## GENERAL EDUCATION DIPLOMA ENGLISH LANGUAGE 'CORE' SEMESTER ONE, 2021/2022, FIRST SESSION

MARKING GUIDE TOTAL MARKS: 70

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	LISTENING 1 (7 mks)								
1.	0	Australia	0	Oman	•	the Uk			
2.	•	brother	0	father	0	mother			
3.	0	loneliness	•	stress	0	A lack of food			
4.	0	Closed down	0	Shifted to distance learning	•	Moved to online learning			
5.	0	keeping focused during online lectures	0	Submitting work on time	•	Using a new architecture software			
6.	0	Call back	•	Send money	0	Visit her			
7.	•	She is busy with her project	0	She can't afford it	0	The airport are closed			
Note	Notes: One mark each. Responses must be indicated <u>clearly</u> .								

		LISTENING 2 (8 mks)	
8.	Her farther		
9.	Six years old		
10.	Horse riding lesson		
11.	Videos of cooking – cooking vid	deos	
12.	o parents	o <sub>adults</sub>	students
13.	<ul><li>Expand her business</li></ul>	O Help her father	Produce films
14.	C Launch more websites	O Get a job	Join a college
15.	O Setting up a business	<ul> <li>Healthy cooking</li> </ul>	O Communication skills

Notes: One mark each.

Qs 8-11: (i) Notes: 1) **Grammatical mistakes** should be ignored, as long as it is clear that the substance of the answer is correct.

- 2) <u>Genuine</u> spelling mistakes i.e. when the student obviously knew what the word was and understood what it meant, but could not spell it correctly should also be ignored, as long as **ALL** of the following criteria are met:
  - (a) Certain key letters **must** be included: No.: No.:
- (b) In cases where letters are 'optional', the mis-spelling must be **close to** the correct spelling.
- (c) Above all, the mis-spelt word(s) must be **clearly and convincingly recognisable** as a correct answer to the question.

As stated in the instructions, answers should consist of <u>not more than four words</u>. (<u>Note</u>: When counting the words, do <u>not</u> include any words provided by the exam-writers.) Longer answers will normally be marked wrong. HOWEVER, if a student has written one (or even two) extra words and the answer is <u>convincing</u> and <u>clearly correct</u>, common sense should be applied and marks awarded, on a case-by-case basis.

<u>Qs 12-15</u>: Responses must be indicated <u>clearly</u>.

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VOCABULARY 1 (2.5 mks)								
16	O crazy	0	tiny	0	cozy	0	costly	
17   .	active	0	massive	0	effective	0	restive	
18	mislead	0	Cheerlead	0	out lead	0	repeat	
19	O imports	0	exports	0	sorts	0	treads	
20	o noisy	0	calm	0	quit	0	strong	
Note	es: Half-a-mark each. Re	espon	ses must be indica	ated <u>clea</u>	a <u>rly</u> .			
			GRAMMAF	R (2.5 m	ıks)			
21	is			<b>24</b>	as			
22	checked			25 . v	were			
23	since							
Note	es: Half-a-mark each. S	pelling	must be correct.					
			GRAMMAR/Voca	bulary	(5 mks)			
<b>26</b>	active	0	passive	0	unhealthy	0	wrong	
27	<ul><li>online</li></ul>	0	impossible	0	offline	0	unimportant	
28	o get	•	avoid	0	study	0	work	
29	o exams	0	diet	0	advice	•	exercises	
30	medicine	0	drugs	•	sleep	0	food	

Notes: one mark each. Responses must be indicated <u>clearly</u>.

