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Unit 2: Reading (Higher)

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READING TESTS

Notes on the Marking Scheme

Non-verbal Answers

Follow the mark scheme as set out.

Verbal Answers

1. The basic principle of assessment is that candidates should gain credit for what they know, understand and can do. 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 on these papers 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 candidate 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 or 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**, a candidate may include as part of the answer to one section the information required to answer another section. For instance, the information required to answer section (b) might be given as part of the answer to section (a). In such cases, credit should be given for having answered section (b), provided that no incorrect answer has been given for that section in the correct place.
 - (e) Where a question or part of a question carries more than one mark, candidates are given credit for all the correct answers they give, even if they have given incorrect answers as well, except where any of the latter contradicts a correct answer that they have given.
2./..... means that these are acceptable alternative answers. (.....) means that this information is not needed for full marks.
3. In questions where candidates are asked to name, for example, three types of vegetable sold in the market, only the first three items they write down should be considered.
4. Accept
 - T/F/?
 - ✓/X/?
 - a mix and match approach using the above, where the response is clear and unambiguous (eg. T and ✓ are both used by the candidate).
5. In multiple choice questions where candidates must choose one letter or number, they should automatically get no mark awarded if they give more than one. If the rubric instructs them to write one letter or number in the box and they do so, but write a second letter or number outside the box too, then the answer in the box should be considered.
6. No mark scheme can cover all possible answers. When in doubt:
 - look for the key idea, where this is appropriate.
 - **NFP** = no further penalty
7. Where a candidate has crossed out an answer and what was underneath remains legible then it should be assessed. Where part of an answer is crossed out then only what remains should be considered.
8. Where a candidate spells the answer in such a way that it is a word in the target language, no credit can be awarded.
9. If a candidate offers two different responses in English or in the target language eg dog (cat) or dog (chat) where the answer is dog, no credit can be awarded.

Higher Tier

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
1(a)	P	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
1(b)	P + N	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
1(c)	N	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
1(d)	N	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
2(a)	It has four floors / levels Lots of space	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
2(b)	Round bed Leather wardrobe Huge screen Big TV (to watch films) (any two)	2	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
2(c)	C	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
3(a)	Nerea	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
3(b)	Jaime	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
3(c)	Berta	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
3(d)	José (accept without accent)	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
4(a)	Choose /buy clothes (for spring)	1	Buy clothes for summer

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
4(b)	latest designs (of season) (1 mark) where to find (good) quality items/things/clothes + at low prices (1 mark) - both elements needed	2	Ultimate designs

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
4(c)	dress to suit/according to your (body) shape	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
4(d)	not to complain about your body enjoy your shape/body (any one)	1	Generalisations such as: Don't worry about your looks

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
5	<u>In any order</u> A B F	3	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
6(a)	L	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
6(b)	L + M	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
6(c)	L	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
6(d)	M	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
7	Avoid organizing a meeting with people you don't know (from chat rooms) (1mark) Be careful trusting/don't trust what people tell you (1 mark)	2	Don't talk to strangers

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
8(a)	E	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
8(b)	A	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
8(c)	B	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
9	Elena/she wants to get married and he doesn't/he doesn't want to get married Elena/she doesn't want him to spend time with/see/go out with his friends Javier/he doesn't want to see her as much Elena/she cries when he asks to see less of her (any 3)	3	Elena doesn't let him spend time with his friends Javier doesn't want to see her anymore

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
10(a)	<u>Any order</u> B C F	3	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
10(b)	B	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
10(c)	Do other / different hobby / pastime or Spend more time with friends / companions	1	Spend less time on the internet Go out more

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
11(a)	D	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
11(b)	A	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
11(c)	F	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
11(d)	C	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
12(a)	Make a present Make something	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject/Notes
12(b)	(you can) save money (you can) learn something (new) Your parents will be really pleased (with the present) The present is/will be unique (any 3)	3	It doesn't cost money It is unique (no reference to present)

Total 45