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**Mark scheme**

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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)

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. 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/? a mix and match approach should be tolerated and credit given where it is clear and unambiguous (eg consistent use by the candidate).

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Question	Accept	Mark
01	B	1

Question	Accept	Mark
02	C	1

Question	Key Idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
03.1	factory worker	clothes maker / designer		1

Question	Key Idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
03.2	teacher	working in schools		1

Question	Accept	Mark
04.1	P	1

Question	Accept	Mark
04.2	N	1

Question	Accept	Mark
04.3	N	1

Question	Key Idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
05	shopping	buying (cheap) things	not expensive (on its own)	1

Question	Key Idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
06	(good) films	movies	cinema	1

Question	Key Idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
07	cooking	cooking rice	boring	1

Question	Key Idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
08.1	useful	he can use it	he likes Chinese	1

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Question	Key Idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
08.2	nice / good (to listen to)	it sounds good	He likes Mandarin	1

Question	Key Idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
09.1	underground / tube	subway	train	1

Question	Key Idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
09.2	cheap	not expensive	she likes the underground the most	1

Question	Key Idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
10	every week / weekly	every Friday	very often	1

Question	Key Idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
11	(older) brother		(younger) sister	1

Question	Key Idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
12	the sport centre	the sports hall / gym	school	1

Question	Accept	Mark
13	D	1

Question	Accept	Mark
14	A	1

Question	Accept	Mark
15	E	1

Question	Key Idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
16	<b>Advantage:</b> the colour / pretty  <b>Disadvantage:</b> slow when playing games	<b>Advantage:</b> good-looking  <b>Disadvantage:</b> slow playing games	<b>Advantage</b> nice	2

Question	Key Idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
17	<b>Advantage:</b> easy to get online  <b>Disadvantage</b> (too) ugly	<b>Advantage:</b> surf internet  <b>Disadvantage:</b> doesn't look good	<b>Advantage:</b> easy (on its own)	2

Question	Accept	Mark
18.1	C	1

Question	Accept	Mark
18.2	A	1

Question	Accept	Mark
18.3	C	1

Question	Accept	Mark
19.1	C	1

Question	Accept	Mark
19.2	F	1

Question	Accept	Mark
19.3	A	1

Question	Key Idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
20	<p><b>Past:</b> her house was (too) small</p> <p><b>Future:</b> her children / child will not visit her (next year)</p>	<p><b>Past:</b> her house was tiny</p> <p><b>Future:</b> her children / child don't / doesn't want to see her</p>	<p><b>Past:</b> her family was small</p> <p><b>Future:</b> bad (on its own)</p>	2

Question	Accept	Mark
21	A D F G (in any order)	4

Question	Accept	Mark
22.1	C	1

Question	Accept	Mark
22.2	A	1

Question	Accept	Mark
23.1	A	1

Question	Accept	Mark
23.2	A	1

**Total = 40 marks**