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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 'ص' for درست/صح 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
01.1	B (رودی کاغذ کو نیلے ڈبے میں ڈالیں۔)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
01.2	D (شیشے کی چیزیں سبز ڈبے میں ڈالیں۔)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
01.3	E (لکڑی کی چیزیں ڈبوں میں نہ ڈالیں۔)	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
02.1	Seven/7 (o'clock)		Night/evening	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
02.2	Breakfast		Eggs	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
02.3	School			1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
02.4	Family/Family members		Office/home/friends/other people	1

Question	Accept	Mark
03.1	Activity A (Cooking), Reason 2 (Interesting)	2

Question	Accept	Mark
03.2	Activity B (Gardening), Reason 1 (Fun)	2

Question	Accept	Mark
04.1	N (now)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
04.2	P (past)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
04.3	F (future)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
04.4	P (past)	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
05.1	Advantage: Good professions/nice professions Disadvantage: Difficult/hard	Advantage: Job Disadvantage: Tough	Advantage: Finding jobs/maths is important Disadvantage: Impossible	2

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
05.2	Advantage: Easy/simple Disadvantage: Long courses/degree at university Longer time period	Advantage: Not difficult Disadvantage: Takes a long time to do the degree	Advantage: Difficult Disadvantage:	2

Question	Accept	Mark
06.1	T (true)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
06.2	T (true)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
06.3	F (false)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
06.4	F (false)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
06.5	F (false)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
06.6	F (false)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
06.7	F (false)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
07.1	P (positive)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
07.2	P/N (positive and negative)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
07.3	N (negative)	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
08.1	She will share the (lottery) prize with (family) (Key words: share with family)	Give it to family/any family member/ giving it to home members	Charity/give to people	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
08.2	She wants to open her (own business) (Key words: business man/woman)	Business		1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
08.3	She wants to meet her favourite (cricket) team (Key word: meet cricket team)		Cricket (on its own)	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
08.4	She buys (expensive) stuff (Key words: expensive)	She buys expensive brands	Cheap stuff/spends a lot of money (guessed answer)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
09	A, D, E (in any order) پہاڑوں پر چڑھنا A مچھلی پکڑنا D برف باری E	3

Question	Accept	Mark
10	A, D, F (in any order) حمزہ جون میں پیدا ہوا۔ A سالگرہ گھر میں نہیں منائی گئی۔ D سالگرہ میں موسیقی سے مزا بڑھ گیا۔ F	3

Question	Accept	Mark
11	B, D, F, G (in this order) گھر B مشکل D سونا F صاف G	4

Question	Accept	Mark
12.1	C (دوست نہ ہونا)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
12.2	B (نقصان دہ)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
12.3	A (لمبی باتیں)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
12.4	(وقت ضائع کرنا) B	1

Question	مستقبل کا مسئلہ	حال کا مسئلہ	ماضی کا مسئلہ	Mark
13.1	Accept والدین کی مرضی کے خلاف پسند کی شادیاں	پیسوں کی کمی	Accept چھوٹی عمر میں شادیاں بچپن کی شادیاں کم عمری میں شادیاں	2

Question	مستقبل کا مسئلہ	حال کا مسئلہ	ماضی کا مسئلہ	Mark
13.2	Accept لوگ شادیاں نہیں کریں گے شادیاں نہیں ہوں گی	Accept لڑکوں کی کمائی لڑکوں کی اچھی نوکری	لڑکیوں کی تعلیم	2

Question	Urdu	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
14	اسلام آباد ایک نیا شہر ہے	Islamabad is a new city		Wrong tense	1
	اور یہاں کے لوگ بہت اچھے ہیں۔	and the people are very nice/good.		No connective	1
	میں اگست میں	I visited/came in (August)		Wrong tense	1
	اپنے گھر والوں کے ساتھ یہاں سیر کے لیے آیا تھا۔	with my family members.			1
	میں نے اپنے فون پر	On my phone,			1
	بہت تصویریں لیں	I took loads of/many photos			1
	کیونکہ مجھے جغرافیہ کا ہوم ورک کرنا ہے۔	because I have to do my geography homework.		No connective Wrong tense	1
	میں نے یہ تصویریں	I have to give photos		Wrong tense	1
	جغرافیہ کے استاد کو دینی ہیں۔	to my geography teacher.		Wrong tense	1

Total marks = 60