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General marking guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the last candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the first.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than be penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- 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 judgment is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification/indicative content will not be exhaustive.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, a senior examiner must be consulted before a mark is given.
- Crossed-out work should be marked **unless** the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

Marking guidance - specific

- The marking grids have been designed to assess student work holistically. The grids identify the Assessment Objective being targeted by the level descriptors.
- When deciding how to reward an answer, examiners should consult both the indicative content and the associated marking grid(s). When using a levels-based mark scheme, the 'best fit' approach should be used.
- Examiners should first decide which descriptor most closely matches the answer and place it in that level.
- The mark awarded within the level will be decided based on the quality of the answer and will be modified according to how securely all bullet points are displayed at that level.
- In cases of uneven performance, the points above will still apply. Candidates will be placed in the level that best describes their answer according to the Assessment Objective described in the level. Marks will be awarded towards the top or bottom of that level depending on how they have evidenced each of the descriptor bullet points.
- Indicative content is exactly that it consists of factual points that candidates are likely to use to construct their answer. It is possible for an answer to be constructed without mentioning some or all of these points, as long as they provide alternative responses to the indicative content that fulfil the requirements of the question. It is the examiner's responsibility to apply their professional judgment to the candidate's response in determining if the answer fulfils the requirements of the question.

Paper 2 Mark Scheme

The table below shows the number of raw marks allocated for each question in this mark scheme.

	Assessment Objectives			Total marks			
Component	AO1	AO2	АО3	AO4	AO5	A06	
Component 2 – Non-fiction and Transactional Writing							
Question 1	2						2
Question 2	2						2
Question 3		15					15
Question 4	1						1
Question 5	1						1
Question 6				15			15
Question 7a	6						6
Question 7b			14				14
Question 8 or 9					24	16	40

Section A: Reading

Question	AO1: Identify and interpret explicit and implicit information and	Mark
Number	ideas	
1	 Accept any two of the following answers, based on lines 6-11: '(Mary) didn't respond immediately / (to my) change of pace' 	(2)
	'I cut inside''(There was still a bit of) bumping'	
	(Mary was in Zola's) blind spot	
	• (the) collision	

Question	AO1: Identify and interpret explicit and implicit information and	Mark
Number	ideas	
2	Accept any reasonable answer based on lines 17-21.	(2)
	Quotations and candidate's own words are acceptable.	
	For example:	
	• Zola has a cut on her leg / bloody reminder (of the incident) (1)	
	Zola has 'tears in her eyes' (1)	
	Zola sensed someone had fallen (1)	
	Mary is lying on her back (1)	
	Mary is 'in floods of tears' (1)	
	Mary is 'surrounded by medics and cameramen' (1)	

In responses to the question, examiners should be aware of the different ways candidates may structure their responses. There should be sufficient evidence analysing both language and structure to reward responses. **Responses that are unbalanced cannot access Level 3 or above, where analysis of both language and structure is required.**

