



THE INDIAN PUBLIC SCHOOL, KOCHI
GRADE IX- IGCSE

SUBJECT-FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

WORK SHEET 1-LETTER WRITING **MARK SCHEME**

Responses might use the following ideas:

A1: impressions of the hotel and its staff

- eagerness to please / desire to impress (det. Al waited at the airport, carefully planned itinerary, guided tour of Old Town) [dev. Her thoughts / feelings / response to Al's thoughtfulness]
- (remote) location / setting (det. two hour drive, legendary landscape, classical architecture) [dev. opportunity to escape, magical, comparison to website images]
- not busy (det. sighing over the half-full booking list, wants to attract new business) [dev. regular guests a good sign, enterprising to advertise, Al worried / disappointed about profit]
- good standard of accommodation (det. newly extended dining room, best suite) [dev. suspect they have been getting special treatment]
- food fantastic / fresh (det. bought daily from market, colourful) [dev. eating more than they should]
- relaxing / attractive terrace area (det. palms, cat) [dev. comparison to spirit of the place created/imagined in competition entry, enjoying the peace it offers]
- thoughtful / kind (det. Al offers to change pillows because of 'pain in the neck', offers to share mint tea) [dev. didn't realise neck pain was an excuse]
- knowledgeable / interesting people (det. talking with gardener about bees) [dev. her response to what she learns]

A2: thoughts and feelings about your husband's attitude and behaviour on the holiday

- insensitive to/dismissive of local culture (det. reaction to tour of Old Town – complains of trinkets, tatty bits of material) [dev. spoiling it for her]
- complaining of boredom (det. scoffed at plans) [dev. self-centred]
- lack of interest in visiting places (det. refuses to go to the animal sanctuary/ruins) [dev. didn't consider her]
- rude/insensitive to other guests (det. goading them for wanting to stay on flat water) [dev. her embarrassment]
- macho behaviour / showing off / arrogance (det. claiming he knew what he was doing, wouldn't listen to advice from other guests on the trip) [dev. deserved his fate]
- ungrateful / rude to Al (det. bullies him into including him in the rafting trip) [dev. despite getting holiday free, fails to acknowledge efforts of staff]
- foolish / irresponsible behaviour (det. other guests sniggering at him, ending up injured) [dev. implications if others had not known what they were doing]

A3: plans for remaining days of holiday

- visits reluctantly / does not visit husband (det. arranges pick up for Friday) [dev. enjoy her time left / time to reflect / teach him a lesson]
- enjoy hotel grounds / ambiance (det. terrace) [dev. looking forward to solitude / befriending the cat]
- revisit the Old Town / market (det. embroidered gowns, fabrics) [dev. buy souvenirs / gifts from the market perhaps]
- visit animal sanctuary, [dev. likes animals (det. fusses cat) wanted to go before]
- visit the ancient ruins on the hill (det. forgotten civilisations) [dev. interested to find out more about history / culture of place]

- talk more with the gardener / find out more about bees and honey [dev. try some honey]
- do some writing (det. she wrote the winning entry) [dev. good review of the hotel as it is in need of more guests, wife seemed to like her writing]
- enjoy Al's planned itinerary / menu (det. husband regarded as 'boring') [dev. wanting to enjoy (choosing) food]
- get to know other guests / Al's wife better [dev. without husband putting them off]
- perhaps even try trip on the water / rafting herself [dev. now husband not there to embarrass her]

The discriminator is the development of the main character's thoughts and opinions, including her predictions for the future, as this requires candidates to draw inferences. Ideas and opinions must be derived from the passage, developing the implications.