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A: Discussion of a newspaper article and related topics (30 marks)

- Comprehension and Discussion (14 marks)
- Range and Accuracy (10 marks)
- Pronunciation and intonation (6 marks)

| Comprehension and Discussion (14 marks) | Range and Accuracy (10 marks) | Pronunciation and intonation (6 marks) |
|---|--|--|
| 13–14 Excellent Excellent understanding of article and response to examiner's prompts. Shows initiative in developing discussion. | 9–10 Excellent Excellent level of accuracy. Confident and effective use of wide range of structures. | 6 Excellent Authentic pronunciation and intonation. |
| 11–12 Very good Very good understanding of article and response to examiner's prompts. Responds readily without undue hesitation. | 7–8 Very Good Very good level of accuracy, over range of structures. Tenses and agreements generally reliable, but some lapses in more complex areas. | 5 Very good Very good pronunciation and intonation. |
| 9–10 <i>Good</i> Good understanding of article and response to examiner's prompts. Reasonably forthcoming but tends to follow examiner's lead. | 5–6 Good Good level of accuracy, with some inconsistency. Some complex language attempted. Errors do not impair communication. | 4 Good Generally good pronunciation and intonation. |
| 7–8 Satisfactory Adequate understanding of article and response to most of examiner's prompts. Has difficulty with more complicated ideas. | 3–4 <i>Satisfactory</i> Gaps in knowledge of grammar. Communication impaired by errors. | 3 Satisfactory Satisfactory pronunciation and intonation. |
| 4–6 Weak Limited understanding of article and very limited responses, with marked hesitation. | 1–2 Weak Little evidence of grammatical awareness. Accuracy only in simple forms. | 2 Weak Many sounds mispronounced. |
| 1–3 <i>Poor</i> Minimal understanding of article and response to examiner's prompts. | | 1 <i>Poor</i> Native language heavily influences pronunciation and intonation, impeding communication. |
| No significant understanding of article and response to examiner's prompts. | 0 No rewardable language. | Wholly inauthentic pronunciation and intonation. |

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B: Prepared topic discussion (30 marks)

- Factual knowledge and opinions (14 marks)
- Range and Accuracy (10 marks)
 Pronunciation and intonation (6 marks)

| Factual knowledge and opinions (14 marks) | Range and Accuracy (10 marks) | Pronunciation and intonation (6 marks) |
|---|--|---|
| 13–14 Excellent Excellent factual knowledge of subject, understanding, illustration and opinion. Excellent preparation and discussion. | 9–10 Excellent Excellent level of accuracy. Confident and effective use of wide range of structures. | 6 Excellent Authentic pronunciation and intonation. |
| 11–12 Very good Comprehensive knowledge of the subject, demonstrating clear understanding and using appropriate illustration. Range of relevant opinion, confidently discussed. | 7–8 Very Good Very good level of accuracy, over range of structures. Tenses and agreements generally reliable, but some lapses in more complex areas. | 5 Very good Very good pronunciation and intonation. |
| 9–10 <i>Good</i> A good range of knowledge, generally well used. Relevant opinions. Ideas discussed well. | 5–6 Good Good level of accuracy, with some inconsistency. Some complex language attempted. Errors do not impair communication. | 4 Good Generally good pronunciation and intonation. |
| 7–8 Satisfactory Solid base of knowledge, but insecure in some areas. Opinion adequate. Not always able to develop discussion. | 3–4 <i>Satisfactory</i> Gaps in knowledge of grammar. Communication impaired by errors. | 3 Satisfactory Satisfactory pronunciation and intonation. |
| 4–6 Weak Limited knowledge, with obvious gaps. Some irrelevance and repetition. Opinions limited. Discussion pedestrian and/or hesitant. | 1–2 Weak Little evidence of grammatical awareness. Accuracy only in simple forms. | 2 Weak Many sounds mispronounced. |
| 1–3 Poor Very limited knowledge. Material very thin and vague. Very hesitant discussion. | | 1 Poor Native language heavily influences pronunciation and intonation, impeding communication. |
| 0 No knowledge shown of topic. | 0 No rewardable language. | 0 Wholly inauthentic pronunciation and intonation. |

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