11+ English Continuous Writing: Sample Mark Scheme

	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
Ideas	clear and original writing – *may* include abstract forms, philosophical ideas, metaphors securely focussed on task (in content and style): ideas explored in depth	clear and effective writing appropriately focussed: ideas explained	content relates to task no clear purpose in the writing: ideas listed	incoherent ideas that may be entirely irrelevant to task writing unrelated to intended purpose
Vocabulary (incl. spelling)	ambitious vocabulary used appropriately to enhance communication spelling accurate for all basic vocabulary	some ambitious vocabulary used effectively (avoiding overly ornate vocabulary or expression that obscures meaning) spelling mostly accurate	basic vocabulary – ambitious words misapplied spelling errors to simple words	limited clarity in choice of vocabulary limited accuracy with spelling
Grammar	secure tenses throughout			
Structure	securely structured in response to task with a clear sense of direction and originality throughout connectives used appropriately paragraphs used accurately varied and effective sentence structure	structured to communicate clearly (although not a creative sense of structuring) paragraphs in evidence some variety in sentence structure	no paragraphs basic sentence structure (may be missing sentence demarcation)	no paragraphs no sentence structure
Punctuation	punctuation varied and used creatively	punctuation limited (eg; just full stops – maybe commas) but mostly secure	some basic punctuation but not always accurate	limited punctuation