



**MARKING NOTES
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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. As a member of the “Young Inventors Club” you have been asked to write an article about an invention you would like to see. Write an article for your school publication describing this invention, saying what it is, how it would work and why it would be important.*

Written interaction – formal – article for school newspaper

A good answer

- will clearly establish the purpose of the new invention and describe it.
- will clearly establish the reasons why it is important.
- will explain how it would work.
- will adopt a fairly formal register.

- 2. Your good friend really wants to study a subject that his/her parents are not in favour of. Write a letter to your friend giving ideas that could be used to persuade his/her parents to allow your friend to study what he/she wants.*

Written interaction – informal – letter

A good answer

- will commiserate, give advice and offer suggestions on how to convince the parents of the selection of a subject.
- will contain elements which are either unusual, exciting or funny, or a combination of these.
- will perhaps include later effects of studying a subject you are interested in – this should be rewarded.

- 3. You are participating in a debate on the motion: “Students should be encouraged to hold a part-time job while they are completing their secondary school studies”. Write the text of your speech, either agreeing or disagreeing with this motion.*

Factual Explanation/Controversial Argument – formal – text of a speech/debate

A good answer

- will clearly support one side of the argument.
- will provide sufficient reasons either for or against the motion.
- will clearly explain his/her position through the use of examples.
- will adopt a fairly formal register which may, however, be enlivened by flashes of informality – this should be rewarded.

4. *On your way home from school you witnessed a crime or an accident. Write a detailed statement about the incident to help the police in their investigation.*

Explanation – formal – statement to the police

A good answer

- will describe the accident or incident.
 - will clearly recount the events which occurred.
 - will use appropriate markers to highlight the time of the events which occurred.
 - will adopt a formal tone.
 - will adopt a fairly formal register.
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