

MARK SCHEME for the October/November 2015 series

8004 GENERAL PAPER

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Paper 1, maximum raw mark 100

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USE OF ENGLISH CRITERIA TABLE

	Marks	
<p>Band 1</p> <p>‘excellent’: fully operational command</p>	18–20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • very few slips/errors • highly fluent • very effective use of expressions and idioms • excellent use of vocabulary; (near) faultless grammar • excellent sentence structure and organisation of paragraphs • excellent spelling/punctuation.
<p>Band 2</p> <p>‘good-very good’: effective command</p>	14–17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • few slips/errors • fluent • effective use of expressions/idioms • good use of vocabulary; sound grammar • good sentence structure/well-organised paragraphs • good spelling/punctuation.
<p>Band 3</p> <p>‘average’: reasonable command</p>	10–13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some slips/basic errors but acceptable standard overall • reasonably fluent/not difficult to read • generally appropriate use of expressions/idioms • fair range and apt use of basic vocabulary; acceptable grammar • simple/unambitious sentence structure/paragraphing • reasonable spelling/punctuation.
<p>Band 4</p> <p>‘flawed but not weak’: inconsistent command</p>	6–9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • regular and frequent slips/errors • hesitant fluency/not easy to follow at times • some inappropriate expressions/idioms • limited range of vocabulary; faulty grammar • some flawed sentence structure/paragraphing • regular spelling/punctuation errors.
<p>Band 5</p> <p>‘weak–very weak’: little/(no) effective communication</p>	0–5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • almost every line contains (many) slips/errors of all kinds • little/(no) fluency/difficult (almost impossible) to follow • (very) poor use of expression/idiom • (very) poor range of vocabulary: (very) poor grammar • (very) poor sentence structure/paragraphing • (very) poor spelling/punctuation. <p>bracketed descriptors denote 0–2 range of marks.</p>

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CONTENT CRITERIA TABLE

Band 1 ‘excellent’: very good and comprehensive knowledge/ understanding of topic	26–30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comprehensive coverage, totally relevant material, perceptive, analytical • thoughtful, enlightening illustration using local, national and international examples where applicable • coherent and engaging discussion, displaying sensitivity, sophistication, awareness and maturity • (very) well structured.
Band 2 ‘good–very good’: good knowledge/ understanding of topic	20–25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • totally (near totally) relevant, well focused but less analytical and perceptive than Band 1 • major points well developed • (very) good range of examples/illustration • logical and systematic discussion • effectively structured.
Band 3 UPPER ‘average’: sound knowledge/ understanding of topic	16–19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • competent: major points adequately developed • largely relevant and remains focused on the question • reasonable range of examples/illustration to support key points • reasonably structured.
Band 3 LOWER fair knowledge/ understanding of topic	13–15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • more obvious points mentioned rather than adequately developed • some digression, but generally sticks to the question • does not always support major points with apt illustration • tendency to assert/generalise rather than argue/discuss in detail • may lack focus.
Band 4 ‘flawed but not weak’: limited knowledge/ understanding of topic	7–12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • restricted material/scope: rather pedestrian • some relevance but may be implicit/tangential at times • prone to unsubstantiated, sweeping statements: ideas vague and/or lacking sustained development: can be digressive and wander off topic • limited illustration and/or factual inaccuracy • insufficient focus; essay offloads everything known about the particular topic with inadequate reference to the key words in the question.

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Band 5 ‘weak–very weak’: poor/very poor knowledge/ understanding of topic	0–6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (totally) inadequate content with little/no substance: (very) vague and confused ideas • question largely (completely) misinterpreted/misunderstood • very limited (total) irrelevance • very limited/(no) appropriate illustration. <p>bracketed descriptors denote 0–2 range</p>
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Introduction

Always seek the best fit from the Use of English and Content tables before finalising your mark. It is recommended to select the relevant band and then to adjust up and down the scale as necessary, working from the middle of the band.

No question is seeking a 'right' answer. Any view relevant to the set question may receive marks for Content. Well-argued support for points will be rewarded. Answers should be focused on/around 'key' words.

N.B. For all questions:

- **Various views will be acceptable, but must be argued logically and supported by illustrations/examples for a mark in the top two bands.**
- **Examples given below of areas for discussion and exploration per question are indicative only. They are not an exhaustive list.**

The lists below are neither exhaustive nor prescriptive. Candidates should be rewarded for the clear presentation of an argument and the degree to which it focuses on the key words of the question.

