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Text 1 Email

Qu	Marking Guidance	Total Marks
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Accept		
01	C (On Friday)	1

Accept		
02	B (Hockey)	1

Accept		
03	B (To describe the people Hassan met in hospital)	1

Accept		
04	B (Hassan wants to talk to business owners)	1

Accept		
05	C (Laptops)	1

Accept		
06	A (To ask Abed to help raise money)	1

Text 2 Preparing for Exams

For all open responses, accept reasonable spelling variations where the intended meaning is not lost and, if said phonetically, would be understood.

Qu	Marking Guidance	Total Marks
Accept		
07	The preparation (beforehand) Accept any reasonable variation that does not affect overall meaning.	1
Accept		
08	By working out how many weeks you have left before your exams. Accept any reasonable variation that does not affect overall meaning.	1
Accept any two of the following		
09	• How many subjects they are studying • Which ones need most attention • Free time • Other commitments Accept any reasonable variation that does not affect overall meaning.	2
Accept		
10	A (To advise students to follow their revision plan)	1
Award a maximum of two marks		
11	2 marks – Candidate explains both the ideas of ‘commit the error’ – the idea of make/carry out (other synonyms/explanations of ‘commit’ accepted) and the idea of mistake/blunder/slip-up (other synonyms/explanations of ‘error’ accepted) 1 mark – Candidate explains one of these ideas or partially both 0 marks – Nothing worthy of credit/nothing written	2

Accept		
12	C (Look back through your classwork) and D (Quizzes can help you identify things to improve) The letters can be accepted in any order.	2

Accept		
13	B (Focusing on small bits of information can help) and C (Revising is an ongoing, steady process) The letters can be accepted in any order.	2

Accept		
14	B (To give some guidance about exam preparation)	1

Text 3 The Return of Records

For all open responses, accept reasonable spelling variations where the intended meaning is not lost and, if said phonetically, would be understood.

Qu	Marking Guidance	Total Marks
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Accept		
15	C (Streaming platforms are the most popular way to listen to music)	1

Accept		
16	B (To describe how record sales have increased in recent years)	1

Award a maximum of one mark		
17	1 mark – Candidate explains the idea of ‘account for’ – explain/justify (other synonyms/explanations for ‘account for’ accepted) 0 marks – Nothing worthy of credit/nothing written	1

Accept any three of the following		
18	- Like the feel - Enjoy looking at the artwork - Prefer the sound - Like to collect - Feel part of a community Verb form required. Accept any reasonable variation that does not affect overall meaning. Award a mark for each correct response even if on the same line.	3

Award a maximum of two marks		
19	2 marks – Candidate explains both ideas of ‘rewarding’ – worthwhile/pleasing/fulfilling (other synonyms/explanations for ‘rewarding’ accepted) and ‘experience’ – event/occurrence (other synonyms/explanations for ‘experience’ accepted) 1 mark – Candidate explains one of these ideas or partially both 0 marks – Nothing worthy of credit/nothing written	2

Accept		
20	A (Buy magazines), B (Charge their phones), D (Have conversations) and E (Look at records) The letters can be accepted in any order.	4

Award a maximum of one mark		
21	1 mark – Candidate explains the idea of ‘cramped’ – confined/small (other synonyms/explanations of ‘cramped’ accepted) 0 marks – Nothing worthy of credit/nothing written Past tense required.	1

Accept any two of the following		
22	• Easily scratched • Hard to store • Require (bulky) equipment • (more) Inconvenient (than phones) Accept any reasonable variation that does not affect overall meaning. Award a mark for each correct response even if on the same line. Award a maximum of two marks.	2

Award a maximum of two marks		
23	2 marks – Candidate explains both the ideas of ‘regain’ – get back/recapture/reclaim (other synonyms/explanations of ‘regain’ accepted) and ‘dominance’ – power/strong position/ascendancy (other synonyms for ‘dominance’ accepted) 1 mark – Candidate explains one of these ideas or partially both 0 marks – Nothing worthy of credit/nothing written Present tense required.	2

Accept		
24	B (It explains how records are becoming popular again)	1

Text 4 A Visit to Berlin

For all open responses, accept reasonable spelling variations where the intended meaning is not lost and, if said phonetically, would be understood.

Qu	Marking Guidance	Total Marks
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Award a maximum of three marks

25	3 marks – Candidate explains all ideas of ‘imagined’ – thought/expected/anticipated (other synonyms/explanations for ‘imagined’ accepted), ‘unattractive’ – not pretty/ugly/unappealing (other synonyms/explanations of ‘unattractive’ accepted) and ‘austere’ – grim/bleak/basic (other synonyms/explanations of ‘austere’ accepted) 2 marks – Candidate explains two ideas or partially three 1 mark – Candidate explains one of these ideas or partially two 0 marks – Nothing worthy of credit/nothing written	3
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Accept any four of the following

26	• Took in the view • marvelled at the architecture • Thought about the week ahead • Began to plan (what to do) • Noted down ideas • Checked out (some) places • Felt exhausted • Lay down on bed • Fell asleep Verb form required. Accept any reasonable variation that does not affect overall meaning. A mark awarded for each even if on the same line.	4
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Award a maximum of two marks

27	2 marks – Candidate explains both the ideas of ‘turbulent’ – chaotic/unstable/unruly/unsettled (other synonyms/explanations of ‘turbulent’ accepted) and ‘history’ – past/record/story (other synonyms/explanations of ‘history’ accepted) 1 mark – Candidate explains one of these ideas or partially both 0 marks – Nothing worthy of credit/nothing written	2
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Accept any three of the following		
28	• It is in the centre (of Berlin) • It is an art collection • It is (a) different (type of art collection) • It is open-air • It is permanent • It is a set of murals/street art • It was (first) painted in 1990 • The images are painted on the (old) Berlin Wall • There are 105 pieces (of art) • It shows images of the artists' hopes (for a better world) Accept any reasonable variation that does not affect overall meaning. A mark awarded for each even if on the same line.	3

Accept		
29	A (To describe the history and features of an art collection)	1

Award a maximum of one mark		
30	1 mark – Candidate explains the idea of 'less picturesque' – not as nice to look at/less pretty/less attractive (other synonyms/explanations for 'less picturesque' accepted) 0 marks – Nothing worthy of credit/nothing written	1

Accept		
31	A (The writer explores the area on foot) and D (The writer sees the concrete buildings in the morning) The letters can be accepted in any order.	2

Accept		
32	A (Potsdamer Platz is a redeveloped, popular area for visitors. It's in the middle of the city)	1

Accept any four of the following		
33	• A stunning collection of shops, businesses and nightlife • A striking example of urban renewal • The jaw-dropping skyscrapers • Mesmerising glass giants • The brilliance of the area • The beautifully glitzy buildings • Spectacular places • The well-designed cinemas, museums and theatres Accept any reasonable variation that does not affect overall meaning. A mark awarded for each even if on the same line.	4

Accept any two of the following		
34	• (A glorious) melting pot of cultures • (I heard) seven different languages spoken • (The) world in miniature • (Where) diverse groups of people exist happily Accept any reasonable variation that does not affect overall meaning. A mark awarded for each even if on the same line.	2

Accept		
35	A (The text describes a writer's enjoyable trip to a capital city where he visited places of interest)	1