks**- candidate explains ideas of pressing a (like) button and sending emojis**and** that this is a form of 'dumbing down'/making communication less meaningful (synonyms accepted)<br>**1 mark** – explains one of these ideas or partially both but lacks clarity<br>**0 marks**- nothing relevant | 2 |

| | Accept | |
|---|---|---|
| 22 | Award a maximum of 1 mark<br><br>**1 mark** – candidate explains the idea that people need to reconsider (accept other synonyms for reassess) their connection with mobile phones<br>**0 marks** – nothing relevant | 1 |

| | Accept | |
|---|---|---|
| 23 | Award a maximum of 2 marks<br><br>**2 marks** – candidate explains the idea that the young person wiped out/got rid of all his social media accounts except for two<br>**1 mark** – candidate explains one idea or partially both but lacks clarity<br>**0 marks** – nothing relevant | 2 |

| | Accept | |
|---|---|---|
| 24 | A | 1 |

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## Text 4 Cherry Blossoms in Japan

| Qu | Marking Guidance/Accept | Total Marks |
|---|---|---|
| | **Accept** | |
| 25 | Award a maximum of 2 marks<br><br>**2 marks** – candidate explains idea of the large number of cherry trees with flawless flowers (a similar synonym for perfect is credit worthy)<br>**1 mark** – candidate explains one idea or partially both but lacks clarity<br>**0 marks** – nothing relevant | 2 |
| | **Accept any four of the following** | |
| 26 | • the nation turns pink<br>• shoppers buy cherry blossom products<br>• people watch the blossom forecast (on TV)<br>• excitement builds<br>• retailers bring in cherry blossom products<br>• retailers switch into sakura mode (cherry blossom mode) | 4 |
| | **Accept** | |
| 27 | Award a maximum of 3 marks<br><br>**3 marks** – candidate explains idea of flowers meaning something wider; that they are a representation/symbol (in floral form) of a more basic (other synonyms for fundamental accepted) cultural and philosophical faith (other synonyms for belief accepted)<br>**2 marks** – candidate explains two ideas or partially three<br>**1 mark** – candidate explains one idea<br>**0 marks** – nothing relevant | 3 |
| | **Accept** | |
| 28 | A | 1 |
| | **Accept any three of the following** | |
| 29 | • it marks the first day of the financial year<br>• it marks the first day of the academic year<br>• it marks a new beginning (blossoms signify this)<br>• the cherry blossoms move or appear in through Japan's central districts<br>*A mark awarded for each even if on the same line.* | 3 |

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| Accept | | |
|---|---|---|
| 30 | A and D | 2 |

| Accept | | |
|---|---|---|
| 31 | A | 1 |

| Accept | | |
|---|---|---|
| 32 | B | 1 |

| Accept any two of the following | | |
|---|---|---|
| 33 | • (The park is) peaceful/serene<br>• (The park is) beautifully maintained<br>• (The park has)1500 cherry trees<br>• (The park has) large lawns<br>• The park is sedate<br>• (The park is) a short walk from Shinjuku<br>*A mark awarded for each even if on the same line.* | 2 |

| Accept any four of the following | | |
|---|---|---|
| 34 | • It provides a dreamy backdrop for cherry blossom viewing<br>• Maruyama Park is a good flower spot<br>• (Maruyama Park is) a great place for picnickers viewing the flowers<br>• The Kamo River is a good spot for blossom viewing as it is lined with large cherry trees<br>• The Imperial Palace Park is a good place for blossom viewing<br>*Full sentences not required.* | 4 |

| Accept | | |
|---|---|---|
| 35 | C | 1 |