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Paper 3 Writing and Usage MARK SCHEME Maximum Mark: 60

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Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

Part I: Discursive Essay (40 marks)

- Accuracy and linguistic range (24 marks) [AO2]
- Development and organisation of ideas (16 marks) [AO3]

Accuracy and linguistic range

22–24	Excellent	Almost flawless. Excellent range of vocabulary and complex sentence patterns. Good sense of idiom.	
18–21	Very good	Highly accurate. Wide range of vocabulary and complex sentence patterns. Some sense of idiom.	
14–17	Good	Generally accurate. Good range of vocabulary and some complex sentence patterns.	
10–13	Satisfactory	Predominantly simple patterns correctly used and/or some complex language attempted, but with variable success. Adequate range of vocabulary, but some repetition.	
6–9	Weak	Persistent errors may impede communication. Simple and repetitive sentence patterns. Limited vocabulary.	
1–5	Poor	Little evidence of grammatical awareness. Inaccuracy often impedes communication. Very limited vocabulary.	
0		No relevant material presented.	

Development and organisation of ideas

15–16	Excellent	Implications of question fully grasped. Ideas and arguments very effectively organised, illustrated with relevant examples. Wholly convincing.	
12–14	Very good	Most implications of question explored. Ideas and arguments well organised, illustrated with relevant examples. Coherent argument.	
9–11	Good	Main implications of question explored. Organisation generally clear but lacking coherence in places. Some relevant examples. Some ability to develop argument.	
6–8	Satisfactory	Some implications of question explored. Patchy or unambitious organisation, but with some attempt at illustration. Some irrelevant material.	
3–5	Weak	Limited understanding of question. A few relevant points made. Rambling and/or repetitive. Ideas and arguments poorly developed.	
1–2	Poor	Minimal response. Implications of question only vaguely grasped. Very limited relevant content. Disorganised, unsubstantiated and undeveloped.	
0		No relevant material presented.	

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Question	Answer	Marks	
Part II: Usage of German (20 marks)			
Übung 1			
2	An welcher Haltestelle stiegen Sie gestern Abend aus?	1	
	Or: An welcher Haltestelle sind Sie gestern Abend ausgestiegen?		
3	Karola stellt sich nie gerne an der Kasse an.	1	
4	Vor zwei Tagen schnitt Herr Jansen die Hecke seines Nachbarn.	1	
	Or: Vor zwei Tagen hat Herr Jansen die Hecke seines Nachbarn geschnitten.		
5	Das wird schon damals in den besten Familien vorgekommen sein	1	
6	Es scheint, als ob sich die Jahreszeiten in den letzten zehn Jahren verschoben hätten/haben.	1	

Question	Answer	Marks
Übung 2		
7	Weil es gestern sehr kalt war, konnten wir nicht zum Schwimmen gehen.	1
8	Um nicht aus der Wohnung ausziehen zu müssen, habe ich einen Teilzeitjob angenommen./ Um nicht aus der Wohnung ausziehen zu müssen, musste ich einen Teilzeitjob annehmen.	1
9	Jörg behauptet, dass es billiger sei/ist, mit dem Zug als mit dem Auto zu fahren	1
10	Durch das Tragen eines Helms/von einem Helm schützen sich Motorradfahrer vor Kopfverletzungen.	1
11	Der Firma ist von einem Computer-Hacker mächtig geschadet worden./Der Firma hat ein Computer-Hacker mächtig geschadet./Der Firma wurde von einem Computer-Hacker mächtig geschadet.	1

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Question	Answer	Marks	
Übung 3: Award a tick for each correct response, then see the conversion table to turn the ticks into marks			
12	D einmal		
13	A bei		
14	B sind		
15	D viel		
16	C um		
17	D der		
18	B zwar		
19	C regelten		
20	C mit		
21	D gegeben		
22	A jedoch		
23	A auf		
24	B wenn		
25	B tue		
26	C als		
27	A nähert		
28	A herum		
29	C andere		
30	B dass		
31	B gebe		

Conversion table:

Number of ticks	Mark
19–20	10
17–18	9
15–16	8
13–14	7
11–12	6
9–10	5
7–8	4
5–6	3
3–4	2
1–2	1
0	0