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Language (out of 24)	Content (out of 16)		
21–24 Very good	14–16 Very good		
Confident use of complex sentence patterns;	Detailed, clearly relevant and well-illustrated;		
generally accurate, extensive vocabulary; good	coherently argued and structured.		
sense of idiom.			
16–20 Good	11–13 Good		
Generally sound grasp of grammar in spite of	Sound knowledge and generally relevant; some		
quite a few lapses; reads reasonably; some	ability to develop argument and draw		
attempt at varied vocabulary.	conclusions.		
10–15 Adequate	7–10 Adequate		
A tendency to be simple, clumsy or laboured;	Some knowledge, but not always relevant; a		
some degree of accuracy; inappropriate use of	more limited capacity to argue.		
idiom.			
5–9 Poor	3–6 Poor		
Consistently simple or pedestrian sentence	Some attempt at argument, tends to be sketchy		
patterns with persistent errors; limited	or unspecific; little attempt to structure an		
vocabulary.	argument; major misunderstanding of question.		
0–4 Very poor	0–2 Very poor		
Only the simplest sentence patterns, little	Vague and general, ideas presented at random.		
evidence of grammatical awareness, very limited			
vocabulary.			