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Higher – Listening and Writing

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Question/Acceptable answers	2 points	Unacceptable answers	Irrelevant/Insufficient
<p>1. What made Nicole’s Abitur so stressful?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a lot/lots/(so) much/loads/a huge amount to learn/study/do/revise she had so much work to do for them • a lot of/lots of/loads of/(so) many <u>books</u> to read she had to study from many books • essays to write		<p>too much to do she had a lot on</p> <p>too many books to read</p> <p>reports to write</p>	<p>she read a lot of books she had a lot to read she had books to read she had a lot of reading to do</p> <p>she had lots to write</p>

(2 from 3)

Question/Acceptable answers	1 point	Unacceptable answers	Irrelevant/Insufficient
<p>2. (a) How did she prepare for the exams?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She had a revision/study/learning plan/programme She made a timetable for learning/a revision timetable <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She studied/learned new/different things/stuff/topics each week She studied something else/new things each week 	1 point	<p>a learn plan an exam timetable a study/revision guide she went over the course again</p>	she revised
<p>(b) How did this affect her free time?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She did not have any (free time)/She had none. No (more) free time It took away her free time. Her time was all taken up. • Could not see/meet/go out with her friends as/so often/ as/so much • Hardly any time for sport Practically/almost no time for sport She did hardly any sport 	2 points	<p>Free time was scarce Not much/less/hardly any free time</p> <p>Hardly saw them Did not see them much</p> <p>Not much/very little/not enough/ not as much/little time</p>	
(2 from 3)			

Question/Acceptable answers	1 point	Unacceptable answers	Irrelevant/Insufficient
<p>3. How did she do in her Abitur?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She was pleased/happy/satisfied/content with her mark(s)/grade(s)/result(s) She thought she had done very well <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • she got (an average of) 1.5 		<p>she did very well proud of her grades at peace with her grades pleased with her notes</p> <p>she only got 1.5 she got a 1.5 in (name of subject)</p>	
<p>4. What celebrations followed the exams?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 to 4 days/3 or 4 days of parties/partying They had a party/partied for 3 or 4 days/3 to 4 days There was a 3-4 day party • (People from) school organised/had/held/threw/arranged a (big) “do”/event/party/celebration/dance/ceremony 	2 points	<p>3 or 4 parties a party 3 or 4 days later</p> <p>Feier=fire/fair/fireworks/feast School organised a party for every year in the school.</p>	

Question/Acceptable answers		Unacceptable answers	Irrelevant/Insufficient
5.	<p>(a) Nicole's reward was a holiday on Fuertaventura. With whom did she go? 1 point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a big/large group/crowd/cliq<u>e</u> of friends/pals (about) 10 friends/pals 10 of her friends/pals 	<p>her close friends any wrong number a nice group of friends people</p>	
	<p>(b) What did they have to plan? 2 points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the flight(s)/plane(s) the plane journey/ticket(s) accommodation/somewhere to stay where to spend the night activities what (they were going) to do everything/things to do <p style="text-align: center;">(2 from 3)</p>	<p>hotel/campsite/youth hostel, etc.</p> <p>the whole adventure/ excursions/the itinerary/ entertainment</p>	<p>how they were going to get there</p>
	<p>(c) How did they go about organising their trip? 1 point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> internet/websites <u>and</u> travel agent/bureau/office booked it on-line and got info from the travel agent 	<p>tourist office/a journey shop</p>	

Question/Acceptable answers

6. In what way did things not quite go according to plan?

3 points

- three of the group could not go/make it
three people pulled out
- one – could not go because of parents
one – because of her parents/because her parents banned her
Corinna’s parents would not let her go
Corinna was not allowed to go
- one – could not go because of work
Mario found/got a job/had to work
- one – could not go because of illness
Nadine took ill

(3 from 4)

Unacceptable answers

three got left behind

Corinna had to stay with her parents.

Corinna was not allowed without her parents.

Mario had to get/look for a job.

Irrelevant/Insufficient

Question/Acceptable answers

7. How did they spend their time during the holiday?

3 points

- went out a lot

- relaxing by the sea/on the beach
relaxing in the sun
by the sea in the sun

(Answer must have 2 elements of relax+sea+sun.)

- spent a week doing nothing (at all)

- went on a couple/few/some excursions/(day-)trips/outings

- did some sightseeing
saw the sights
went to see the sights

NB went on trips to see sights = 1 point

(3 from 5)

Unacceptable answers

Irrelevant/Insufficient

in the sea

a week of nothing

went on a day-trip
went on a trip a day
went on a few trips every day
went around the country

Question/Acceptable answers

8. Why would Nicole recommend doing something like this with friends?

2 points

- last chance/opportunity/time to spend time with/to be with/to see your friends

- before going to university or starting a job
before university or work/job

Unacceptable answers

Irrelevant/Insufficient

it is good to spend time

Higher Writing

Task: Short essay

Assessment Process: • With reference to *Content, Accuracy and Language Resource*, assess the overall quality of the response and allocate it to a pegged mark.

