1) Requirements of set task type fully observed 2) Title / subject line / section headings / salutation / closing appropriate and precise 3) All content points addressed and fully developed 4) Relevant supporting details / examples are provided for all content points 5a) Evaluates different ideas / facts / graphs or solutions to a problem very well TSD (= Task specific descriptor means that this descriptor can only be applied to certain tasks.) 5b) Explains advantages / disadvantages very well TSD 5c) Gives very good reasons in support of / against points of view TSD 5d) Successfully and convincingly highlights the personal significance of events / ideas TSD 5e) Expresses news and views effectively and relates convincingly to those of others TSD 5c) Set word length (+/- 10 %) observed 1) Requirements of set task type almost fully observed 2) Title / subject line / section headings / salutation / closing appropriate	(1) Performance has a very clear overall structure at the text level (2) Highly effective use of paragraphing (3) Develops points in a very clear and systematic way (4) Marks relationships between ideas in a very clear way (5) Uses a wide variety of linking devices (6) Follows standard layout for required task type throughout (visual) (1) Performance has a clear overall structure at the	(1) Expresses him / herself very clearly without any sign of having to restrict what he / she wants to say (2) Uses a very good variety of structures (3) Uses a range of complex structures / sentence forms (4) Uses a very wide range of vocabulary for the set task (5) Varies formulation to avoid repetition* (6) Expresses him / herself very confidently, clearly and politely in a formal or informal register appropriate for the set task (7) Uses a very good range of language to give clear descriptions / express view-points / develop arguments as required in the set task	 (1) Very good structural control (2) Hardly any slips or errors (3) Excellent control of spelling (4) Lexical accuracy is very high; hardly any incorrect word choice (5) Highly accurate use of linking devices (6) Meets all expected standard punctuation conventions (7) No re-reading necessary
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	(1) Requirements of set task type not observed	(1) Performance has little if any structure at the text	(1) Frequently unable to express him / herself clearly	(1) Hardly any structural control
	(2) Title / subject line / section headings / salutation / closing not included	level	(2) Uses little / no variety of structures	(2) Mistakes repeatedly cause misunderstanding
0	(3) Only one content point addressed / hardly any content points developed / frequently makes up and develops irrelevant content points (4) Hardly any relevant supporting details provided / supporting details mostly irrelevant (5a) No attempts to evaluate different ideas / facts / graphs TSD (5b) No attempts to explain advantages / disadvantages TSD (5c) Gives no reasons in support of / against points of view TSD (5d) No attempt to highlight the personal significance of events / ideas TSD (5e) Unable to express news and views effectively TSD (6) Set word length (+/- 10 %) not observed	(2) Paragraphing conventions largely ignored (3) Ideas are presented in a random order without logical connections (4) Lack of linking devices (5) Lacks clearly intelligible continuous writing (6) Standard layout largely ignored (visual) (-) Performance shows no attempt at organisation	 (3) Uses hardly any complex structures / sentence forms (4) Uses only basic vocabulary (5) No attempts to vary formulation* (6) Lexical limitations frequently cause repetition and / or lifting of words from the prompt (7) Frequently fails to express him / herself appropriately in the set task (8) Fails to use a range of language to give clear descriptions / express viewpoints / develop arguments as required in the set task 	(3) Accuracy limited to frequently used routines and patterns (4) Spelling frequently inaccurate (5) Lexical inaccuracies prevent communication (6) Inaccurate use of linking devices (7) Fails to meet the expected standard punctuation conventions (8) Reader frequently has to stop to re-read sections (-) Insufficient language to make an assessment
	(-) Performance fails to address the task (If a test taker has written off topic, none of the other criteria will be assessed and a 0 should be awarded.) (-) Insufficient language for assessment (-) Communication fails due to illegible handwriting		(-) Insufficient language to make an assessment	

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1 Requirements of set task type	4.1 mainly observed	6.1 annost runy observed	8.1 rully observed
Title / subject line / section headings / / salutation / closing		6.2 appropriate	8.2 appropriate and precise
3 Content points addressed	4.3 two CP addr. / all CP addr.	6.3 all CP addr.	8.3 all CP addr.
Content points fully developed	one not fully dev. / none fully dev.	one or two not fully dev.	all CP fully dev.