Question Number	Indicative content
3	Reward responses that analyse how the text uses language and structure to interest and engage the reader.
	 Responses may include the following points about the language of the text: the writer begins the extract with the verb 'Struggling', creating a sense of tension and physical effort which is continued throughout the extract the description 'pencil-thin' helps to emphasise both how slight Zola was and her youth, and links to the image of 'a trip wire' emotive verbs heighten the impact of the collision: 'tangling', 'stumbled', 'plunging' onomatopoeia is used to demonstrate the impact of the fall: 'thud' the writer uses a simile to emphasise the unexpected nature of the collision: 'as if she had caught her feet on a trip wire'. Simile is also used with hyperbole to demonstrate and sensationalise the horror felt by the watching spectators: "as we are mesmerised by the mangled wreckage on a motorway hard shoulder" adverbs are used to create interest in and emphasis on the feelings of the runners involved: 'violently', 'sharply', 'intuitively' language is used to create immediacy and create a sense of pace and anticipation: 'Straight
	 language is used to create immediacy and create a sense of pace and anticipation: Straight after the collisionglanced sharplyto seeslowing downstormed past her' (some candidates may identify this as alliteration) references to speed and pace show the excitement of the competition: 'respond immediately', 'picked up the pace', 'stormed past her', 'in a flash', 'quickly regained the lead', 'she surged past'. This is contrasted with the language used to show Zola's reaction to the events, which shows her slowing down and losing momentum: 'slowing down in the process', 'began to drop back', 'Zola tailed off to finish a weary seventh'
	• the writer uses language to create a sense of horror and violence (hyperbole): 'violently', 'spectators gasped in horror', 'a bloody reminder', "mangled wreckage", "slashed", 'a fresh nightmare'
	• language is used to suggest confusion and disorder: 'melee', 'surrounded by medics and cameramen', 'chaos' the various ways the event is described creates deliberate confusion about the cause: 'the American stumbled', 'the tumble', 'the collision', 'someone had fallen', "'the accident'", "'the Decker incident'"; this is also emphasised in the final description of 'accusation and counter-accusation'
	 Mary Decker's significance is emphasised: 'crumpled idol', compared to "'Mona Lisa"" language is used to emphasise that the writer is projecting feelings onto the runners to heighten the tension of the events: 'probably', "'She seemed"', 'It was almost as if'; this is contrasted with the use of quotations from runners reflecting on the past event, which creates a factual tone: "I told myself not to be disturbed by the commotion" the importance of competition and winning is emphasised by the language used in the extract:
	 'it dawned on her that her chance to win gold had disappeared in a flash', 'her British teammate and the Romanian were focused on winning medals', "I was prepared to die for victory" (hyperbole), 'a hard-fought silver medal' the writer uses the language style of a sports reporter as if he is commentating on the events live, in order to place the reader at the event: 'to take the lead', 'broken clear from the rest of the field', 'challenged for the lead', 'into the home straight', 'following in her slipstream'.

Responses may include the following points about the **structure** of the text:

- the extract is structured almost as if it is a live sports report, starting with a sense of foreboding: 'Struggling to keep her balance' and moving through the events of the race until the point of winning
- the writer begins some paragraphs with verbs and adverbs, creating an atmosphere of drama and excitement: 'Struggling', 'Immediately', 'Now', 'Sensing'
- the writer uses statements, including quotations, throughout, creating a sense that although the cause of what happened may be unclear, he is remaining objective and factual
- the writer uses contrasting sentence length, using long sentences to layer exciting description of events for the reader and short sentences for impact: 'Around the arena, spectators gasped in horror', 'Not that this mattered now'
- the writer uses dashes to emphasise points and create an idea of immediacy: ' a bloody reminder of the incident ', ' Sly and Puică –'
- repetition is used to emphasise Zola's shock at what had happened: 'mesmerised ...
 mesmerised ... stunned'
- the text uses commas to punctuate sentences into what seems almost like a live commentary on the race
- the final description leaves the reader with a sense of anticipation about what will happen next as it ends with a beginning: 'a fresh nightmare of accusation and counter-accusation would begin.'

(15 marks)

Level	Mark	AO2: Explain, comment on and analyse how writers use language and structure to achieve effects and influence readers, using relevant subject terminology to support their views
	0	No rewardable material.
Level 1	1-3	 Limited comment on the text. Identification of the language and/or structure used to achieve effects and influence readers. The use of references is limited.
Level 2	4-6	 Comment on the text. Comment on the language and/or structure used to achieve effects and influence readers, including use of vocabulary. The selection of references is valid, but not developed. NB: The mark awarded cannot progress beyond the top of Level 2 if only language OR structure has been considered.
Level 3	7–9	 Explanation of the text. Explanation of how both language and structure are used to achieve effects and influence readers, including use of vocabulary and sentence structure. The selection of references is appropriate and relevant to the points being made.
Level 4	10-12	 Exploration of the text. Exploration of how both language and structure are used to achieve effects and influence readers, including use of vocabulary, sentence structure and other language features. The selection of references is detailed, appropriate and fully supports the points being made.
Level 5	13–15	 Analysis of the text. Analysis of how both language and structure are used to achieve effects and influence readers, including use of vocabulary, sentence structure and other language features. The selection of references is discriminating and clarifies the points being made.