Category	Mark	Content	Accuracy	Language Resource – Variety, Range, Structures
Very Good	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The topic is covered fully, in a balanced way, including a number of complex sentences. • Some candidates may also provide additional information. • A wide range of verbs/verb forms and constructions is used. There may also be a variety of tenses. • Overall this comes over as a competent, well thought-out response to the task which reads naturally. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The candidate handles all aspects of grammar and spelling accurately, although the language may contain some minor errors or even one more serious error. • Where the candidate attempts to use language more appropriate to post-Higher, a slightly higher number of inaccuracies need not detract from the overall very good impression. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The candidate is comfortable with almost all the grammar used and generally uses a different verb or verb form in each sentence. • There is good use of a variety of tenses, adjectives, adverbs and prepositional phrases and, where appropriate, word order. • The candidate uses co-ordinating conjunctions and subordinate clauses throughout the writing. • The language flows well.
Good	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The topic is addressed, generally quite fully, and some complex sentences may be included. • The candidate uses a reasonable range of verbs/verb forms and other constructions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The candidate generally handles verbs and other parts of speech accurately but simply. • There may be some errors in spelling, adjective endings and, where relevant, case endings. • Use of accents may be less secure. • Where the candidate is attempting to use more complex vocabulary and structures, these may be less successful, although basic structures are used accurately. • There may be minor misuse of dictionary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There may be less variety in the verbs used. • Most of the more complex sentences use co-ordinating conjunctions, and there may also be examples of subordinating conjunctions where appropriate. • At times the language may be more basic than might otherwise be expected at this level. • Overall the writing will be competent, mainly correct, but pedestrian.

Category	Mark	Content	Accuracy	Language Resource – Variety, Range, Structures
Satisfactory	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The candidate uses mainly simple, more basic sentences. The language is perhaps repetitive and uses a limited range of verbs and fixed phrases not appropriate to this level. The topic may not be fully addressed. In some cases, the content may be similar to that of good or very good examples, but with some serious accuracy issues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The verbs are generally correct, but basic. Tenses may be inconsistent. There are quite a few errors in other parts of speech – personal pronouns, gender of nouns, adjective endings, cases, singular/plural confusion – and in the use of accents. Some prepositions may be inaccurate or omitted eg I go the town. While the language may be reasonably accurate at times, the language structure may deteriorate significantly in places. Overall, there is more correct than incorrect and there is the impression overall that the candidate can handle tenses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The candidate copes with the present tense of most verbs. A limited range of verbs is used. Candidate relies on a limited range of vocabulary and structures. Where the candidate attempts constructions with modal verbs, these are not always successful. Sentences may be basic and mainly brief. There is minimal use of adjectives, probably mainly after “is” eg My friend is reliable. The candidate has a weak knowledge of plurals. There may be several spelling errors eg reversal of vowel combinations.
Unsatisfactory	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In some cases the content may be basic. In other cases there may be little difference in content between Satisfactory and Unsatisfactory. The language is repetitive, with undue reliance on fixed phrases and a limited range of common basic verbs such as <i>to be</i>, <i>to have</i>, <i>to play</i>, <i>to watch</i>. While the language used to address the more predictable aspects of the task may be accurate, serious errors occur when the candidate attempts to address a less predictable aspect. The Personal Response may be presented as a single paragraph. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to form tenses is inconsistent. In the use of the perfect tense the auxiliary verb is omitted on a number of occasions. There may be confusion between the singular and plural form of verbs. There are errors in many other parts of speech – gender of nouns, cases, singular/plural confusion – and in spelling and, where appropriate, word order. Several errors are serious, perhaps showing mother tongue interference. There may be one sentence which is not intelligible to a sympathetic native speaker. Overall, there is more incorrect than correct. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The candidate copes mainly only with predictable language. There is inconsistency in the use of various expressions, especially verbs. Sentences are more basic. An English word may appear in the writing or a word may be omitted. There may be an example of serious dictionary misuse.

Category	Mark	Content	Accuracy	Language Resource – Variety, Range, Structures
Poor	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The content and language may be very basic. • However, in many cases the content may be little different from that expected at Unsatisfactory or even at Satisfactory. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many of the verbs are incorrect or even omitted. • There are many errors in other parts of speech – personal pronouns, gender of nouns, adjective endings, cases, singular/plural confusion – and in spelling and word order. • Prepositions are not used correctly. • The language is probably inaccurate throughout the writing. • Some sentences may not be understood by a sympathetic native speaker. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The candidate cannot cope with more than 1 or 2 basic verbs, frequently “has” and “is”. • Verbs used more than once may be written differently on each occasion. • The candidate has a very limited vocabulary. • Several English or “made-up” words may appear in the writing. • There are examples of serious dictionary misuse.
Very Poor	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The content is very basic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Virtually) nothing is correct. • Most of the errors are serious. • Very little is intelligible to a sympathetic native speaker. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The candidate copes only with “have” and “am”. • Very few words are correctly written in the foreign language. • English words are used. • There may be several examples of mother tongue interference. • There may be several examples of serious dictionary misuse.

What if....?	
the candidate exceeds the recommended word count?	This in itself need not be important, although it is important to be clear that it is possible to attain top marks, if the writing does not exceed 120 words. It is important to assess what has been written – sometimes by exceeding the word count the candidate’s control of the language deteriorates and this has to be reflected in the mark awarded.
the candidate has been asked to address a topic with two aspects but only addresses one of these?	In such a case the candidate is deemed to have not addressed the task fully. The quality of the language should be assessed and the writing should then be placed in the next category down, eg if the writing would otherwise have been awarded 8, it should instead be awarded 6.
some parts of the writing fit into one category but others are in the next, lower category?	If the better sections contain more sophisticated language, it may still be appropriate to choose the higher marks. However, if the better sections contain relatively basic constructions and attempts to use more sophisticated language are unsuccessful, then it is most likely that the writing is at the 6/4 interface and the Marking Criteria should be used to help the marker come to a final decision.
the marker is having great difficulty in deciding whether the writing is good enough to pass or not quite good enough to pass?	It is essential to consider carefully the accuracy of the verbs overall. If more verbs are correct than wrong, then it is likely that the candidate deserves to pass, unless there are many other inaccuracies in the writing.

[END OF MARKING INSTRUCTIONS]