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Paper 1 Listening Foundation

Mark scheme

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Mark schemes are prepared by the Lead Assessment Writer and considered, together with the relevant questions, by a panel of subject teachers. This mark scheme includes any amendments made at the standardisation events which all associates participate in and is the scheme which was used by them in this examination. The standardisation process ensures that the mark scheme covers the students' responses to questions and that every associate understands and applies it in the same correct way. As preparation for standardisation each associate analyses a number of students' scripts. Alternative answers not already covered by the mark scheme are discussed and legislated for. If, after the standardisation process, associates encounter unusual answers which have not been raised they are required to refer these to the Lead Examiner.

It must be stressed that a mark scheme is a working document, in many cases further developed and expanded on the basis of students' reactions to a particular paper. Assumptions about future mark schemes on the basis of one year's document should be avoided; whilst the guiding principles of assessment remain constant, details will change, depending on the content of a particular examination paper.

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 (On foot)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
02	C (9:00 am)	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
03.1	Saturday	Saturday	Monday/Wednesday/Sunday/Shonibar	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
03.2	playing with friends	plays with friends/friends are with him	happy	1

Question	Accept	Mark
04.1	C (Islands)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
04.2	A (Inani)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
04.3	C (Tuna)	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
05	thirty	30	More/less than thirty	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
06	their own	personal/private	small	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
07	outside	outdoors	social media/inside	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
08.1	playing guitar	guitar	tabla/harmonium	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
08.2	the audience's enjoyment	the audience's response/playing for people	playing guitar	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
09.1	wrong	incorrect/not true	true	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
09.2	getting a job/more salary	more income/money/job opportunities	degrees	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
10	2026	two thousand twenty-six	first time	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
11	increase their interest in cricket	more interested in cricket/inspired to win/succeed	positive/negative	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
12	thirty-three	33	10/12	1

Question	Accept			Mark
13	C (Sister)			1

Question	Accept	Mark
14	B (Funny)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
15	C (Swimming)	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
16	Advantage: can read 10 Bengali newspapers Disadvantage: no news on science and technology	Advantage: can read main/Bengali news Disadvantage: no science and technology news/needs to include science/technology	Advantage: science news Disadvantage: on the app	2

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
17	Advantage: always available Disadvantage: not available outside of Bangladesh	Advantage: 24/7 service/getting doctor's advice Disadvantage: only for people in Bangladesh/not available abroad	Advantage: available for all Bengalis Disadvantage: available at certain times	2

Question	Accept	Mark
18.1	C (Wearing cultural clothes)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
18.2	B (Rainy)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
18.3	B (Gaining experience)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
19.1	A (Adventure films)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
19.2	C (Detective films)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
19.3	D (Romance films)	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
20	Past: gardening at school Future: arranging/organising rubbish bins	Past: school gardening/growing vegetables Future: arranging litter bins/getting litter bins	Past: rubbish bins Future: gardening	2

Question	Accept	Mark
21	A, D, G, H (in any order) A (অনেক লোকজন এই এলাকায় আসেন।) D (এখানকার কমলা সুপরিচিত।) G (এলাকায় ছোটো-বড়ো পাহাড় আছে।) H (এলাকাটিতে কোনো কোলাহল নেই।)	4

Question	Accept	Mark
22.1	c (আমি আনন্দদায়ক লেসন উপভোগ করি।)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
22.2	d (পরীক্ষার প্রস্তুতিই আমার কাছে গুরুত্বপূর্ণ।)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
23.1	A (২০ ফুট দূরে কিছু দিকে ২০ সেকেন্ড তাকিয়ে থাকুন।)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
23.2	A (নিয়মিত ছোটো মাছ খাওয়া।)	1

Total marks = 40