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Text 1 Email

Qu	Marking Guidance	Total Marks
Accept		
01	A (7.30 pm)	1
Accept		
02	C (£100)	1
Accept		
03	B (To describe the meal as a whole)	1
Accept		
04	C (10 colleges will be taking part)	1
Accept		
05	B (5)	1
Accept		
06	A (To ask Yuxuan to take part in the quiz)	1

Text 2 Discover Qatar

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 any one of the following		
07	• Sunny weather (for all of the year) • Plenty to discover • (Beautiful) beaches • Family-friendly (attractions) • (Rich) cultural experiences Accept any reasonable variation that does not affect overall meaning.	1

Accept		
08	(almost) 550 kilometres	1

Accept any two of the following		
09	• Kitesurfing • Kayaking • Scuba diving • Swimming	2

Accept		
10	B (To give advice to families about things to do in Doha)	1

Accept		
11	B (Doha has a large whale shark population) and C (Qatar cares for its environment) The letters can be accepted in any order.	2

Award a maximum of two marks		
12	2 marks – Candidate explains both the ideas of ‘lively’ – vibrant/full of life/energetic/busy/full of activity (other synonyms/explanations accepted) – and – ‘diverse’ – varied/broad-ranging/ wide-ranging (other synonyms/explanations accepted) 1 mark – Candidate explains one of these ideas or partially both 0 marks – Nothing worthy of credit/nothing written	2

Accept		
13	A (There is a flourishing culture in Qatar) and D (You can eat food from around the world in Qatar) The letters can be accepted in any order.	2

Accept		
14	C (To persuade travellers to visit Qatar)	1

Text 3 Pitch Perfect: Women's Football

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	B (Women's football is now getting investment and support)	1

Accept any one of the following		
16	• They reached a \$24 million settlement (in their equal pay case) • They have got equal pay with the men's team • The US women's and men's teams will share World Cup prize money Accept any reasonable variation that does not affect overall meaning.	1

Award a maximum of one mark		
17	1 mark – Candidate explains the idea of 'reluctant' - 'unwilling/hesitant/not wanting to do something' (other synonyms/explanations of 'reluctant' accepted) 0 marks – Nothing worthy of credit/nothing written	1

Accept any three of the following		
18	• Wash kits • Work as a firefighter • Go back to a homeless shelter • Cope with little/no medical/physiotherapy assistance • Pay to play • Make long round trips (to attend training) 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 'highly' – very/top level/exceptionally/extremely (other synonyms/explanations accepted) – and – 'skilled' – artful/talented/having special abilities (other synonyms/explanations accepted) 1 mark – Candidate explains one of these ideas or partially both 0 marks – Nothing worthy of credit/nothing written	2

Accept		
20	B (They are welcome in football), D (They have places to play), E (They can wear football kit) and G (They can wear boots that fit) The letters can be accepted in any order.	4

Award a maximum of one mark		
21	1 mark – Candidate explains the idea of ‘development’ – growth/progress(ion) (other synonyms/explanations accepted) 0 marks – Nothing worthy of credit/nothing written	1

Accept any two of the following		
22	- Record (National) club attendances in 2019 (National) club attendances in Mexico/Spain/England/Italy 90,000+ club attendances at Camp Nou 90,000+ club attendances at the Champions League quarter-finals/semi-finals 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 ‘removed’ – taken away/separated/ being different from/detached/disconnected (other synonyms/explanations accepted) – and – ‘realities’ – things as they are/things that exist/the everyday/real life/actual situation (other synonyms/explanations accepted) 1 mark – Candidate explains one of these ideas or partially both 0 marks – Nothing worthy of credit/nothing written	2

Accept		
24	C (Women’s football has grown in recent years)	1

Text 4 Moving to Secondary School

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 three ideas of ‘mind’s eye’ – imagination/memory – (other synonyms accepted/explanations accepted) – ‘recall’ – remember/look back/reminisce (other synonyms accepted/explanations accepted) – and – ‘fear’ – fright/terror/panic (other synonyms accepted/explanations 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	• Drabness of the/drab colours • White shirt • (Light) grey pullover • Black blazer • School badge lovingly sewn on (by mother) • (Charcoal) grey trousers • (Highly polished) black shoes Accept any reasonable variation that does not affect overall meaning. Award a mark for each correct response 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 ‘adventurous’ – seeking adventure/ taking risks/open to new or exciting experiences (other synonyms/explanations accepted) – and – ‘fearless’ – brave/courageous/undaunted/without fear/bold (other synonyms/explanations 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	• Classrooms • Science laboratories • Physics lab • (Large) assembly hall • Sports hall • Playgrounds • Playing fields • Swimming pool Accept any reasonable variation that does not affect overall meaning. Award a mark for each correct response even if on the same line.	3

Accept		
29	A (To compare the size of the schools)	1

Award a maximum of one mark		
30	1 mark – Candidate explains the idea of 'spacious' – roomy/extensive/having lots of space (other synonyms/explanations of 'spacious' accepted) 0 marks – Nothing worthy of credit/nothing written	1

Accept		
31	C (There were 150 students in Years 12 and 13) and D (There were 200 students in the writer's primary school) The letters can be accepted in any order.	2

Accept		
32	B (Straightforward and uncomplicated)	1

Accept any four of the following		
33	• Lunchtime sports • Badminton • Tennis • Chess • Computer programming/coding • Military cadet force Accept any reasonable variation that does not affect overall meaning. Award a mark for each correct response even if on the same line.	4

Accept any two of the following		
34	• Enabled him to settle in • Enabled him to cope with changes • Shared happy moments together • Helped each other through the hard times Accept any reasonable variation that does not affect overall meaning. Award a mark for each correct response even if on the same line.	2

Accept		
35	A (To describe the writer's memories about going to secondary school)	1