Literacy Test Marking Scheme

1. Either the sound or the word – correctly or incorrectly spelt – with the correct first letter = 1 mark per question
   1. B
   2. D
   3. P
   4. F
   5. M
   6. N
   7. R
   8. G
   9. U
   10. C
   11. H/C
   12. L
   13. T
   14. Sh
   15. Z
   16. j/sh
   17. o
   18. w
   19. s
   20. ch 20/20
2. 2 marks for correct spelling and correct allocation

One wrong letter = 1 mark instead of 2

More than one wrong letter = 0 marks

No half marks in question 2

1. Ticks for lizard and cow. Dash or no mark or x for lazy, lollipop and table = 2 marks

No possibility of 1 mark or half marks in question 3

1. Same as rules in 3 except that c. Rats can be marked as food or non-food (a weakness in the test)
2. Full marks for correct order, starting capital and full stop

1/2 marks are lost for:

* No capital at the beginning
* No full stop / question mark at the end
* Misspellings
* Each misplaced word loses ½ mark

1. Wrongly placed word = 0 marks

1/2 marks are lost for:

* No capital at the beginning
* No full stop / question mark at the end
* Misspellings

1. 1 = 2 correct words

2 = 3 or 4 correct words

3 = 5 correct words

4 = 6 or 7 correct words

5 = 8+ correct words

1/2 marks are lost for:

* No capital at the beginning
* No full stop at the end
* Misspellings

1. Up to 10 – correct address = 6 marks for address with 2+ lines, capital letters on all names, commas at the end of each line, full stop at the end.

1/2 marks are lost for:

* No capital at the beginning of any name
* No full stop at the end
* Misspellings

Date = 2 if correct numeration e.g. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and correct month spelling with capital

1/2 marks are lost for:

* No capital at the beginning
* No full stop at the end
* Misspellings

Greeting = 2 if capital D for Dear, comma after name, correctly spelt name and title: Mr, Miss, Mrs, Ms, Dr and capital on name.

1/2 marks are lost for:

* No capital at the beginning of Dear or name
* No comma after the name
* Misspellings

Up to 5 – correct ending and sign off = Yours sincerely / Your friend / Love from followed by a comma and name with a capital

3 marks lost if no sign off and only name given

1/2 marks are lost for:

* No capital at the beginning of the sign off or of the name
* No comma after the sign off
* Misspellings

Up to 10 marks = 3 correct simple sentences.

1 sentence = up to 3 marks

2 sentences = up to 6 marks

Up to 15 marks = 3 correct sentences with 6+ words.

(add 2 to the original 10 marks for each additional complex sentence i.e. 6+ words)

Up to 20 marks = 2 correct paragraphs.

i.e. separation between two sets of thoughts

2 marks lost for not forming paragraphs even if more than 3 sentences.

Up to 35 marks = 3 + correct paragraphs

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1/2 marks are lost for:

* No capital at the beginning
* No full stop / question mark at the end
* Misspellings