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USE OF ENGLISH CRITERIA TABLE

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

CONTENT CRITERIA TABLE

	Marks	
Band 1 ‘excellent’: very good and comprehensive knowledge/ understanding of topic	26–30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> comprehensive coverage, totally relevant material, perceptive, analytical thoughtful, enlightening illustration using local, national and international examples where applicable coherent and engaging discussion, displaying sensitivity, sophistication, awareness and maturity (very) well structured
Band 2 ‘good-very good’: good knowledge/ understanding of topic	20–25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> totally (near totally) relevant, well focused but less analytical and perceptive than Band 1 major points well developed (very) good range of examples/illustration logical and systematic discussion effectively structured
Band 3 UPPER ‘average’: sound knowledge/ understanding of topic	16–19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> competent: major points adequately developed largely relevant and remains focused on the question reasonable range of examples/illustration to support key points reasonably structured
Band 3 LOWER fair knowledge/ understanding of topic	13–15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> more obvious points mentioned rather than adequately developed some digression, but generally sticks to the question does not always support major points with apt illustration tendency to assert/generalise rather than argue/discuss in detail may lack focus
Band 4 ‘flawed but not weak: limited knowledge/ understanding of topic’	7–12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> restricted material/scope: rather pedestrian some relevance but may be implicit/tangential at times prone to unsubstantiated, sweeping statements: ideas vague and/or lacking sustained development: can be digressive and wander off topic limited illustration and/or factual inaccuracy insufficient focus; essay offloads everything known about the particular topic with inadequate reference to the key words in the question
Band 5 ‘weak–very weak’ poor/very poor knowledge/ understanding of topic	0–6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (totally) inadequate content with little/no substance: (very) vague and confused ideas question largely (completely) misinterpreted/ misunderstood very limited (total) irrelevance very limited/(no) appropriate illustration. <p>bracketed descriptors denote 0–2 range</p>

Question	Answer	Marks
1	<p>‘People’s views matter as little in a democracy as in a one-party state.’ How far do you agree?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consensus politics reduces the scope for change • Public apathy • The electoral system ensures that a truly popular government is unlikely • Community involvement is often negligible • Powerful interest groups are unchallenged • The interests and needs of minorities are unrepresented • Lack of diversity – women and minority ethnic groups • General feeling of powerlessness • If we deserve better, how do we go about achieving it? • Corruption in public office • Other views often do not count in one-party states 	50

Question	Answer	Marks
2	<p>‘When considering a future career, the most important factor is money.’ How far do you agree?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What constitutes a worthwhile career? • Vocational occupations • Self-satisfaction • Self-realisation (Maslow) • Economic realities • Relation of money to happiness • Cost of education • The qualifications you want • What you are capable of achieving • Career choices and the market • Several other factors may be suggested – availability of courses • Domestic circumstances 	50

Question	Answer	Marks
3	<p>To what extent is gun control a priority?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More people have been killed by guns than by terrorist attacks • Some argue that constitutional rights should not be set in stone; they should be relevant to the times we live in • Most gun violence is inter-communal • Therefore the real priority is not gun control but the eradication of injustice and the reduction of ghettos • The various drug cartels might be seen as the root of the problem • Violence is normalised in various ways, for example, video games • Disturbed people would be less likely to acquire guns • In homes guns can easily fall into the hands of the young • The gun lobby and vested interests • Limits to gun control – self-protection, hunting, other sports 	50

Question	Answer	Marks
4	<p>'Slavery, in its many forms, is as common today as it ever was.' How justifiable is this statement?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officially abolished but still prevalent throughout the world • Various examples of modern slavery • Virtual imprisonment of migrant workers • People trafficking • Prostitution • Child labour • Marriage enslavement • Collusion by big business • Child soldiers • Domestic service 	50

Question	Answer	Marks
5	<p>Some people are seriously considering visiting the planet Mars. Explain whether or not this would be worthwhile.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It may be something you always wanted to do • Excitement and adventure • Will see things no one else has seen • There is no turning back • Health risks • Separation from family and friends • Dangerous mission • Exploration is in human DNA • Danger of international rivalry • Possible benefits for our planet but haven't we enough to do here? 	50

Question	Answer	Marks
6	<p>'Believing in evolution demands that one rejects the existence of a creator.' Discuss.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The two can be compatible • Scientists have been proven wrong • Much depends on our perception of the created and the creator • Monotheistic teaching and the book • Logic versus faith • Science and evolution • GM and cloning • Artificial intelligence • Many prominent physicists believe in a creator God • Revelation is endless – our exploration of the cosmos 	50

Question	Answer	Marks
7	<p>'I wish I were outdoors and not stuck in a classroom!' Explain the possible benefits of learning in the open air.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of play in early education • A break from the traditional curriculum • Demands of a curriculum may be seen to conflict with freedom • Various opportunities for inner city children • Theatre and drama • Creative writing • Health and safety concerns • Improvement in cognitive ability • Less exposure to traffic and pollutants • Restorative and good for mental health • In some countries, teaching traditionally takes place outside because of climate or lack of buildings 	50

Question	Answer	Marks
8	<p>To what extent does participation in sport promote character development?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calls for leadership • Calls for teamwork • Requires stamina and endurance • Participation may be as a supporter • Can take on aggressive characteristics • Other activities can also be character building • Sport has a community function • Can give hope to youth • Give confidence to the disabled 	50

Question	Answer	Marks
9	<p>With reference to <u>two</u> novels you know well, explain how fiction can reveal the truth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two clear examples must be selected • Fiction can be based on a real story • Many authors derive their material from personal experience • The truth can be manipulated to promote an agenda, may be biased • Fiction can reflect social conditions • Vivid characterisation can be rounded or not so rounded • The historical novel • War, love, family, culture can be found in novels, for example, Tolstoy's 'War and Peace' • Novels can portray what life could be like in the future • Novels have memorable characters and situations that are timeless 	50

Question	Answer	Marks
10	<p>Around the world buildings can be listed (made subject to a preservation order). Make your case for protecting <u>two</u> modern buildings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific buildings must be selected • Architectural significance • Historical significance • Religious significance • Aspects of modernity • Futuristic buildings • Tourist attraction • Community preservation • Preservation can include renovation • Buildings come in many shapes and forms 	50

Question	Answer	Marks
11	<p>Discuss the view that there are times and places in which music should never be played.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal devices • Inappropriate contexts • Some people may find music, or certain music, appropriate in certain situations whereas others do not • Time and disturbance • While eating • The view may be challenged • Enforcement • Sacred places • Music can be essential • Musical genres may be discussed, compared, contrasted 	50

Question	Answer	Marks
12	<p>How valuable is photography in exposing reality and promoting change?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • War photography, for example Capa, McCullin • Images of poverty • Animal survival • A photograph can say more than words • However the photograph can lie or distort • Intrusiveness, for example, the paparazzi • Historical record • Vanishing cultures • Threatened environments • People can become inured to the images – could be counter-productive 	50