Question	AO1: Identify and interpret explicit and implicit information and	Mark
Number	ideas	
4	Accept any reasonable answer based on lines 5-10. Quotations and candidate's own words are acceptable. For example: 'ordeal was now over' / relief / he felt relieved 'great joy of that single moment' / happiness / joy (for others) watching the winner he forgot his pain 'the important thing was not the winning but the taking part' / winning is not important / taking part is more important he feels that fighting to win is just as important as winning	(1)
	 '(felt) no bitterness (at the outcome)' like a failure / he has failed 	

Question Number	AO1: Identify and interpret explicit and implicit information and ideas	Mark
5	Accept any reasonable answer based on lines 22-24. Quotations and candidate's own words are acceptable.	(1)
	 For example: 'food and shelter' / food / shelter a pair of shoes to run in 'willingness' determination / drive the strength to push 'to the furthest limit of exhaustion'. 	

Question	Indicative content					
Number						
6	Reward responses that evaluate how successfully the writer shows failure as something positive.					
	References to writer's techniques should only be credited at Level 2 and above if they support the critical judgement of the text.					
	 this is emphasised through the contrast between his feelings and the success of the winner and the Olympic Games overall: 'The games were a great success. No nation can wreck the Olympic movement'. 					

• the writer ends with the focus on the positive learning he took from his 'failure', effectively leaving the reader with a positive influence in his life: 'The Helsinki Olympic Games were a turning point in my life'

(15 marks)

Level	Mark	AO4: Evaluate texts critically and support this with appropriate textual reference
	0	No rewardable material.
Level 1	1–3	 Description of ideas, events, themes or settings. Limited assertions are offered about the text. The use of references is limited.
Level 2	4-6	 Comment on ideas, events, themes or settings. Straightforward opinions with limited judgements are offered about the text. The selection of references is valid, but not developed.
Level 3	7-9	 Explanation of ideas, events, themes or settings. Informed judgement is offered about the text. The selection of references is appropriate and relevant to the points being made.
Level 4	10-12	 Analysis of ideas, events, themes or settings. Well-informed and developed critical judgement is offered about the text. The selection of references is appropriate, detailed and fully supports the points being made.
Level 5	13–15	 Evaluation of ideas, events, themes or settings. There is a sustained and detached critical overview and judgement about the text. The selection of references is apt and discriminating and is persuasive in clarifying the points being made.

Level	Mark	AO1: Select and synthesise evidence from different texts	
	0	No rewardable material.	
Level 1	1-2	 Limited understanding of similarities. Limited synthesis of the two texts. The use of evidence is limited. 	
Level 2	3-4	 Sound understanding of similarities. Clear synthesis of the two texts. The selection of evidence is valid but not developed and there may be an imbalance. 	
Level 3	5-6	 Detailed understanding of similarities. Detailed synthesis of the two texts. The selection of evidence is appropriate and relevant to the points being made. 	

In responses to the following question, examiners should be aware of the different ways candidates may structure their responses. There should be sufficient evidence in the response analysing each text, and comparing the texts to reward responses.

Responses that are unbalanced will not be able to access Level 3 or above, where explanation of writers' ideas and perspectives is required alongside a range of comparisons between texts.

Level	Mark	AO3: Compare writers' ideas and perspectives, as well as how these are conveyed, across two or more texts
	0	No rewardable material.
Level 1	1–2	 The response does not compare the texts. Description of writers' ideas and perspectives, including theme, language and/or structure. The use of references is limited.
Level 2	3-5	 The response considers obvious comparisons between the texts. Comment on writers' ideas and perspectives, including theme, language and/or structure. The selection of references is valid, but not developed. NB: The mark awarded cannot progress beyond the top of Level 2 if only ONE text has been considered in detail.
Level 3	6-8	 The response considers a range of comparisons between the texts. Explanation of writers' ideas and perspectives including theme, language and/or structure. The selection of references is appropriate and relevant to the points being made.
Level 4	9–11	 The response considers a wide range of comparisons between the texts. Exploration of writers' ideas and perspectives including how the theme, language and/or structure are used across the texts. References are balanced across both texts and fully support the points being made.
Level 5	12-14	 The response considers a varied and comprehensive range of comparisons between the texts. Analysis of writers' ideas and perspectives including how the theme, language and/or structure are used across the texts. References are balanced across both texts, they are discriminating, and clarify the points being made.

