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In Russian (1RU0)

Paper 3H Reading and understanding in Russian

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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

GCSE Russian Higher tier

Paper 3 Mark scheme

There are no marks for quality of language or spelling in this paper, therefore errors in the Russian script will be tolerated as long as the message is not ambiguous and it does not prevent communication. Such errors include where a candidate has mis-copied a Russian word or name.

SECTION A

Question number	Answer	Mark
1(a)	near the capital (Riga) OR on / next to / on the edge of the (Baltic) sea OR near the beach OR on/near the coast	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
1(b)	beach(es) / air (no need for adjectives)	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
1(c)	(railway / train) station	on the train. other transport hubs, e.g metro station, tram station/stop.	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
2(a)	students OR teachers	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
2(b)	shirt (ignore any preceding adjectives) OR something stylish / smart / fashionable / cool	suit / any other item of clothing	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
2(c)	exam results OR wasn't satisfied/happy with results OR results were bad OR his brightest pupil couldn't answer all questions correctly	exams (with no reference to results)	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
2(d)	jolly / happy / cheerful / fun OR delicious / tasty	funny	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
3(a)	They (were friendly and) helped / supported him to learn / study the language	friendly t.c.	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
3(b)	getting to know / learning about / meeting a new culture	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
3(c)	free lunches / meals / food	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
3(d)	less stress	less stress in British schools.	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
3(e)	maths is a compulsory / core subject OR maths is taught in all classes / years OR he doesn't like maths OR he wouldn't want to study maths.	maths is important / the main subject? He is not good at maths	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
4(i)	The only correct answer is C – looking out of the window. A is not correct as the text does not mention drawing in her book. B is not correct as the text does not mention any references to friends. D is not correct as the text does not mention her sleeping on her desk.	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
4(ii)	The only correct answer is C – receiving their results. A is not correct as the teacher is giving out results, so they are not preparing for a test. B is not correct as the teacher is giving out results, so	(1)

	they are not doing the test. D is not correct as the text does not mention watching a documentary.	
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Question number	Answer	Mark
4(iii)	The only correct answer is B – isn't very good at the language. A is not correct as there is no reference to the teacher being strict in the text. C is not correct as the text suggests the opposite, that she is not good at her subject. D is not correct as there is no reference to the teacher being kind in the text.	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
4(iv)	The only correct answer is A – young children. B is not correct as we are told that she doesn't give lessons to sixth form students. C is not correct as the text does not mention university students. D is not correct as the text does not mention teaching adults.	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
4(v)	The only correct answer is C – stay calm. A is not correct as the text says that the mother will not like her grades. B is not correct as we are told that they will not argue about the results. D is not correct as the text does not say that the mother would want her to do the test again.	(1)

Question number	Answers	Mark
5(a)	Ira	(1)

Question number	Answers	Mark
5(b)	Masha	(1)

Question number	Answers	Mark
5(c)	Fedya	(1)

Question number	Answers	Mark
5(d)	Ivan	(1)

Question number	Answers	Reject	Mark
5(e)	There were no Russian channels OR it wasn't in Russian OR there was nothing in Russian OR she couldn't understand. Accept 'in her language' for Russian	no channels / programmes on / about Russia(n) TV / Russian channels didn't work	(1)

Question number	Answers	Reject	Mark
5(f)	stay (be) optimistic / positive	keep smiling / smile stay calm be happy	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
6(i)	ACE B is not correct as the text says that Moscow is not the most polluted city. D is not correct as 91 hours is the average amount of time people spend in traffic jams. F is not correct as the text states that they are trying to encourage more people to use public transport. G is not correct as the text tells us that old lorries are no longer allowed to drive in the centre of Moscow.	(3)

Question number	Answers	Reject	Mark
6(ii)	population has increased OR not enough (good) roads for everyone OR people choose / prefer to travel by car	There are lots of people People driving / going to work	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
6(iii)	(it is an example of a country where) more people use public transport OR it's a good example of a successful country / it is a successful example	It's a good example t.c. To compare it It has better air quality / ecology	(1)

SECTION B

Question number	Answer	Mark
7(i)	The only correct answer is B – 1000 рублей. A is not correct as there is no reference to 500. C is not correct as there is no reference to 1500. D is not correct as 2000 is the text refers to the number of people and not the cost.	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
7(ii)	The only correct answer is D – животным. A is not correct as the text states that she will help cats and dogs, not students. B is not correct as the text states that she will help cats and dogs, not the elderly. C is not correct as the text states that she will help cats and dogs, not children.	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
7(iii)	The only correct answer is A – футбол. B is not correct as it is her parents who prefer tennis. C is not correct as it is her friends who prefer hockey. D is not correct as badminton is not mentioned in the text.	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
7(iv)	The only correct answer is B – сестрой. A is not correct as the text says she will go with her sister, as her friends prefer hockey. C is not correct as the text does not mention her brother. D is not correct as the text says she will go with her sister, as her mum and dad prefer tennis.	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
7(v)	The only correct answer is C – много людей. A is not correct as the text does not mention the weather. B is not correct as the text does not mention the weather. D is not correct as the text implies that there will be a large amount of people.	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
8(a)	Люба	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
8(b)	Борис	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
8(c)	Иван	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
8(d)	Света	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
8(e)	Иван	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
9(a)	(Её) семья OR семья автора	наша семья двоюродная сестра	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
9(b)	Её брат слушал / любил рок-музыку OR благодаря её брату	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
9(c)	Она (была) невысокая	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
9(d)	она решила / хотела продолжать музыкальный интерес OR она занималась музыкой	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
9(e)	о важных темах	поэзия	(1)

SECTION C

Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
10	New technologies have always been / were an important aspect in our life. Today it is difficult to live without a (mobile) phone. But Russian parents have started to worry that their children spend too much time in front of (their) (smart)phone screen. They will be less able to socialise with other teenagers in the real world. Alternative translations which do not detract from the overall effectiveness: technologies – accept singular ‘technology’ Life – accept plural ‘lives’ Today – Nowadays started to worry – got worried / are worried / nervous / anxious children – kids in front of their screens – staring / looking at their screens/display socialise – interact / communicate other - different Real world – real life	(7)

Mark	Descriptor
0	No rewardable communication.
1–3	The meaning of the passage is partially communicated. Some errors in the translation prevent meaning being conveyed, e.g. frequent use of incorrect words, omitted phrases , incorrect tenses.
4–6	The meaning of the passage is mostly communicated. Occasional errors affect the flow or clarity of the translation, e.g. incorrect words, omitted words, inexact syntax.
7	The meaning of the passage is fully communicated. Any errors do not detract from the overall effectiveness of the translation.

