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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Paper 3 Language Analysis

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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.

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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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English & Media subject specific general marking principles

(To be read in conjunction with the Generic Marking Principles (and requiring further guidance on how to place marks within levels))

Components using level descriptors:

- We use level descriptors as a guide to broad understanding of the qualities normally expected of, or typical of, work in a level.
- Level descriptors are a means of general guidance, and should not be interpreted as hurdle statements.
- Where indicative content notes are supplied for a question, these are *not* a prescription of required content, and must not be treated as such. Alternative correct points and unexpected answers in candidates' scripts must be given marks that fairly reflect the knowledge and skills demonstrated.
- While we may have legitimate expectations as to the ground most answers may occupy, we must at all times be prepared to meet candidates on their chosen ground, provided it is relevant ground (e.g. clearly related to and derived from a relevant passage/text and meeting the mark scheme requirements for the question).

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English Language specific marking instructions:

AO1 Read and demonstrate understanding of a wide variety of texts. (Understanding)

- Marks should be awarded for the accuracy of the candidate's understanding of the text and its features, not for any analysis of them which is recognised under AO3.
- Where comparison is required, marks should be awarded for the candidate's recognition of similarities and differences between the texts and their features, **not** for any consequent analysis.
- When awarding a 'best-fit' mark within a Level for each AO, consider each bullet point equally.

AO2 Write effectively, creatively, accurately and appropriately, for a range of audiences and purposes. (Writing)

- Marks should be awarded equally on the basis of the level of the candidate's written expression (range of features used and accuracy) and the
 development of their writing (its organisation and relevance to task and audience).
- When awarding a 'best-fit' mark within a Level for each AO, consider each bullet point equally.

AO4: Demonstrate understanding of linguistic issues, concepts, methods and approaches. (Conceptualisation)

- Marks should be awarded equally on the basis of the level of the candidate's understanding of the relevant issues, concepts, methods and
 approaches represented both in the text(s) and in their wider studies.
- When awarding a 'best-fit' mark within a Level for each AO, consider each bullet point equally.

AO5: Analyse and synthesise language data from a variety of sources. (Data handling)

- Marks should be awarded equally on the basis of the level of the candidate's selection, analysis and synthesis of language data.
- When awarding a 'best-fit' mark within a Level for each AO, consider each bullet point equally.

Higher marks should be awarded where candidates identify patterns and offer thoughtful and plausible explanations for the features they are discussing.

Weaker answers may spot features or describe individual cases of language change without reference to broader considerations or examples.

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Section A: Language change

Question	Answer	Marks
1	Read <u>Texts A, B</u> and <u>C</u> .	25
	Analyse how <u>Text A</u> exemplifies the various ways in which the English language has changed over time. In your answer, you should refer to specific details from <u>Texts A, B</u> and <u>C</u> , as well as to ideas and examples from your wider study of language change.	
	Mark according to the levels of response marking criteria in Table A.	
	Additional guidance:	
	The comments below are illustrative and are not intended to be exhaustive. Candidates may make other valid comments that should be credited.	
	Candidates may organise their response in any appropriate way. They are not required to focus on lexis, grammar and syntax, orthography and graphology in separate sections.	
	Responses might feature the following:	
	Lexis	
	• There is a range of gardening lexis used. Much of this lexis is still in use today. However, the noun <i>Colly-flower</i> would be written without a hyphen by modern writers. This reflects the tendency over time for compound words to begin by being written with a space, then to be hyphenated, then written solidly without a hyphen.	
	The phrase a Shower of Rain today would be shortened to 'a rainshower', reflecting the coinage over time of more concise lexis.	
	 Pease is an archaic form used for modern 'peas'. (Pea (singular) is a back formation from the Middle English pease (taken as plural)). 	
	 The noun <i>Plantations</i> seems to have undergone some semantic narrowing and would now be likely to be used to refer to larger farms or settlements than is implied in this text. This is reflected in the collocations listed in Text B, taken from the BNC. Similarly, <i>transplant</i> is used in the text to mean 'to move plants', in accordance with the origins of this word from Latin ('trans' meaning 'across' or 'beyond'). As Text B shows, this verb also seems to have undergone lexical broadening as in modern usage it may also be associated with the surgical replacement of human organs or tissues which, as a medical procedure, has become increasingly common since the 1950s. The expression <i>increase</i> in bignes may today be replaced with 'increase in size' as 'bigness' is non-standard. Likewise, in the expression <i>Plant</i> for increase, increase would be likely to be replaced with 'growth' today. 	

