

MARKING NOTES
REMARQUES POUR LA NOTATION
NOTAS PARA LA CORRECCIÓN

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ENGLISH / ANGLAIS / INGLÉS B

Standard Level
Niveau Moyen
Nivel Medio

Paper / Épreuve / Prueba 2

These notes are not intended to replace the published criteria but to supplement them in some instances.

*These notes are intended to define the **top** of the markscale in this examination. The phrase “a good answer” is intended to refer to scripts which are likely to be placed in the 9–10 band of descriptors. Scripts should be marked proportionately lower to the degree to which they fail to meet these descriptors.*

*In each case, good answers will meet **most**, though not necessarily **all**, of the following requirements.*

1. A good answer will
 - present the argument for one side only, though it may refer **briefly** to the opposite viewpoint in order to rebut it
 - cite some appropriate illustrations
 - be fairly informal but not lose sight of the fact that there are teachers and adjudicators as well as students in the audience; it should not degenerate into the colloquial
 - have a suitable opening and conclusion

2. A good answer will
 - have an appropriate opening and conclusion
 - adopt a sympathetic and friendly tone throughout
 - as appropriate, refer to points raised in the preceding phone conversation
 - include some suggestions
 - be informal, possibly very informal, but not too light-hearted.

3. A good answer
 - will argue its writer’s case with the help of suitable examples drawn from the experience of the writer and, possibly, the writer’s acquaintances
 - could, while always respectful, be fairly informal and might show a light touch including some humour
 - will have a suitable opening and conclusion.

4. A good answer will
 - grab the reader’s attention from the start
 - describe the work of the charity in some detail
 - clearly explain the proposed **very challenging** activity in a lively way
 - make a clear pitch for sponsorship
 - give a contact address or phone number unless some other strategy is employed
 - be fairly informal but with some zing.

5. A good answer will

- explain the innovation clearly
- mention at least a few winning features of the innovation (minimum of two)
- have in mind the life-changing qualities of the innovation
- adopt a suitable format, for example, a report or a formal letter.

6. A good answer will

- remain a narrative and not degenerate into sermonizing, though it may express a moral
 - keep in mind both of the words “personal” and “important”
 - not necessarily be serious throughout: it could well include humorous aspects
 - range from informal to very informal.
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