## Appendix 4 WRITTEN ASSESSMENT GRID50

Argument	Can produce clear, smoothly flowing, complex reports, articles and essays that present a case or give critical appreciation of proposals or literary works.  Can provide an appropriate and effective logical structure that helps the reader to find significant points.	Can write clear, well- structured expositions of complex subjects, emphasising the relevant salient issues. Can expand and support point of view with some subsidiary points, reasons and examples.
Description	Can write clear, smoothly flowing and fully engrossing stories and descriptions of experience in a style appropriate to the genre adopted.	Can write clear, detailed, well-structured and developed descriptions and imaginative texts in a mostly assured, personal, natural style appropriate to the reader in mind.
Accuracy	Maintains consistent and highly accurate grammatical control of even the most complex language forms. Errors are rare and concern rarely used forms.	Consistently maintains a high degree of grammatical accuracy; occasional errors in grammar, collocations and idioms.
Coherence	Can create coherent and cohesive texts making full and appropriate use of a variety of organisational patterns and a wide range of connectors and other cohesive devices.	Can produce clear, smoothly flowing, wellstructured text, showing controlled use of organisational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices.
Range	Shows great flexibility in formulating ideas in differing linguistic forms to convey finer shades of meaning precisely, to give emphasis and to eliminate ambiguity. Also has a good command of idiomatic expressions and colloquialisms.	Has a good command of a broad range of language allowing them to select a formulation to express themselves clearly in an appropriate style on a wide range of general, academic, professional or leisure topics without having to restrict what they want to say. Flexibility in style and tone is somewhat limited.
Overall	Can write clear, highly accurate and smoothly flowing complex texts in an appropriate and effective personal style conveying finer shades of meaning.  Can use a logical structure that helps the reader to find significant points.	Can write clear, well-structured and mostly accurate texts of complex subjects. Can emphasise the relevant salient issues, expand and support points of view at some length with subsidiary points, reasons and relevant examples, and round off with an appropriate conclusion.
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50. This table appears as Table C4 in the manual Relating Language Examinations to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, Teaching, Assessment (CEFR).

Argument	Can write an essay or report that develops an argument systematically with appropriate highlighting of some significant points and relevant supporting detail. Can evaluate different ideas or solutions to a problem. Can write an essay or report that develops an argument, giving some reasons in support of or against a particular point of view and explaining the advantages and disadvantages of various options.  Can synthesise information and arguments from a number of sources.	Can write short, simple essays on topics of interest. Can summarise, report and give their opinion on accumulated factual information on familiar routine and non-routine matters within their field, with some confidence. Can write very brief reports in a standard conventionalised format, which pass on routine factual information and state reasons for actions.
Description	Can write clear, detailed descriptions of real or imaginary events and experiences marking the relationship between ideas in clear connected text, and following established conventions of the genre concerned. Can write clear, detailed descriptions on a variety of subjects related to their field of interest. Can write a review of a film, book or play.	Can write accounts of experiences, describing feelings and reactions in simple connected text. Can write a description of an event or recent trip – real or imagined. Can narrate a story. Can write straightforward, detailed descriptions on a range of familiar subjects within their field of interest.
Accuracy	Shows a relatively high degree of grammatical control. Does not make errors that cause misunderstandings.	Uses reasonably accurately a repertoire of frequently used "routines" and patterns associated with more common situations. Occasionally makes errors that the reader usually can interpret correctly on the basis of the context.
Coherence	Can use a number of cohesive devices to link their sentences into clear, coherent text, though there may be some "jumpiness" in a longer text.	Can link a series of shorter discrete elements into a connected, linear text.
Range	Has a sufficient range of language to give clear descriptions, and express viewpoints on most general topics, using some complex sentence forms to do so. Language lacks, however, expressiveness and idiomaticity and use of more complex forms is still stereotypical.	Has enough language to get by, with sufficient vocabulary to express themselves with some circumlocutions on topics such as family, hobbies and interests, work, travel and current events.
Overall	Can write clear, detailed official and semi-official texts on a variety of subjects related to their field of interest, synthesising and evaluating information and arguments from a number of sources. Can make a distinction between formal and informal language with occasional less appropriate expressions.	Can write straightforward connected texts on a range of familiar subjects within their field of interest, by linking a series of shorter discrete elements into a linear sequence. The texts are understandable but occasional unclear expressions and/or inconsistencies may cause a break-up in reading.
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Description	Can write very short, basic descriptions of events, past activities and personal experiences. Can write short, simple, imaginary biographies and simple poems about people.	Can write simple phrases and sentences about themselves and imaginary people, where they live and what they do, etc.
Accuracy	Uses simple structures correctly, but still systematically makes basic mistakes. Errors may sometimes cause misunderstandings.	Shows only limited control of a few simple grammatical structures and sentence patterns in a memorised repertoire. Errors may cause misunderstandings.
Coherence	Can link groups of words with simple connectors like "and", "but" and "because".	Can link words or groups of words with very basic linear connectors like "and" and "then".
Range	Uses basic sentence patterns with memorised phrases, groups of a few words and formulae in order to communicate limited information, mainly in everyday situations.	Has a very basic repertoire of words and simple phrases related to personal details and particular concrete situations.
Overall	Can write a series of simple phrases and sentences linked with simple connectors like "and", "but" and "because". Longer texts may contain expressions and show coherence problems that make the text hard to understand.	Can write simple isolated phrases and sentences. Longer texts contain expressions and show coherence problems that make the text very hard or impossible to understand.
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