To achieve Bands 1 and 2 candidates must use a good range of illustration, present well developed points and demonstrate logical analysis, including a reasoned conclusion.

1 Assess the ideal circumstances for a child to grow up in.

Key words: 'assess' and 'ideal' and 'grow up'.

- No war
- No poverty
- Access to education
- Access to health provision
- To grow up within a happy family group
- Freedom of religious beliefs
- Love and discipline

2 In order to cut crime and re-offending, consider measures that would prove effective in your society.

Key words: 'consider' and 'effective' and 'your'.

- A more equal society – less need for crime
- Employment
- Education
- Preventative measures – CCTV cameras
- Drug and alcohol programs
- Encourage sport
- Emphasise rehabilitation rather than retribution

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3 Have there ever been successful revolutions in ideas or political systems?

Key words: 'ever' and 'successful' and 'or'.

- Industrial revolution
- Enlightenment
- Technology
- Art and innovation
- Democracy
- Economic
- Examples – Russia, France, Cuba

4 'The skilled worker deserves as much recognition in society as the academically educated.' How far do you agree?

Key words: 'skilled' and 'academically' and 'how far'.

- Society needs practical skills to support academic ideas
- Plumbers, carpenters, construction workers are essential for today's society
- Care workers, porters are as essential as doctors and nurses
- May take as long to train a skilled worker as an academic
- Surgeons and lawyers spend many years studying
- Ideas are needed to help society to progress
- Pay differentials needed or not?

5 Evaluate the dangers and advantages of internet blogging sites such as the social network 'Twitter'.

Key words: 'evaluate' and 'dangers' and 'advantages' and 'blogging' and 'social'.

- Unites people
- Ideas for peace can be shared
- Challenges dictatorships
- Can give false information
- Can threaten the security of a country
- Can lead to bullying
- Can trivialise
- Celebrity preoccupation

6 Consider the view that 'conservation of wilderness and wildlife should be the priority of all nations'.

Key words: 'consider' and 'priority' and 'all'.

- The ecosystem is important on a local and a global scale
- Wilderness and wildlife are essential to the health of the ecosystem
- It is our responsibility to pass on the conservation of these areas to the next generation
- Developed countries should also be as accountable as the developing ones
- Once lost it is difficult to have a sustainable system
- Extinction is facing some of our most iconic species

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7 Evaluate the importance of mathematics and engineering in art and design.

Key words: 'evaluate' and 'importance' and 'art' and 'design'.

- Da Vinci
- Sculptures
- Architecture
- Design of a memorial
- Designing a car
- Various pieces of infrastructure, e.g. bridges

8 'There are circumstances in which curiosity might endanger scientific progress.' Discuss.

Key words: 'circumstances' and 'curiosity' and 'might'.

- May not consider the implications of research without guidelines
- May create Frankenstein's monster
- May have own agenda, instead of the needs of society
- Could release dangerous organisms into the world
- Without curiosity we would perhaps be denied a variety of discoveries, explanations, etc.
- Weaponry

9 Account for the popularity of the superhero genre among younger age groups.

Key words: 'account for' and 'genre' and 'younger'.

- The superhero existed in the past, for example, King Arthur
- Can be seen as role models
- Many superheroes are found in literature, films, and art
- Examples of today's superheroes
- Comfort and security
- Feeding the imagination
- Toys and franchises

10 'To be an effective writer you need to be influenced by what you have read.' How far do you agree?

Key words: 'effective' and 'influenced' and 'how far'.

- Modelling
- Borrowing
- Sharing
- Style
- Enrichment of experience
- Named examples
- Innate talent might be referred to
- Is there anything new?

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11 Puppets are one of the world's most ancient performing arts. How significant is this art form today?

Key words: 'significant' and 'today'.

- Skills of puppetry in animation
- Can tell a story
- Stage plays
- Can be used for political reasons
- Festivals and carnivals
- Can be used as a warning
- Commedia dell'Arte

12 'There are no circumstances in which it is acceptable to censor the internet.' Discuss

Key words: 'no' and 'acceptable' and 'censor'.

- Freedom of the press
- State interference with political freedom
- Various forms of expression, for example, artistic
- Gratuitous filtering of educational sites
- Invasion of privacy
- Very relevant to mention situations where censorship may be acceptable
- Pornography
- Radicalisation