



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

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

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

1. Written interaction – informal – letter or email

A good answer

- will sympathise, give advice and offer suggestions on how to cope with illness and problems associated with it
- may contain elements which are either unusual, exciting or funny, or a combination of these
- may include details about the trip and include speculations about what may happen on the trip; this should be rewarded
- adopt a tone suitable to the nature of the incident
- will adopt an informal register.

2. Explanation – informal – diary entry

A good answer

- will acknowledge the audience by means of a greeting (*e.g.* Dear diary)
- will use appropriate markers to highlight the time (the day the writer has decided to live over) and place
- adopt a friendly tone
- adopt a semi formal to informal register
- will address all parts of the question (explain clearly what they regret and why; explain what they would do differently; describe their feelings). Failure to include information on any of these three parts of the question would result in losing marks for Criterion C
- may include imaginative and creative ideas; this should be rewarded.

3. Factual explanation/controversial argument – fairly formal – text of a speech

A good answer

- will clearly support one side of the argument
- will provide ideas either for or against the motion
- will include examples to support position
- will adopt a fairly formal register which may, however, be enlivened by flashes of informality; this should be rewarded
- will have a clear sense of audience perhaps by use of an appropriate greeting and giving thanks at the end.

4. Written interaction – semi-formal – article for school newspaper

A good answer

- will clearly establish the purpose of the new course and describe it
 - will clearly state why the course is important
 - will explain what effect the course will have
 - will explain how students will benefit from it
 - will adopt a semi-formal tone and register.
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