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Paper 3247 Reading and Writing MARK SCHEME Maximum Mark: 50

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Assessment Objective 1: Reading

Candidates should be able to:

- R1 understand and convey information
- R2 understand, order and present facts, ideas and opinions
- R3 evaluate information and select what is relevant to specific purposes
- R4 recognise implicit meanings and attitudes.

Assessment Objective 2: Writing

Candidates should be able to:

- W1 present relevant facts, ideas and opinions in an engaged manner and using appropriate detail
- W2 articulate relevant experience and express what is thought, felt and imagined
- W3 show a sense of audience and an awareness of appropriate register and style

W4 order, develop and link facts, ideas, opinions and arguments

- W5 exercise control of a range of appropriate grammatical structures
- W6 understand and accurately employ a range of appropriate vocabulary.

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Part 1 Reading: Suggested Answers

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The levels mark scheme should be applied according to a 'best-fit' approach. Responses will not necessarily contain all the features of one level. First fit the response into a level then adjust upwards or downwards in marks as appropriate.

Part 2 Writing: levels mark scheme

Marks available:

- Task achievement 10 marks
- Structure 5 marks
- Language 10 marks

Task achievement and content [maximum 10 marks]

Excellent	9–10 marks	 very detailed response wholly relevant to task makes points thoughtfully shows insight or engagement with the subject matter style fully appropriate.
Good	7–8 marks	 detailed response mostly relevant to task makes some clear points shows some engagement with the subject matter style generally appropriate.
Satisfactory	5–6 marks	 competent response usually relevant to task may lack detail or clarity in places a mechanical response to the subject matter some attempt at appropriate style.
Poor	3–4 marks	 a limited attempt limited relevance to task lacks detail and clarity an unfocussed response to the subject matter limited expression.
Very Poor	1–2 marks	 a weak attempt very limited relevance to task content very limited very limited expression.
Unrewardable	0 marks	no rewardable response.

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Structure [maximum 5 marks]

5 marks	Confidently argued and structured
4 marks	Some ability to develop argument; clear structure
3 marks	Some linked ideas; attempt at structure but not entirely successful
2 marks	Few linked ideas: little attempt at structure
1 mark	Ideas presented at random
0 marks	No rewardable response

Language [maximum 10 marks]

Excellent	9–10 marks	 confident use of a range of complex sentence structures uses a wide range of appropriate vocabulary generally accurate.
Good	7–8 marks	 generally sound grasp of complex sentence structures uses a range of generally appropriate vocabulary mostly accurate, errors may occur when complex language is attempted.
Satisfactory	5–6 marks	 tends to be simple and repetitive in use of structures attempts to use appropriate vocabulary basics mostly accurate, errors do not impede communication.
Poor	3–4 marks	 nearly all that is written is simple and repetitive. vocabulary is limited errors may impede communication.
Very Poor	0–2 marks	 very simple and repetitive sentence structures. vocabulary is very limited many errors that impede communication.
Unrewardable	0 marks	no rewardable response.