

**MARK SCHEME for the May/June 2012 question paper  
for the guidance of teachers**

**8004 GENERAL PAPER**

**8004/12**

Paper 1, maximum raw mark 100

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### USE OF ENGLISH CRITERIA TABLE

	Marks	
<p><b>Band 1</b></p> <p><b>'excellent': fully operational command</b></p>	18 – 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• very few slips/errors</li> <li>• highly fluent</li> <li>• very effective use of expressions and idioms</li> <li>• excellent use of vocabulary; (near) faultless grammar</li> <li>• excellent sentence structure and organisation of paragraphs</li> <li>• excellent spelling/punctuation.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Band 2</b></p> <p><b>'good-very good': effective command</b></p>	14 – 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• few slips/errors</li> <li>• fluent</li> <li>• effective use of expressions/idioms</li> <li>• good use of vocabulary; sound grammar</li> <li>• good sentence structure/well-organised paragraphs</li> <li>• good spelling/punctuation.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Band 3</b></p> <p><b>'average': reasonable command</b></p>	10 – 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• some slips/basic errors but acceptable standard overall</li> <li>• reasonably fluent/not difficult to read</li> <li>• generally appropriate use of expressions/idioms</li> <li>• fair range and apt use of basic vocabulary; acceptable grammar</li> <li>• simple/unambitious sentence structure/paragraphing</li> <li>• reasonable spelling/punctuation.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Band 4</b></p> <p><b>'flawed but not weak': inconsistent command</b></p>	6 – 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• regular and frequent slips/errors</li> <li>• hesitant fluency/not easy to follow at times</li> <li>• some inappropriate expressions/idioms</li> <li>• limited range of vocabulary; faulty grammar</li> <li>• some flawed sentence structure/paragraphing</li> <li>• regular spelling/punctuation errors.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Band 5</b></p> <p><b>'weak-very weak': little/(no) effective communication</b></p>	0 – 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• almost every line contains (many) slips/errors of all kinds</li> <li>• little/(no) fluency/difficult (almost impossible) to follow</li> <li>• (very) poor use of expression/idiom</li> <li>• (very) poor range of vocabulary: (very) poor grammar</li> <li>• (very) poor sentence structure/paragraphing</li> <li>• (very) poor spelling/punctuation.</li> <li>• <b>bracketed descriptors</b> denote 0–2 range of marks.</li> </ul>

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## CONTENT CRITERIA TABLE

<p><b>Band 1</b></p> <p><b>'excellent':</b></p> <p><b>very good and comprehensive knowledge/ understanding of topic</b></p>	<b>26 – 30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>comprehensive coverage, totally relevant material, perceptive, analytical</li> <li>thoughtful, enlightening illustration using local, national and international examples where applicable</li> <li>coherent and engaging discussion, displaying sensitivity, sophistication, awareness and maturity</li> <li>(very) well structured.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Band 2</b></p> <p><b>'good-very good':</b></p> <p><b>good knowledge/ understanding of topic</b></p>	<b>20 – 25</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>totally (near totally) relevant, well focused but less analytical and perceptive than Band 1</li> <li>major points well developed</li> <li>(very) good range of examples/illustration</li> <li>logical and systematic discussion</li> <li>effectively structured.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Band 3 UPPER</b></p> <p><b>'average':</b></p> <p><b>sound knowledge/ understanding of topic</b></p>	<b>16 – 19</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>competent: major points adequately developed</li> <li>largely relevant and remains focused on the question</li> <li>reasonable range of examples/illustration to support key points</li> <li>reasonably structured.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Band 3 LOWER</b></p> <p><b>fair knowledge/ understanding of topic</b></p>	<b>13 – 15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>more obvious points mentioned rather than adequately developed</li> <li>some digression, but generally sticks to the question</li> <li>does not always support major points with apt illustration</li> <li>tendency to assert/generalise rather than argue/discuss in detail</li> <li>may lack focus.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Band 4</b></p> <p><b>'flawed but not weak: limited knowledge/ understanding of topic'</b></p>	<b>7 – 12</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>restricted material/scope: rather pedestrian</li> <li>some relevance but may be implicit/tangential at times</li> <li>prone to unsubstantiated, sweeping statements: ideas vague and/or lacking sustained development: can be digressive and wander off topic</li> <li>limited illustration and/or factual inaccuracy</li> <li>insufficient focus; essay offloads everything known about the particular topic with inadequate reference to the key words in the question.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Band 5</b></p> <p><b>'weak-very weak': poor/very poor knowledge/ understanding of topic</b></p>	<p><b>0 – 6</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (totally) inadequate content with little/no substance: (very) vague and confused ideas</li> <li>• question largely (completely) misinterpreted/misunderstood</li> <li>• very limited (total) irrelevance</li> <li>• very limited/(no) appropriate illustration.</li>   <li>• <b>bracketed descriptors</b> denote 0– 2 range.</li> </ul>
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## Section 1

### 1 To what extent does your country's constitution uphold and promote human rights?

Refer to UoE and Content criteria above before awarding your marks.

