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## Listening and Reading tests

### General principles of marking

#### Non-verbal answers

Follow the mark scheme as set out.

#### Verbal answers (English or target language)

1. The basic principle of assessment is that students should gain credit for what they know, understand and can do; provided their written response communicates the required message without ambiguity, it will get the mark. The following guidance should be borne in mind when marking.

- (a) Credit should be given for all answers which convey the key idea required intelligibly and without ambiguity. This applies whether the answer is in English or target language. A separate assessment of spelling, punctuation and grammar is not required because of the nature of the answers. However, these aspects are an integral part of assessing communication and marks cannot be awarded where errors in spelling, punctuation or grammar lead to a failure to communicate the required information **without ambiguity**.
  - (b) Where a student has given alternatives or additional information in an answer, the following criteria should be applied: – if the alternative/addition does not contradict the key idea/make it ambiguous, **accept** – if the alternative/addition contradicts the key idea or makes it ambiguous, **reject**.
  - (c) Where numbered lines are given within a question/section of a question, credit should be given for correct answers, no matter which line they appear on.
  - (d) Where a question has more than one **section (eg (i) and (ii))**, a candidate may include as part of the answer to one section the information required to answer another section. Eg, in Listening, information required to answer section (ii) might be given as part of the answer to section (i). In such cases, credit should be given for having answered section (ii), provided that no incorrect answer has been given for that section in the correct place on the question paper.
2. In questions where students are asked to give for example a list of three items, only the first three items they write down should be considered for assessment purposes.
3. No mark scheme can cover all possible answers. When in doubt, look for the key idea.
4. Where a student has crossed out an answer and what was underneath remains legible then it should be marked. When part of an answer is crossed out, then only what remains should be considered.
5. .../.. means that these are acceptable alternative answers in the mark scheme. ( ..... ) means that this information is not needed for full marks to be awarded.
6. In questions which are T/F/? or √/X/? in either Section A or Section B, a mix and match approach should be tolerated and credit given where it is clear and unambiguous (eg consistent use by the candidate). If candidates write 'True' instead of 'V' for Verdad in Section B, this should also be credited despite the wrong language being used.

7. The following general principles should be applied in relation to answers in the target language in Section B:

- A. Incorrect personal pronouns – accept (unless this causes ambiguity)
- B. Incorrect possessive adjectives – accept (unless this causes ambiguity)
- C. Wrong gender – accept (unless this causes ambiguity)
- D. Infinitive – will normally communicate without ambiguity, so should be accepted
- E. Wrong tense – accept as long as student comprehension is not in question
- F. Minor spelling errors – accept as long as the answer is understandable with no ambiguity. In Section B, this means that even if the spelling error results in the creation of a word in another language, including English, then provided it is a recognisable attempt at a spelling in the target language, it will be credited.

| Question | Accept           | Mark |
|----------|------------------|------|
| 01.1     | D (Horse parade) | 1    |

| Question | Accept                 | Mark |
|----------|------------------------|------|
| 01.2     | F (Traditional dances) | 1    |

| Question | Accept              | Mark |
|----------|---------------------|------|
| 01.3     | A (Art competition) | 1    |

| Question | Accept              | Mark |
|----------|---------------------|------|
| 01.4     | B (Flower festival) | 1    |

| Question | Accept    | Mark |
|----------|-----------|------|
| 02.1     | F (false) | 1    |

| Question | Accept                         | Mark |
|----------|--------------------------------|------|
| 02.2     | NM (not mentioned in the text) | 1    |

| Question | Accept   | Mark |
|----------|----------|------|
| 02.3     | T (true) | 1    |

| Question | Accept    | Mark |
|----------|-----------|------|
| 02.4     | F (false) | 1    |

| Question | Accept                                            | Mark |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------|------|
| 03.1     | C (Leave for different places all over the world) | 1    |

| Question | Accept                     | Mark |
|----------|----------------------------|------|
| 03.2     | B (There is less poverty.) | 1    |

| Question | Accept            | Mark |
|----------|-------------------|------|
| 03.3     | A (Cheap housing) | 1    |

| Question |         | Key ideas                  | Accept                                | Reject | Mark |
|----------|---------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------|------|
| 04.1     | Ricardo | (At the) beginning of July | 1 <sup>st</sup> of July<br>Early July | July   | 1    |

| Question |      | Key ideas                  | Accept | Reject                                                                   | Mark |
|----------|------|----------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| 04.2     | Sara | (To) paint the dining room |        | (To) paint<br>Paint it<br>Go back with/meet/join another group<br>people | 1    |

| Question |                                           | Key ideas                  | Accept                                  | Reject                          | Mark |
|----------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------|
| 04.3     | Manolo (When he is going back to Ecuador) | After Christmas            |                                         | Christmas                       | 1    |
|          | Manolo (What he is going to do)           | (To) finish the playground | (To) finish a children's park/play park | Finish it<br>Finish the park(s) | 1    |

| Question | Accept                    | Mark |
|----------|---------------------------|------|
| 05.1     | C (in a stationery shop.) | 1    |

| Question | Accept                       | Mark |
|----------|------------------------------|------|
| 05.2     | A (does not earn very much.) | 1    |

| Question | Accept                    | Mark |
|----------|---------------------------|------|
| 05.3     | C (reading and thinking.) | 1    |

| Question | Accept                     | Mark |
|----------|----------------------------|------|
| 06.1     | B (was born on the coast.) | 1    |

| Question | Accept           | Mark |
|----------|------------------|------|
| 06.2     | B (cycle paths.) | 1    |

| Question | Accept           | Mark |
|----------|------------------|------|
| 06.3     | B (has gone up.) | 1    |

