

**MARKING NOTES
REMARQUES POUR LA NOTATION
NOTAS PARA LA CORRECCIÓN**

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

1. Explanation – factual – report of a situation

A good answer will

- adopt a formal register.
- adopt a format suitable for a report.
- perhaps refer to the writer’s own reading; this should be rewarded.
- perhaps include one or more recommendations; this should be rewarded.

2. Description and narration – imaginative – anecdote

A good answer will

- adopt a register which is formal to semi-formal except that, in relating the incidents, a quite informal register might be appropriate.
- clearly convey the writer’s appreciation of the person described.
- perhaps itself be amusing; this should be amply rewarded.
- include both description and narration; failure to do so would suggest a maximum score of **[4 marks]** for Criterion C.
- recount at least two instances; failure to do so would suggest a maximum score of **[4 marks]** for Criterion C.

3. Written interaction – informal – letter

A good answer will

- clearly convey the writer’s shock and distress/anger.
- adopt a register which suits the tone of the letter: it is not possible to be prescriptive.
- perhaps be quite insulting and use strong language, but it will not use coarse language.
- address both aspects: the “friend’s” action and the future prospects for their friendship; failure to do so would suggest a maximum score of **[4 marks]** for Criterion C.

4. Description – factual – introduction

A good answer will

- adopt a register in the range semi-formal to informal, always showing appropriate respect to the audience.
 - use persuasive language and style.
 - have an appropriate greeting and closure, and will use “you”.
 - address both aspects of the task: the explanation and the request.
 - explain the proposed itinerary, mode of transport, nature of the concerts and composition of the audiences; answers which do all of these should be rewarded.
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