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#### **Possible arguments suggesting constitution upholds HR**

- ⇒ Human rights enshrined in the constitution & conformity to it
- ⇒ Independent judiciary
- ⇒ Free press guaranteed
- ⇒ Freedom of assembly guaranteed
- ⇒ Freedom of worship guaranteed
- ⇒ Gender guaranteed
- ⇒ Minority rights guaranteed

#### **Possible arguments suggesting constitution does not uphold HR**

- ⇒ Use of repression
- ⇒ Anti-terror laws
- ⇒ Military interfere in politics/military coups
- ⇒ Press censorship
- ⇒ Restrictions on e.g. trade union activity
- ⇒ Imprisonment without trial
- ⇒ Discriminatory laws
- ⇒ Laws against minority expression

### 2 To what extent are racism and other forms of discrimination a problem in your society?

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#### **Possible arguments suggesting discrimination might be a problem (according to the candidate's chosen society)**

- ⇒ Anecdotal personal experience
- ⇒ One race is dominant
- ⇒ Legal framework ineffective
- ⇒ Gender prejudice
- ⇒ Ageism
- ⇒ Class

#### **Possible arguments denying that discrimination is a problem (according to the candidate's chosen society)**

- ⇒ Anecdotal personal experience
- ⇒ Effective constitution
- ⇒ Education
- ⇒ Neutral police force
- ⇒ Freedom of religious and other expression

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**3 Nelson Mandela wrote 'The real heroes are men and women who are friends of the poorest of the poor'. To what extent do you agree?**

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**Possible arguments agreeing with Mandela**

- ⇒ Historic exemplars (e.g. Mother Teresa)
- ⇒ Organisations (e.g. Salvation Army)
- ⇒ Current exemplars
- ⇒ Teaching of great religions

**Possible arguments against Mandela's view**

- ⇒ Plenty of legitimate alternative heroes
- ⇒ Media manipulation & false heroes
- ⇒ Some quite genuine philanthropists might never meet 'the poor'
- ⇒ Does one have to be a friend to be a hero?

**4 'As well as instructing and convincing, history should be thrilling and delightful.' How far do you agree with this proposition?**

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**Possible arguments in favour of the instructional role of history**

- ⇒ Lessons can be learned from the past
- ⇒ Search for historic 'truth'
- ⇒ Need for convincing argument
- ⇒ Citizens should be aware of their nation's history

**Possible arguments in favour of the delight of history**

- ⇒ History is, at heart, story telling
- ⇒ Stories can thrill the imagination
- ⇒ Knowledge of everyday life is as delightful as stories of 'the great and the good'
- ⇒ History must be thrilling in order to be instructive
- ⇒ Much of its subject matter is very 'ordinary' and cannot be thrilling or delightful

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**5 Have revolutions ever made the world a better place? Examine two revolutions in support of your view.**

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***Candidates may take a largely one-sided view, but for a Content mark in Band 2 (20– 25) or Band 1 (26–30) there will be an evaluation of the effects of the two chosen revolutions. Such revolutions might be political, scientific, social, religious, economic or technological.***

Positive outcomes of revolutions might include:

- ⇒ Tyranny overthrown
- ⇒ Better quality of life
- ⇒ Greater political representation
- ⇒ Greater freedom
- ⇒ More equal distribution of wealth
- ⇒ Improved opportunities for all
- ⇒ Enlightenment
- ⇒ Progress

Negative outcomes of revolutions might include:

- ⇒ Loss of life
- ⇒ Unpredictable
- ⇒ Replacing one tyranny with another
- ⇒ Destruction of property
- ⇒ Destruction of knowledge/progress rejected
- ⇒ Loss of respect for the past
- ⇒ Dystopia, not Utopia

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### 6 How far is it true that the Earth's geology subjects our civilisations to dramatic change without notice?

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#### Possible arguments in favour of sudden change

- [A definition of geology is desirable]
- ⇒ Volcanoes
  - ⇒ Earthquakes
  - ⇒ Tsunamis
  - ⇒ Weather: associated consequences of e.g. climate change leading to changes in polar ice
  - ⇒ Rock/Cliff falls

#### Possible arguments against the suddenness of change

- ⇒ Many geological changes do not cause dramatic change
- ⇒ Many geological changes happen very slowly
- ⇒ Increasingly sophisticated techniques of monitoring. Vulcanologists can predict eruptions, seismologists earthquakes
- ⇒ Even if a change is dramatic, 'notice' is often given (even if long term, like Yellowstone's super-volcano)

### 7 Considering the problems facing your region's agriculture, how effective are farm and land management in coping with these difficulties?