Section B: Transactional Writing

Refer to the writing assessment grids at the end of this section when marking Question 8 and Question 9.

Question Number	Indicative content				
*8	Purpose: to write a review of an interesting or exciting event, to inform and/or persuade.				
	Audience: the writing is for a general readership. The focus is on communicating ideas reviewing an event. This may involve a range of approaches. Form: the response should be set out as a review using organisational features. There should be clear organisation and structure with an introduction, development of points and a conclusion.				
	 Responses may: give details of the event being reviewed. This could be a sporting event, a meeting with someone important, an exciting experience, a surprise trip for example identify and explain what made the event interesting and/or exciting, for example its content, the emotions it created, its spontaneous or planned nature offer comments on what other people thought of the event, for example spectators, people involved in it, people affected by it. 				
	(40 marks)				
	(includes 16 marks for the range of vocabulary and sentence structures for clarity, purpose and effect, with accurate use of spelling and punctuation)				

Question Number	Indicative content			
*9	Purpose: to write an article for a magazine to inform or persuade.			
	Audience: the writing is for a general readership. The focus is on communicating ideas about competition, positive or negative. This may involve a range of approaches.			
	Form: the response should be set out as an article using organisational features. Some candidates may use stylistic conventions of an article such as subheadings or occasional use of bullet points. Candidates do not have to include features of layout like columns or pictures. There should be clear organisation and structure with an introduction, development of points and a conclusion.			
	 Responses may: identify and explain what areas of life people compete in, for example in sport, academic success, looks and lifestyle, social media, work identify and explain possible positives of competition, for example encouraging people to achieve to the best of their ability, being disciplined, learning to deal positively with disappointment or failure offer possible negatives of competition, for example dealing with disappointment or failure, negative self-esteem, making unhelpful comparisons with other people, reduction in motivation. (40 marks) 			
	(includes 16 marks for the range of vocabulary and sentence structures for clarity, purpose and effect, with accurate use of spelling and punctuation)			

Writing assessment grids for Question 8 and Question 9

AO5:

- Communicate clearly, effectively and imaginatively, selecting and adapting tone, style and register for different forms, purposes and audiences
- Organise information and ideas, using structural and grammatical features to support coherence and cohesion of texts

Level	Mark	The candidate:
	0	provides no rewardable material
Level 1	1-4	 offers a basic response, with audience and/or purpose not fully established expresses information and ideas, with limited use of structural and grammatical features
Level 2	5-9	 shows an awareness of audience and purpose, with straightforward use of tone, style and register expresses and orders information and ideas; uses paragraphs and a range of structural and grammatical features
Level 3	10-14	 selects material and stylistic or rhetorical devices to suit audience and purpose, with appropriate use of tone, style and register develops and connects appropriate information and ideas; structural and grammatical features and paragraphing make meaning clear
Level 4	15-19	 organises material for particular effect, with effective use of tone, style and register manages information and ideas, with structural and grammatical features used cohesively and deliberately across the text
Level 5	20-24	 shapes audience response with subtlety, with sophisticated and sustained use of tone, style and register manipulates complex ideas, utilising a range of structural and grammatical features to support coherence and cohesion.

AO6: Candidates must use a range of vocabulary and sentence structures for clarity, purpose and effect, with accurate spelling and punctuation

Level	Mark	The candidate:
	0	provides no rewardable material
Level 1	1-3	 uses basic vocabulary, often misspelled uses punctuation with basic control, creating undeveloped, often repetitive, sentence structures
Level 2	4-6	 writes with a range of correctly spelt vocabulary, e.g. words with regular patterns such as prefixes, suffixes, double consonants uses punctuation with control, creating a range of sentence structures, including coordination and subordination
Level 3	7-9	 uses a varied vocabulary and spells words containing irregular patterns correctly uses accurate and varied punctuation, adapting sentence structure to contribute positively to purpose and effect
Level 4	10-12	 uses a wide, selective vocabulary with only occasional spelling errors positions a range of punctuation for clarity, managing sentence structures for deliberate effect
Level 5	13-16	 uses an extensive vocabulary strategically; rare spelling errors do not detract from overall meaning punctuates writing with accuracy to aid emphasis and precision, using a range of sentence structures accurately and selectively to achieve particular effects.