

# Examiners Marking Scheme

All the questions in the exam come in four parts – (a) to (d). This is how they are marked.



For a partially correct answer – **1 mark**  
For a correct answer – **2 marks.**



For a personal response with one brief reason **1 mark**  
For a personal response with two brief reasons or one developed reason **2 marks**  
For a personal response with two reasons with one developed **3 marks**  
For a personal response with two developed reasons **4 marks**

**Level 1** 1-2 **Little understanding** of the issue shown, typically by:

Giving a brief reason, not explaining but only describing the issue.

The answer is likely to be in basic English. The skills needed to produce effective writing will not normally be present. The writing may have some coherence and will be generally comprehensible, but lack both clarity and organisation. High incidence of syntactical and/or spelling errors.

**Level 2** 3-4 **Basic understanding** of the issue is shown typically by using two brief reasons or a developed reason.

The candidate is likely to express understanding with a limited command of English and little use of specialist vocabulary. The range of skills needed to produce effective writing is likely to be limited. There are likely to be passages which lack clarity and proper organisation. Frequent syntactical and/or spelling errors are likely to be present.



**Level 3** 5-6 A **more developed** understanding of the issue is shown typically by using three brief reasons or a fully developed reason or two reasons with one developed.

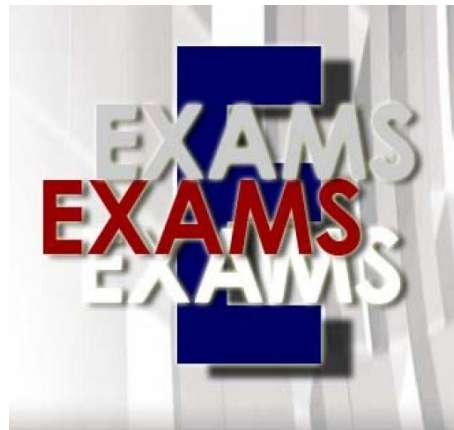
The candidate is likely to express understanding in a clear style of English and some use of specialist vocabulary. The candidate will demonstrate most of the skills needed to produce effective extended writing but there will be lapses in organisation. Some spelling errors are likely to be present.

**Level 4** 7-8 A **clear understanding** of the issue is shown typically by using four brief reasons, or two developed reasons, or three reasons with one developed, or a comprehensive explanation using one reason only.

The candidate is likely to express understanding in a clear and correct style of English with a correct use of specialist vocabulary where appropriate. Good organisation and clarity. Excellent organisation and planning.



When the examiner marks your exam he/she has to follow this marking scheme. As long as your answers follow this then the examiner must award you full marks.



Look at an example of a model answer on the next page. If you look at this marking scheme you can see how it achieved full marks.