REA	DING 1	(7 mks)				REAL	DING 2 (8 mks)		
	True	False	38	0	Working	•	eating	0	travelling
31	0	•	39	0	Party	•	Tennis yard	0	gym
32	0	•	<b>40</b>	0	Pizza	0	Sochi	•	Donut
33	0	•	41	0	Sleeping	0	Fighting	•	Studying
34	0	•	<b>42</b>	•	82	0	88	0	80
35	•	0	43	0	red	•	pink	0	Purple
36	0	•	44	0	shoes	0	blanket	•	Cloth
37	•	0	45	0	amazing	0	boring	•	Awful
Note: One mark each. Responses must be indicated <u>clearly</u> .									

	READING 3 (10 mks)							
46.	Sco	tland						
<b>47</b> .	twer	wenty / 20						
48.	adve	enture stories						
49.	189	1						
<b>50</b> .	to 'd	ie' in an accident						
51.	his v	vife died of tuberculosis						
<b>52</b> .	0	Russan	•	Irish	0	Canadians		
53.	0	4years	•	5years	0	6years		
54.	0	Funny	0	crazy	•	scary		
55.	0	55	0	56	•	60		
Notes:	One	mark each.						
<u>Qs 46-</u>	<u>51</u> : 1	) <b>Grammatical mistakes</b> s	hould	be ignored.				
and co		<ol> <li>Complete accuracy in sp cingly recognisable as a c</li> </ol>	_	is not required, but any mistanswer to the question.	-spelt	word(s) must be <b>clearly</b>		
3) As stated in the instructions, answers should consist of <u>not more than four words</u> . ( <u>Note</u> : When counting the words, do <u>not</u> include any words provided by the exam-writers.) Longer answers will normally be marked wrong, especially if they are simply copied from the text. HOWEVER, if a student has written one (or even two) extra words and the answer is <u>convincing</u> and <u>clearly correct</u> , common sense should be applied and marks awarded, on a case-by-case basis.								
<u>Qs 52-</u>	<u>55</u> : R	esponses must be indicated	d <u>clear</u>	dy.				

**WRITING (GENERAL NOTES)** 

- The wording of the descriptors in the relevant Rating Scale should form the basis of all decisions (and discussions) on the marks to be awarded.
- There may well be different individual ways of approaching a task or interpreting a picture (or set of pictures), but a basic requirement for all answers is that they are **relevant**.
- If answers are clearly not relevant and the student has clearly not attempted the task that was set, no marks should be awarded.
- However, if a student has genuinely attempted the task, but their answer is only partly relevant, then a reduced mark (not zero) should be awarded.

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	WRITING 1 (10 mks)
1 0	<ul> <li>-Expresses opinions on topics in a lively, convincing way.</li> <li>Supports all points effectively with relevant evidence and detail.</li> <li>Essays are very well-organised, clear and coherent.</li> <li>A varied range of grammar and vocabulary with a very good level of accuracy.</li> </ul>
8	<ul> <li>Expresses opinions on topics in a reasonably convincing way.</li> <li>Supports most points with relevant evidence and detail.</li> <li>Essays are generally well-organised and, for the most part, clear and coherent.</li> <li>A fair range of grammar and vocabulary with a good level of accuracy</li> </ul>
6	<ul> <li>expresses opinions on topics, in a somewhat limited way.</li> <li>Is inconsistent in supporting points with relevant evidence and detail.</li> <li>Essays are poorly- organised, but are still reasonably clear and coherent.</li> <li>A limited range of grammar and vocabulary with a reasonable level of accuracy</li> </ul>
4	_Express opinions on topics, but the results are clearly inadequate.  - Is generally weak in supporting points with relevant evidence.  - Essays lack organization, lacking in coherence and sometimes unclear.  - A very limited range of grammar and vocabulary with frequent errors.
2	<ul> <li>-Makes only very feeble attempts to express opinions on topics.</li> <li>- Fails to support points with any relevant evidence.</li> <li>- Essays are incoherent and confusing.</li> <li>- Extremely limited range of grammar and vocabulary with frequent serious errors.</li> </ul>
0	No attempt at the task: EITHER Irrelevant (Completely unrelated to the topic)  OR Hardly any writing at all, or not written in English OR Complete nonsense

