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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.

Unit 1: Reading mark scheme

There are no marks for quality of language or spelling in this unit, therefore errors in the Reading unit assessment 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 an English word or name.

Question number	Answer	Mark
1(a)	C (autumn)	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
1(b)	C (ten year olds)	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
1(c)	B (five times)	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
1(d)	C (half past three in the afternoon)	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
1(e)	A (horse riding hat)	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
1(f)	B (listen to the teacher)	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
2	A (wear clothes for hot weather) D (pay to ride a horse) F (have a free drawing lesson) *Candidates cross a maximum of 3 boxes, for every cross over 3 deduct a mark.	(3)

Question number	Answer	Mark
3	B (Mia was Mrs Trunchbull in the school play) D (Mia's mum works in a bank) F (Mia thinks that Singapore is not cheap) *Candidates cross a maximum of 3 boxes, for every cross over 3 deduct a mark	(3)

Question number	Answer	Mark
4(a)	July	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
4(b)	September	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
4(c)	difficult	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
4(d)	easy	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
4(e)	teachers	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
5(a)	(in the) supermarket / (in a) shop / shopping	Ruby's Restaurant / Newtown High School	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
5(b)	he is honest / he is friendly/ he is honest and friendly	he will be very good / he always works hard	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
5(c)	he can describe food well	Cooking is his hobby/favourite hobby	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
5(d)	healthy / interesting / healthy and interesting	lucky	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
5(e)	April	December / August	(1)

Question	Answer	Reject	Mark
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number			
5(f)	(he is on) holiday / (he is) away / school and holiday	(he is at) school No mention of holiday	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
6	A (Amit's interview is in the morning) C (the interview will finish at about 11 a.m.) E (the Garden Boulevard restaurant opens on 30 July) *Candidates cross a maximum of 3 boxes, for every cross over 3 deduct a mark	(3)

Question number	Answer	Mark
7(a)	B (a school magazine)	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
7(b)	C (after the summer holidays)	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
7(c)	B (students)	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
8(a)	Zara and her family / Zara /Zara's family / one of his/her friends	grandparents	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
8(b)	(It has/There are) plants and animals	No plants or animals / didn't have plants and animals / any plants and animals / looking and listening to the sea	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
8(c)	not such a long way / not too far / it's closer	It's a long way / fun / peaceful / friendly people / close to nature / natural	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
8(d)	a (famous) hill / Edinburgh's most	A place in Edinburgh / seven hills	(1)

	famous hill / one of seven hills / a place where you can see the whole city	/ building / somewhere famous / famous place / city / castle An answer that is too vague	
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Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
8(e)	(she) went to two museums	went to castle	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
9(a)	they were older than him / he was younger than them / they didn't spend much time together / (10 year) age difference / (big) age difference	they used to control the game / they decided if he won or lost / he didn't like it	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
9(b)	games not based on luck / didn't depend on luck	tennis / chess / swimming / games that depend on luck	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
9(c)	(worry about having to) keep Altaf safe / worrying about his safety	teach him to swim / left home or to go to university / work	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
9(d)	not much difference between them / they have similar abilities	He is able to challenge them (at most things)	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
9(e)	practising at his after-school club / practised a lot / his after-school club	he is as good as them his grandma	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
9(f)	because Adim lives far away / because Adim rarely visits home		(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
10(a)	B (it is not well known in many countries)	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
10(b)	C (he thinks they play enough)	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
11(a)	A (a young person)	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
11(b)	C (the rising amount of money lost by teenagers)	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
11(c)	C (the real company replied to him)	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
12(a)	B (It is a common story)	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
12(b)	C (addresses)	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
13(a)	rushing into buying something / buying without thinking / <u>not</u> stopping to think / avoid rushing into buying something (answers must clearly state what should be <u>avoided</u>)	Don't buy surprisingly cheap things / never rush into buying something / don't rush into buying something buy surprisingly cheap things Answers where a double negative Invalidates the answer.	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
13(b)	someone who can spell well / spots mistakes / pays attention online	A person who pays attention (without referring to being online) / customers / cyber experts / personal accounts / email addresses / who pays to spell well / An answer that is too vague	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
13(c)	<p>you can spot fake websites</p> <p>you can protect yourself from scams</p> <p>it is easy to spot fake websites</p> <p>Fake websites/ Thieves often give themselves away by making obvious mistakes. We just have to spot them.</p> <p>spot the mistakes to avoid being scammed</p> <p>(answers must show understanding that the reader needs to/ is able to take responsibility / action to keep themselves safe from fake websites.)</p>	<p>Fake websites/ Thieves often give themselves away by making obvious mistakes (no positive message to the reader)</p> <p>lift: They often give themselves away by making obvious mistakes. You just have to spot them.</p> <p>We have to spot them. (without clear explanation of what 'them' means)</p> <p>Spot the mistakes of websites</p> <p>be more careful while shopping online</p> <p>(answers which refer to Miss James' advice, not the writer's)</p>	(1)

