

Cambridge IGCSE™ (9–1)

ENGLISH (AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE) Paper 2 Reading MARK SCHEME Maximum Mark: 45 Published

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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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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).

Components using point-based marking:

Point marking is often used to reward knowledge, understanding and application of skills. We give credit where the candidate's answer shows relevant knowledge, understanding and application of skills in answering the question. We do not give credit where the answer shows confusion.

From this it follows that we:

- **a** DO credit answers which are worded differently from the mark scheme if they clearly convey the same meaning (unless the mark scheme requires a specific term).
- **b** DO credit alternative answers/examples which are not written in the mark scheme if they are correct.
- **c** DO credit answers where candidates give more than one correct answer in one prompt/numbered/scaffolded space where extended writing is required rather than list-type answers. For example, questions that require *n* reasons (e.g. State two reasons...).
- **d** DO NOT credit answers simply for using a 'key term' unless that is all that is required. (Check for evidence it is understood and not used wrongly.).
- **e** DO NOT credit answers which are obviously self-contradicting or trying to cover all possibilities.
- **f** DO NOT give further credit for what is effectively repetition of a correct point already credited unless the language itself is being tested. This applies equally to 'mirror statements' (i.e. polluted/not polluted).
- **g** DO NOT require spellings to be correct, unless this is part of the test. However spellings of syllabus terms must allow for clear and unambiguous separation from other syllabus terms with which they may be confused (e.g. Corrasion/Corrosion).

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)	В	1
1(b)	С	1
1(c)	D	1

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	В	1
2(b)	С	1
2(c)	A	1
2(d)	С	1
2(e)	A	1
2(f)	С	1
2(g)	В	1

Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)	D	1
3(b)	A	1
3(c)	A	1
3(d)	С	1
3(e)	В	1
3(f)	В	1
3(g)	С	1

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Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)	where they're from // where the band / it is from	1
4(b)	post / send (some) photos	1
4(c)	(the ticket / it) cost too much / was too expensive	1
4(d)	(at the) end of (the) summer	1
4(e)	(her / my) aunt	1
4(f)	(for) five days	1
4(g)	before lunch / (in the) morning	1
4(h)	(the) paintings	1
4(i)	getting / waking up early (every day)	1
4(j)	(the) drama club	1
4(k)	learn (about) how chocolate / it is made	2
	eat some (chocolate)	

Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)	6	1
5(b)	3	1
5(c)	5	1
5(d)	2	1
5(e)	8	1

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Question	Answer	Marks
6(a)	(when) she / I was ten (years old) // 10 years old // at age 10	1
6(b)	(he) helped (her / me really) improve her / my technique	1
6(c)	(they thought) she / I played / practised (the guitar) too much accept 'to' for 'too'	1
6(d)	three / 3 years	1
6(e)	(in a room) above a restaurant	1
6(f)	(playing in a band for a) TV talent show	2
	(playing for a) film about dinosaurs	
6(g)	adverts in magazines	1
6(h)	(she / I) doesn't / don't get / like (too much) attention from the media	1
6(i)	(have) singing lessons	2
	reply to job offers quickly	
	*Note: if additional material on the other line contradicts one of the correct answers, credit the other answer (if correct).	

DO NOT FORGET THE 'SEEN' ON THE TWO BLANK PAGES AT THE END.

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