	WRITING 2 (10 mks)
10	<ul> <li>Produces narratives which are fully successful in engaging the reader.</li> <li>Lively, effective use of appropriate detail.</li> <li>Writing is very well-structured, clear and coherent.</li> <li>A varied range of grammar and vocabulary with a very good level of accuracy</li> </ul>
8	<ul> <li>-Produces narratives which are reasonably successful in engaging the reader.</li> <li>- Generally good use of appropriate detail.</li> <li>- Writing is generally well-structured, and mostly clear and coherent.</li> <li>- A fair range of grammar and vocabulary with a good level of accuracy.</li> </ul>
6	<ul> <li>Produces narratives which are only partially successful in engaging the reader.</li> <li>Somewhat limited use of appropriate detail.</li> <li>Writing is well-structured, but is still reasonably clear and coherent.</li> <li>A limited range of grammar and vocabulary with a reasonable level of accuracy</li> </ul>
4	<ul> <li>Produces narratives which have very limited success in engaging the reader.</li> <li>Inadequate use of appropriate detail.</li> <li>Writing is poorly-structured, and often unclear.</li> <li>A very limited range of grammar and vocabulary with frequent errors.</li> </ul>
2	<ul> <li>-Produces narratives which fail entirely to engage the reader.</li> <li>- Little or no use of appropriate detail.</li> <li>- Writing is incoherent and confusing.</li> <li>- Extremely limited range of grammar and vocabulary with frequent serious errors.</li> </ul>
0	No attempt at the task: EITHER Irrelevant (Completely unrelated to the pictures/ task/ instructions) OR Hardly any writing at all, or not written in English OR Complete nonsense

## **ARRIVING AT FINAL SCORES**

**LST/ VCB/ GRM/ RDG:** In these four sections, all student responses are of the objectively-marked, right-or-wrong type. So there should <u>never</u> be any discrepancies in the marks awarded.

There are two different procedures for ensuring that no such discrepancies occur:

- 1) <u>No action required</u>: With (machine-marked) 'multiple choice' items, discrepancies are automatically excluded by the *ePen* marking system.
- 2) <u>Action required</u>: With 'short answer' items (LST 2a, VCB 2, GRM 2, RDG 3a), there <u>may</u> be (accidental) discrepancies in the scores awarded by the two markers. The Supervisor/Adjudicator should be on the lookout for any such discrepancies, and if they occur, should read the students' response and award the correct mark.

**WRITING:** In this section, student responses are independently marked by two markers using their judgement (based on the wording of the Rating Scale provided). As a result, differences <u>may</u> sometimes occur between the two scores awarded.

In such cases, there are two possible procedures:

- Acceptable differences: If as in most cases the difference between the two scores is small, i.e. just one level, the Supervisor/Adjudicator is not required to read the student's response. He/She should simply use the mathematical average of the two scores.(\*See below)
- 2) <u>Unacceptable differences</u>: However, if the difference between the two scores is substantial, i.e. *more than one level,* the Supervisor/Adjudicator should read the student's response and, after due consideration, decide on an appropriate mark.

## **CALCULATION OF AVERAGES:**

WR	RT 1	WRT 2		
Pair of	Final	Pair of	Final	
scores	score	scores	score	
10 / 8	9	10 / 8	9	
8/6	7	8/6	7	
6 / 4	5	6 / 4	5	
4/2	3	4/2	3	
2/0	1	2/0	1	

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** As in previous years, *individual* markers should *only* award the marks specified in the relevant Rating Scale\* (as in 'pair of scores' above). 'In-between marks' (as in 'final score' above) can *only* be awarded when two (differing) individual marks are combined by the Supervisor/ Adjudicator.

[\* Note: This means that, even though the computer screen shows <u>all</u> the possible <u>final</u> scores, **individual** markers should **only** use those scores which are mentioned in the scale.]