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Question	Answer	Marks
1	 There is wide use of imperative sentences which accord with the purpose of this text. There are some differences in sentence construction as in the following example: Take up those Colly-flower Plants which begin to flower, tye their leaves together, and bury their roots and stalks in Sand in a Cellar, or some cool place, the Flowers will increase in bigness and remain good two or three months. In modern English, the comma before 'the flowers' would not be sufficient to punctuate this construction since the structure that follows this comma is a complete clause in itself. The form Now [] may be planted the is used, which sounds formal today, as does the construction for being planted a convenient they are In the latter, the preposition for is used to show the reason or cause. Although this is still a Standard use, 'because' or 'as' may be more likely to be used by modern writers. 	
	 Orthography There is some use of an apostrophe of elision to mark the past tense in words such as <i>uncover'd</i> and <i>decay'd</i>. A long 'j' is used at the beginning of some words (E.g. <i>fome</i>) or middle of words, where in the modern day we would place an 's'. It tends not to be used at the start of common nouns where instead a capital 'S' is used, or at the end of words. This reflects a change in fashion brought about with the development of printing typefaces. Similarly, an 'e' is added to the end of 'peas'. Colly-flower has undergone some change. It is thought that the Latin 'caulis' was borrowed into the Germanic 'cole' (for 'cabbage') and then re-Latinised in the eighteenth century. The spellings of <i>Hony-suckle</i>, <i>tye</i>, <i>sellery</i>, <i>sallad</i>, and <i>artichoaks</i> may reflect issues to do with pronunciation or standardisation of spelling. <i>Hony</i> uses the Middle English spelling. 	
	 Graphology Capitals are used to start many names of common nouns (e.g. Spring Carrots), which today would not be capitalised, though this convention is still apparent in modern German, a language which shares common roots with English. The first word of each entry is also capitalised in its entirety. 	

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Marking criteria for Section A Question 1

Table A

Level	AO2: Write effectively, creatively, accurately and appropriately, for a range of audiences and purposes. 5 marks	AO4: Demonstrate understanding of linguistic issues, concepts, methods and approaches. 5 marks	AO5: Analyse and synthesise language data from a variety of sources. 15 marks
5	 Sophisticated expression, with a high level of accuracy Content is fully relevant; ideas are developed throughout in a sophisticated manner 5 marks 	Sophisticated understanding of, and insightful reference to, linguistic issues, concepts, methods and approaches marks	 Insightful and fully appropriate selection of language data from all three sources Sophisticated and insightful analysis of language data Sophisticated synthesis of evidence from all three sources of language data 13–15 marks
4	 Effective expression, with a few minor errors which do not impede communication Content is relevant; ideas are developed in an effective manner 4 marks 	Detailed understanding of, and effective reference to, linguistic issues, concepts, methods and approaches 4 marks	 Effective and appropriate selection of language data from all three sources Detailed and effective analysis of language data Effective synthesis of evidence from all three sources of language data 10–12 marks
3	 Clear expression, with occasional errors which do not impede communication Content is relevant; ideas are developed clearly 3 marks 	Clear understanding of, and appropriate reference to, linguistic issues, concepts, methods and approaches 3 marks	 Clear and appropriate selection of language data from at least two sources Clear analysis of language data Clear synthesis of evidence from at least two sources of language data 7–9 marks
2	 Expression is clear but may not flow easily, with frequent errors which generally do not impede communication Content is mostly relevant; ideas are developed in a limited manner 2 marks 	Limited understanding of, but generally appropriate reference to, linguistic issues, concepts, methods and/or approaches 2 marks	 Limited and generally appropriate selection of language data; may be uneven coverage Limited analysis of language data Some attempt to synthesise evidence from sources of language data 4–6 marks

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Le	evel	accurately and appropriately, for a range	AO4: Demonstrate understanding of linguistic issues, concepts, methods and approaches. 5 marks	AO5: Analyse and synthesise language data from a variety of sources. 15 marks
	1	 Basic expression, with frequent errors which impede communication Content may lack relevance in parts; minimal development of ideas 1 mark 	 Basic understanding of, and minimal reference to, linguistic issues, concepts, methods and/or approaches 1 mark 	 Basic and minimal selection of language data Basic analysis of language data Minimal attempt to synthesise evidence from sources of language data 1–3 marks
	0	No creditable response 0 marks	No creditable response 0 marks	No creditable response 0 marks

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Section B: Child language acquisition