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#### Possible arguments in favour of effectiveness

- ⇒ Modern equipment
- ⇒ Yield per acre improved
- ⇒ Improved animal husbandry
- ⇒ Geographical advantages
- ⇒ Green Revolution
- ⇒ GM crops

#### Possible arguments in favour of ineffectiveness

- ⇒ Population pressure
- ⇒ Ecological issues impede food production
- ⇒ Climate
- ⇒ Geographical disadvantages
- ⇒ Water supplies inadequate

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**8 'Mathematics can reveal the beauty and order of the world.' How is your understanding of the world enhanced by mathematics?**

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- ⇒ Historical examples, e.g. Leonardo's marriage of mathematics and art
- ⇒ Architecture & proportion
- ⇒ Astronomical investigations & understanding of the universe
- ⇒ Patterns in nature
- ⇒ Elegance of equations
- ⇒ Strong relation between Music and Mathematics
- ⇒ Mathematical underpinning of technological methods

**9 'Human migration is solely determined by economic considerations.' How far do you agree?**

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**Possible arguments in favour of economic migration**

- ⇒ Poverty
- ⇒ Food
- ⇒ Population pressure
- ⇒ Better economic prospects elsewhere
- ⇒ Seasonal migration (e.g. fruit picking)

**Possible arguments for other migratory impulses**

- ⇒ Political refuge
- ⇒ Temporary migration
- ⇒ Fleeing religious persecution
- ⇒ (Rich) retirees migrate
- ⇒ Ethnic cleansing

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**10 How far is it the duty of couples to limit the number of children they have?**

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**Possible arguments in favour of limiting family size**

- ⇒ Increasing world population
- ⇒ Right of women to control their body/limit child bearing time
- ⇒ Family economics
- ⇒ Impact on state finances
- ⇒ Health issues

**Possible arguments against limiting family size**

- ⇒ Interference with nature (e.g. gender balance)
- ⇒ Religious – God decides/children are a gift
- ⇒ Sheer pleasure of family life
- ⇒ Larger families support each other
- ⇒ Poor families need more children
- ⇒ Whose duty? The state has no right to dictate

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### Section 3

#### 11 Photography is both skilful and creative. Explain why this is true.

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***A discursive response is likely, but it should focus on skill and creativity.***

- ⇒ Mastery of camera technique is needed
  - ⇒ Likewise, knowledge of manipulation of digital images is required
  - ⇒ Appreciative eye on nature is a necessity
  - ⇒ Knowledge of composition is vital
  - ⇒ Use of light/shade, contrast and colour
  - ⇒ Cultivation of the artist's or the poet's eye
  - ⇒ Capturing the moment
  - ⇒ (For some) developing expertise in the moving image
  - ⇒ Social documentation
- [Reference may be made to individual photographers]

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**12 How far, in your opinion, can communication be achieved through dance and/or drama?**

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**Possible arguments in favour of communication being achieved**

- ⇒ Can 'move' the audience
- ⇒ Can provoke debate (e.g. Brecht)
- ⇒ Physical exploration of emotion
- ⇒ Dance/Drama therapeutic in education
- ⇒ Dance/drama used in some religions in worship
- ⇒ Audiences can really be involved in performances

**Limitations of dance/drama as a means of communication**

- ⇒ Participants communicate, but (some) spectators merely observe
- ⇒ Perceived as a minority (esoteric) interest
- ⇒ Many performances lack genuine cultural impact

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### 13 Discuss the appeal of science fiction films.

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**The question will attract a one-sided approach, although better candidates might recognise the limitations of science fiction.**

**It is important that an answer focuses on the appeal of the films chosen, rather than merely describing them.**

- ⇒ Escapism – appeals to the imagination
- ⇒ Belief that a real future is being presaged
- ⇒ Human fascination with and fear of monsters/'the other'/the unfamiliar
- ⇒ Link between film and book
- ⇒ Historic Sci Fi films still fascinate audiences (e.g. *Frankenstein*)
- ⇒ Encourages speculation
- ⇒ A way to explore eternal moral themes (e.g. *Star Wars*)

### 14 What do you consider to be a 'good read', and why? Refer to at least two novels with which you are familiar.

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**This question is entirely open-ended so each essay must be judged on its internal merits.**

**What will be required is a personal analysis, in some depth, of what constitutes a 'good read' – it will not be enough to say, in effect, that a book was 'exciting'.**

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### 15 Why do human beings of all ages feel the need to play?

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**The question will attract a one-sided approach, although some candidates may choose to challenge the assertion implicit in the question.**

**Better answers will explore the meaning of 'play', taking it beyond the mere participation in a usual range of games.**

[A definition of 'play' is desirable]

- ⇒ Natural exploration of the world by the baby
- ⇒ A way to build/develop relationships (at all ages)
- ⇒ Children often 'role play' – so do adults
- ⇒ Outlet for energy
- ⇒ Expression of joy
- ⇒ Adults can stay young by playing
- ⇒ There are games of the mind as well as the body
- ⇒ Distinction between amateur and professional play
- ⇒ Teenagers' partly playful identification with 'heroes'
- ⇒ Play in later life can limit the ravages of age