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Finalised Marking Instructions

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General Marking Principles for National 5 ESOL Reading and Writing

This information is provided to help you understand the general principles you must apply when marking candidate responses to questions in this Paper. These principles must be read in conjunction with the detailed marking instructions, which identify the key features required in candidate responses.

- (a) Marks for each candidate response must always be assigned in line with these General Marking Principles and the Detailed Marking Instructions for this assessment.
- (b) Marking should always be positive. This means that, for each candidate response, marks are accumulated for the demonstration of relevant skills, knowledge and understanding: they are not deducted from a maximum on the basis of errors or omissions.
- (c) If a specific candidate response does not seem to be covered by either the principles or detailed Marking Instructions, and you are uncertain how to assess it, you must seek guidance from your Team Leader.
- (d) The Marking Instructions indicate the essential idea that a candidate should provide for each answer.
- (e) The answers for each question must come from the original text.
- (f) Where there is a multiple choice question, award 0 marks where a candidate ticks all boxes.
- (g) In addition, markers should use their professional judgement, subject knowledge and experience, and understanding to mark candidate responses.

Detailed Marking Instructions for each question

Section 1 - Reading

Text 1

Question			Expected Answer(s)	Max Mark	Additional Guidance
1.			B	1	
2.			49 years	1	NOT 'lots of' NM3W
3.			last half-mile	1	NM3W
4.			slow down	1	NM3W
5.			D	1	
6.			A	1	
7.			B	1	
8.			C	1	
9.			a dinner before the race/ portable toilets	1	NO MORE THAN FIVE WORDS
10.			a common practice	1	MUST BE A PHRASE - NOT 'common' by itself
11.			Don't eat too much/have a light snack	1	NO MORE THAN FIVE WORDS
12			C	1	

Text 2

Question			Expected Answer(s)	Max Mark	Additional Guidance
13.			Acceptable/not offensive/legal	1	NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS
14.			seen publicly/seen by anyone	1	NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS; NOT 'posted'
15.			social media/social network Facebook and Twitter	1	NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS
16.			drugs	1	
17.			childcare having children	1	NOT 'children' on its own
18.			A	1	
19.			B	1	
20.			C	1	
21.			virtual	1	
22.			touched	1	
23.			perspective	1	
24.			B	1	
25.			C	1	

Section 2 - Writing

Marking descriptors: Everyday Life = 10 marks Work/Study = 15 marks

For each piece of writing, with reference to content and organisation, vocabulary and spelling, and grammar and punctuation, assess the overall quality of the response and allocate it a mark within the appropriate range.

Check that all required content has been addressed.

A script can be awarded full marks yet still contain a number of basic slips and errors of grammar, spelling and punctuation, etc.

If answers are written in capitals, use legibility as a criterion.

Within the range 13-15 for Work or Study, use your professional judgement in a holistic way to apply a mark between 13 and 15.

The “intended reader” is the reader nominated or intended by the question (eg a friend, a manager, a teacher).

Content and organisation	Vocabulary and spelling	Grammar and punctuation	Marks	Marks
			Everyday life	Work or study
<p>Fully achieves task with well-developed support for each point made.</p> <p>Writing is coherent and cohesive with a very positive impact on the reader.</p> <p>Style and layout are wholly appropriate for intended reader. There is clear evidence of structure/paragraphing.</p>	<p>Uses an optimum range of vocabulary accurately and appropriately within the context of the task.</p> <p>There are no or few spelling errors.</p>	<p>Uses an optimum range of grammatical structures appropriately, with a high level of accuracy.</p> <p>Punctuation is accurate.</p>	9-10	13-15
<p>Writing is coherent and cohesive with a positive impact on the reader.</p> <p>Fully achieves task with clear support for each point made.</p> <p>Style and layout are wholly appropriate for intended reader. There is evidence of structure/paragraphing.</p>	<p>Uses a wide range of vocabulary accurately and appropriately within the context of the task.</p> <p>There may be minor spelling errors.</p>	<p>Uses a wide range of grammatical structures with a reasonably high level of accuracy.</p> <p>Punctuation is mostly accurate.</p>	7-8	11-12
<p>Writing is coherent and cohesive and message is clear.</p> <p>Fully achieves task with support for some points made.</p> <p>Style and layout are appropriate for intended reader. Although there may be no evidence of paragraphing, the structure is clear.</p>	<p>Uses a reasonably wide range of vocabulary mainly accurately and appropriately within the context of the task.</p> <p>There may be minor spelling errors.</p>	<p>Uses a reasonably wide range of grammatical structures with some errors.</p> <p>Punctuation is mostly accurate.</p>	6	9-10

Content and organisation	Vocabulary and spelling	Grammar and punctuation	Marks	Marks
			Everyday life	Work or study
<p>Writing is generally coherent and cohesive. Mostly achieves task.</p> <p>Style and layout are mainly appropriate for intended reader.</p> <p>Although there may be no evidence of paragraphing, the structure is mostly clear.</p>	<p>Uses an adequate range of vocabulary with a level of accuracy appropriate to the task.</p> <p>There may be spelling errors.</p>	<p>Uses an adequate range of grammatical structures though errors may be frequent.</p> <p>There may be errors in punctuation.</p>	5	8
<p>Coherence is weak in places and range of cohesive devices is limited and/or inappropriately used. Message may be difficult to follow.</p> <p>Task may be achieved.</p> <p>Style and layout may be inappropriate for intended reader. Structure may be confused.</p>	<p>Uses a limited range of vocabulary with errors in accuracy and appropriacy.</p> <p>There may be spelling errors which impede communication.</p>	<p>Uses only a limited range of grammatical structures, which may contain frequent errors.</p> <p>Punctuation may be inaccurate.</p>	4	6-7
<p>Lack of coherence and cohesion means message is not conveyed on first reading.</p> <p>Writing is mainly irrelevant to task with inappropriate style and layout for intended reader.</p> <p>There is no coherence or cohesion.</p> <p>Writing does not relate to task.</p> <p>Less than 20% of required word limit.</p>	<p>Only basic vocabulary attempted, with frequent errors.</p> <p>Use of vocabulary is wholly inadequate.</p>	<p>Grammatical structures contain frequent errors which impede communication.</p> <p>Punctuation may be inaccurate.</p> <p>Errors predominate.</p>	0-3	0-5

[END OF MARKING INSTRUCTIONS]