4 Relevant supporting details / examples	4.4 generally provided	6.4 provided for most CPs	8.4 provided for all CPs
5a Different ideas / facts / graphs	4.5a some attempts to evaluate	6.5a evaluates well	8.5a evaluates very well
5b Explains advantages / disadvantages	4.5b adequately	6.5b well	8.5b very well
5c Reasons in support of / against points of view	4.5c gives some reasons	6.5c gives good reasons	8.5c gives very good reasons
5d Personal significance of events / ideas	4.5d highlights	6.5d successfully highlights	8.5d successfully & convincingly highlights
5e Expresses news and views effectively and	4.5e relates to those of others	6.5e relates well to those of others	8.5e relates convincingly to those of others
6 Set word length (+/- 10 %)	4.6 - 6.6 - 8.6 observed		
1 Overall structure at the text level	4.1 satisfactory	6.1 clear	8.1 very clear
2 Paragraphing	4.2 generally follows paragr. conventions	6.2 good use of paragraphing	8.2 highly effective use of paragraphing
3 Develops points	4.3 largely systematically	6.3 systematically	8.3 in a very clear and systematic way
4 Relationships between ideas marked	4.4 some rel. marked	6.4 most rel. marked	8.4 in a very clear way
5 Linking devices	4.5 uses a limited number	6.5 uses a variety	8.5 uses a wide variety
6 Clearly intelligible continuous writing	4.6 yes (requirement for B2, hence no higher band)		
7 Follows standard layout for required task type	4.7 (visual aspect) most of the time	6.6 - 8.6 (visual aspect) throughout	
1 Expresses him / herself	4.1 clearly	6.1 clearly	8.1 very clearly
Signs of restriction	there may be some	without much sign of having to restrict	without any sign of having to restrict
2 Variety of structures	4.2 uses some variety	6.2 uses a good variety	8.2 uses a very good variety
3 Complex structures / sentence forms	4.3 uses some	6.3 - 8.3 uses a range	
4 Range of vocabulary for the set task	4.4 uses a good range	6.4 uses a wide range	8.4 uses a very wide range
5 Repetition (at the phrase / expression level)	4.5 varies formulation to avoid frequent r.	6.5 - 8.5 varies formulation to avoid repetition	1
6 Lifting of words from the prompt	4.6 may occur occasionally	confidently, clearly and politely in a	very confidently, clearly and politely in a
7 Expresses him/herself the set task	4.7 appropriately in	6.6 formal or informal register appropriate for	8.6 formal or informal register appropriate for
Range of language to give clear descriptions / / express viewpoints / develop arguments	4.8 sufficient	6.7 good	8.7 very good
1 Structural control LSA	4.1 good, of frequent patterns and struct.	6.1 good	8.1 very good
2 Structural mistakes	4.2 do not cause misunderstanding	6.2 occasional slips or non-systematic errors and minor flaws occur, but are rare	8.2 hardly any slips or errors
3 Spelling	4.3 mistakes occur, no misunderstanding do not cause misunderstanding	6.3 good control	8.3 excellent control
4 Lexical accuracy	is reasonably high on the whole	6.4 is high	8.4 is very high
Incorrect word choice	does not usually hinder communication	occasional, does not hinder communic.	hardly any
5 Use of linking devices	4.5 relatively accurate	6.5 accurate	8.5 highly accurate
6 Expected standard punctuation conventions	4.6 meets most of them	6.6 meets almost all of them	8.6 meets all
7 Re-reading	4.7 Reader seldom has to stop to re-read	6.7 - 8.7 No re-reading necessary (=> 2.3	L1 influence? => 2.5 elementary vocabulary?)

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