



GCSE BENGALI 8638/LF

Paper 1 Listening Foundation Tier

Mark scheme

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No student should be disadvantaged on the basis of their gender identity and/or how they refer to the gender identity of others in their exam responses.

A consistent use of 'they/them' as a singular and pronouns beyond 'she/her' or 'he/him' will be credited in exam responses in line with existing mark scheme criteria.

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Listening and Reading tests

General principles of marking

Non-verbal answers

Follow the mark scheme as set out.

Verbal answers (English or target language)

1. The basic principle of assessment is that students should gain credit for what they know, understand and can do; provided their written response communicates the required message without ambiguity, it will get the mark. The following guidance should be borne in mind when marking.

- (a) Credit should be given for all answers which convey the key idea required intelligibly and without ambiguity. This applies whether the answer is in English or target language. A separate assessment of spelling, punctuation and grammar is not required because of the nature of the answers. However, these aspects are an integral part of assessing communication and marks cannot be awarded where errors in spelling, punctuation or grammar lead to a failure to communicate the required information **without ambiguity**.
- (b) Where a student has given alternatives or additional information in an answer, the following criteria should be applied: – if the alternative/addition does not contradict the key idea/make it ambiguous, **accept** – if the alternative/addition contradicts the key idea or makes it ambiguous, **reject**.
- (c) Where numbered lines are given within a question/section of a question, credit should be given for correct answers, no matter which line they appear on.
- (d) Where a question has more than one **section (eg (i) and (ii))**, a candidate may include as part of the answer to one section the information required to answer another section. Eg, in Listening, information required to answer section (ii) might be given as part of the answer to section (i). In such cases, credit should be given for having answered section (ii), provided that no incorrect answer has been given for that section in the correct place on the question paper.

2. In questions where students are asked to give for example a list of three items, only the first three items they write down should be considered for assessment purposes.

3. No mark scheme can cover all possible answers. When in doubt, look for the key idea.

4. Where a student has crossed out an answer and what was underneath remains legible then it should be marked. When part of an answer is crossed out, then only what remains should be considered.

5. .../.. means that these are acceptable alternative answers in the mark scheme. (.....) means that this information is not needed for full marks to be awarded.

6. In questions which are T/F/? or √/X/? in either Section A or Section B, a mix and match approach should be tolerated and credit given where it is clear and unambiguous (eg consistent use by the candidate). If candidates write 'True' instead of 'স' for সত্যি in Section B, this should also be credited despite the wrong language being used.

7. The following general principles should be applied in relation to answers in the target language in Section B:

- (a) Incorrect personal pronouns – accept (unless this causes ambiguity).
- (b) Incorrect possessive adjectives – accept (unless this causes ambiguity).
- (c) Wrong gender – accept (unless this causes ambiguity).
- (d) Infinitive – will normally communicate without ambiguity, so should be accepted.
- (e) Wrong tense – accept as long as student comprehension is not in question.
- (f) Minor spelling errors – accept as long as the answer is understandable with no ambiguity. In Section B, this means that even if the spelling error results in the creation of a word in another language, including English, then provided it is a recognisable attempt at a spelling in the target language, it will be credited.

Question	Accept	Mark
01	C (24)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
02	C (Later than women)	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
03.1	business	business person/businessman	doctor	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
03.2	to help people	treating people/patients	earn money	1

Question	Accept	Mark
04.1	C (News)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
04.2	A (Earn money)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
04.3	C (Song)	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
05	oily food	fatty food	meat/fish	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
06	water		fizzy drink/juice	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
07	orange		green/purple	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
08.1	littering	rubbish everywhere/dirty/dangerous	tidy/clean	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
08.2	more rubbish bins	more litter bins/bins	awareness	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
09.1	lamb	mutton/sheep/meat	spice	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
09.2	homemade	cooked at home	cooked	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
10	poor	in poverty	rich	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
11	homeless	without a home/house	homeowner	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
12	provide charity	do charity work/provide money	provide work	1

Question	Accept			Mark
13	C (Science)			1

Question	Accept	Mark
14	C (Maths)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
15	A (Computer Science)	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
16	Advantage: helps patients/helps people Disadvantage: feels weak	Advantage: donates free blood Disadvantage: feels very weak/loose blood/tiredness	Advantage: gets money Disadvantage: free blood	2

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
17	Advantage: free education Disadvantage: does not run in bad weather	Advantage: helps poor children to learn /open-air study Disadvantage: not available during adverse weather/dependent on weather	Advantage: education for all Disadvantage: needs to pay	2

Question	Accept	Mark
18.1	C (He wants to study at a sixth form.)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
18.2	B (The college is new to him.)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
18.3	B (The college offers her chosen subject.)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
19.1	E (Watching live)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
19.2	A (Enjoying music with friends)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
19.3	D (Ticket price)	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
20	In the Past: river filling up (with soil) Now: flooding	In the Past: building/construction Now: affected by flood	In the Past: digging Now: house building	2

Question	Accept	Mark
21	C, D, E, F (in any order) C (প্রযুক্তির কারণে কাজের পছন্দ বদলে যাচ্ছে।) D (বই সম্পর্কে বানানো ভিডিও মানুষ কম দেখছে।) E (ভিডিও গেমসের ভিউ অনেক বেশি।) F (ভুলগিং করা এখন অনেকেরই সবচেয়ে পছন্দের।)	4

Question	Accept	Mark
22.1	A (বাড়ির খাবার স্বাস্থ্যকর।)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
22.2	D (রেস্টুরেন্টে নতুন খাবারের স্বাদ নেওয়া যায়।)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
23.1	A (নাম ঠিকানা গোপন রেখো।)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
23.2	A (কেবল পরিচিতদের সাথে যোগাযোগ করো।)	1

Total marks = 40