

S3 English marking guide

Section A (FUNCTIONAL WRITING)

1. From the scenario, the student is expected to come up with an official/formal letter to the Headteacher asking for permission to host a dinner or sponsor. The student can also choose to write an email, etc, but the document must be formal and conform to:

Format – 10 Scores

Content – 09 Scores

Language – 06 Scores

=25 Scores

The teacher will allocate these scores depending on the various features of the written item.

SECTION B (CREATIVE WRITING)

2. Student is expected to write a folktale, an imaginative story, a biography etc which should be entertaining

Teachers will be guided under classes:

A – 20 – 25

B – 15 – 19

C – 10 – 14

D – 00 – 09

CLASS A 20 – 25

- Positive linguistic ability
- Very few errors
- Relevant to the subject
- Variety of sentence structures
- Very well punctuated sentences which are meaningful.

CLASS B 15 – 19

- Good ability in English
- Positive linguistic ability but not as varied as in A
- Some errors
- Satisfactory treatment of the subject

CLASS C 10 – 14

- Flat
- Low linguistic ability
- Limited vocabulary
- Lacking variety in sentence structure
- There are errors but do not affect the smooth flow of the subject
- Weak arrangement of sentence
- Poor paragraphing and punctuation errors

CLASS D 00 – 09

- Broken English
- Subject undeveloped
- Frequent errors
- Incomplete sentences are common

SECTION C (READING COMPREHENSION)

1. The summary:

The student should write one paragraph of about 50 words summing up what the passage is about. The summary should state who was murdered, where the murder took place, who is the suspect and why he is suspected.

Any three statement in correct English that trailer the above four aspects should be scored 3.

Any two statement that bring out two of the mentioned four story aspects, should be scored 2.

A statement that mentions only one of the story aspects should be scored 1.

Give a zero to any statement that fails to bring out the main gist of the story.

For items 2 – 8

The teacher is expected to read and understand the extract then judge the students' responses as he awards them marks indicated after the questions

The total Scores for these eight items are 30.

The whole paper adds to 80 Scores

$$\therefore \quad \begin{array}{ccccccc} A & & B & & C & & \\ 25 & + & 25 & + & 30 & & = 80 \end{array}$$