| Question | Accept                                 | Mark |
|----------|----------------------------------------|------|
| 06.4     | A (they are keeping the library open.) | 1    |

| Question | Key ideas                   | Accept                    | Reject                                                    | Mark |
|----------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------|
| 07.1     | (It) looks after (the) skin | (To) care for (your) skin | (It is) good (for your) skin<br>(It) protects (your) skin | 1    |

| Question | Key ideas         | Accept | Reject                                    | Mark |
|----------|-------------------|--------|-------------------------------------------|------|
| 07.2     | (You) lose weight |        | Reference to lowering calories on its own | 1    |

| Question | Key ideas                 | Accept | Reject | Mark |
|----------|---------------------------|--------|--------|------|
| 07.3     | (It) protects (the) heart |        |        | 1    |

| Question | Accept       | Mark |
|----------|--------------|------|
| 08.1     | P (positive) | 1    |

| Question | Accept       | Mark |
|----------|--------------|------|
| 08.2     | N (negative) | 1    |

| Question | Accept                        | Mark |
|----------|-------------------------------|------|
| 08.3     | P + N (positive and negative) | 1    |

| Question | Accept       | Mark |
|----------|--------------|------|
| 08.4     | P (positive) | 1    |

| Question | Accept             | Mark |
|----------|--------------------|------|
| 09.1     | D (Go ice skating) | 1    |

| Question | Accept               | Mark |
|----------|----------------------|------|
| 09.2     | F (Go to see a film) | 1    |

| Question | Accept                     | Mark |
|----------|----------------------------|------|
| 09.3     | C (Give technical support) | 1    |

| Question | Accept             | Mark |
|----------|--------------------|------|
| 09.4     | A (Do some baking) | 1    |

| Question | Accept                                                            | Mark |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| 10       | In any order<br>D (Su padrastro)<br>C (Su madre)<br>B (Su abuelo) | 3    |

| Question | Accept     | Mark |
|----------|------------|------|
| 11.1     | D (piloto) | 1    |

| Question | Accept     | Mark |
|----------|------------|------|
| 11.2     | C (médico) | 1    |

| Question | Accept        | Mark |
|----------|---------------|------|
| 11.3     | A (enfermero) | 1    |

| Question | Accept      | Mark |
|----------|-------------|------|
| 11.4     | E (policía) | 1    |

| Question | Key ideas  | Accept                 | Reject              | Mark |
|----------|------------|------------------------|---------------------|------|
| 12.1     | (De) noche | A noche (as two words) | Anoche<br>(En) mayo | 1    |

| Question | Key ideas | Accept | Reject                                                            | Mark |
|----------|-----------|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| 12.2     | Vino      |        | (El) vino al castillo (a caballo)<br>Llevaron el vino al castillo | 1    |

| Question | Key ideas         | Accept  | Reject                                             | Mark |
|----------|-------------------|---------|----------------------------------------------------|------|
| 12.3     | (Todos) mejoraron | Mejoran | (Lo) bebieron (vino) - on its own<br>(Todos) mejor | 1    |

| Question | Key ideas   | Accept | Reject                  | Mark |
|----------|-------------|--------|-------------------------|------|
| 12.4     | Emocionante |        | Espléndido – on its own | 1    |

| Question | Accept                                      | Mark |
|----------|---------------------------------------------|------|
| 13.1     | <b>B</b> (A Greta le gusta mucho estudiar.) | 1    |

| Question | Accept                                                                 | Mark |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| 13.2     | <b>A</b> (Cuando le fascina un tema, Greta lo estudia con entusiasmo.) | 1    |

| Question | Accept                                                                                                                                | Mark |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| 13.3     | <b>A + B</b> (Greta y Dante van a pasar doce meses fuera de casa. + Greta y Dante comparten los mismos planes para el año que viene.) | 1    |

| Question | Accept                                                                                                              | Mark |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| 13.4     | <b>A + B</b> (Greta y Dante van a Toronto para practicar la lengua. + Greta y Dante van a hacer turismo en Canadá.) | 1    |

| Question | Accept      | Mark |
|----------|-------------|------|
| 14.1     | E (Eugenia) | 1    |

| Question | Accept    | Mark |
|----------|-----------|------|
| 14.2     | C (Carla) | 1    |

| Question | Accept       | Mark |
|----------|--------------|------|
| 14.3     | B (Benjamín) | 1    |

| Question    | Spanish                               | Key ideas                                       | Accept                                 | Reject                                                   | Mark |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|------|
| 15          | Me encanta la informática.            | I love ICT/computing/<br>information technology | I like ICT very much.                  | I like ICT.<br>I love information.<br>I love technology. | 1    |
|             | Es una asignatura útil,               | It is a useful<br>subject/lesson/class,         |                                        | 'course' for 'subject'                                   | 1    |
|             | aunque puede ser bastante<br>difícil. | although it can be quite difficult.             | even though it can be quite<br>hard.   |                                                          | 1    |
|             | La semana pasada tuvimos              | Last week we had                                | Last week we did/sat/took              | Last week I did                                          | 1    |
|             | un examen de matemáticas,             | a/the math(s) exam,                             | my/our math(s) test,                   |                                                          | 1    |
|             | pero no saqué buenas notas.           | but I didn't get good<br>grades/marks.          | but I didn't get a good<br>grade/mark. | but I didn't make good notes.                            | 1    |
|             | Mi hermano mayor va a                 | My older/big/elder brother is<br>going to       | My older/big/elder brother will        |                                                          | 1    |
|             | ayudarme a repasar                    | help me (to) revise                             |                                        | help me to pass                                          | 1    |
|             | porque nos llevamos bien.             | because we get on well.                         |                                        |                                                          | 1    |
| Total marks |                                       |                                                 |                                        |                                                          | 60   |