Question	Answer	Marks
2	Read the following text which is a transcription of a conversation between Kaylee (age 2 years) and her mother. They are at home. Kaylee is playing with a balloon, which has a long string attached to it and a bracelet at the end to go over her hand.	25
	Analyse ways in which Kaylee and her mother are using language in this conversation. In your answer you should refer to specific details from the transcription as well as to ideas and examples from your wider study of child language acquisition.	
	Mark according to the levels of response marking criteria in Table B.	
	Additional guidance:	
	The comments below are illustrative and are not intended to be exhaustive. Candidates may make other valid comments that should be credited.	
	Candidates may organise their response in any appropriate way. They are not required to focus on child-directed speech and children's language features in separate sections.	
	Responses might feature the following:	
	 Child-directed speech Intonation, volume and stress to emphasize words. Statements with rising intonation to act as questions, intended to encourage Kaylee to talk e.g. she fell . Recasting to correct what Kaylee says e.g. shes right there. Questions to encourage Kaylee to interact e.g. do you want to kiss her. Modelling speech for Kaylee to copy e.g. say im sorry you fell down. 	

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Question	Answer	Marks
2	 Children's language features Ability to use telegraphic speech structures e.g. baby go nap. Uses the simple present tense such as i tie and i want, as well as occasional use of the past tense: i got it. Use of varied intonation and emphatic stress to give information. Competent use of turn taking: the exchanges are mostly fulfilled adjacency pairs led by the mother. Proficiency in using some parts of speech including pronouns (i, it, you, she, that), verbs (want, tie, use), nouns (chair, 	
	 doll), determiners (my, this). Shows phonological development e.g. /bu:n/ for 'balloon' and / beɪslət/ for 'bracelet'. 	
	 References to relevant theories and research should be integrated into the response and may include: Halliday's functions of language: Representational – i use my chair momma; Imaginative – baby go nap; Regulatory – sit down; Instrumental – i want my / beislat/ on. Skinner (Behaviourism), e.g. positive reinforcement from the mother(i did get it√). Chomsky (innateness/language acquisition device), e.g. production of telegraphic speech structures. Piaget (cognitive development), e.g. comments on the pre-operational stage of Kaylee. Vygotsky, e.g. scaffolding leading to Kaylee reaching her zone of proximal development – Kaylee: she /f/, then Mother: 	
	she fell. →. Bruner (Language Acquisition Support System), e.g. seen in the utterances of mother.	

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Marking criteria for Section B Question 2

Table B

Level	AO1: Read and demonstrate understanding of a wide variety of texts. 5 marks	AO4: Demonstrate understanding of linguistic issues, concepts, methods and approaches. 15 marks	AO5: Analyse and synthesise language data from a variety of sources. 5 marks
5	 Sophisticated understanding of text (meaning/context/audience) Insightful reference to characteristic features 5 marks 	 Sophisticated understanding of linguistic issues, concepts, methods and approaches Insightful reference to wider study of linguistic issues and concepts Insightful reference to linguistic methods and approaches taken by fully appropriate theorists 	Sophisticated selection, analysis and synthesis of language data marks
4	 Detailed understanding of text (meaning/context/audience) Effective reference to characteristic features 4 marks 	 Detailed understanding of linguistic issues, concepts, methods and approaches Effective reference to wider study of linguistic issues and concepts Effective reference to linguistic methods and approaches taken by appropriate theorists 	Detailed selection, analysis and synthesis of language data 4 marks
3	 Clear understanding of text (meaning/context/audience) Clear reference to characteristic features 3 marks 	 Clear understanding of linguistic issues, concepts, methods and approaches Clear reference to wider study of linguistic issues and concepts Clear reference to linguistic methods and approaches taken by appropriate theorists 	Clear selection, analysis and synthesis of language data 3 marks
2	 Limited understanding of text (meaning/context/audience) Limited reference to characteristic features 2 marks	 Limited understanding of linguistic issues, concepts, methods and/or approaches Some limited reference to wider study of linguistic issues and/or concepts Some limited reference to linguistic methods and/or approaches taken by generally appropriate theorists 4–6 marks 	Limited selection, analysis and/or synthesis of language data 2 marks

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Level	AO1: Read and demonstrate understanding of a wide variety of texts. 5 marks	AO4: Demonstrate understanding of linguistic issues, concepts, methods and approaches. 15 marks	AO5: Analyse and synthesise language data from a variety of sources. 5 marks
1	 Basic understanding of text (meaning/context/audience) Minimal reference to characteristic features 	 Basic understanding of linguistic issues, concepts, methods and/or approaches Minimal reference to wider study of linguistic issues and/or concepts Minimal reference to linguistic methods and/or approaches taken by theorists 	Basic selection, analysis and/or synthesis of language data
	1 mark	1–3 marks	1 mark
0	No creditable response 0 marks	No creditable response 0 marks	No creditable response 0 marks

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