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	Content	Range of Language	Accuracy	Total
Question 1	2	-	-	2
Question 2	14	5	5	24
Question 3	14	5	5	24
Total	30	10	10	50

Question 1 - Content

Marks	Content
0	No understandable words.
1	1-2 words conveyed without ambiguity.
2	3-4 words conveyed without ambiguity, eg marchew, cebula, ziemniaki, sałata

For Question 2 and Question 3 the following criteria will be used

Content

Marks	Criteria
13-14	Very Good Fully relevant and detailed response to the task. Sound ability to convey information clearly, express and explain ideas and points of view. Well organised structure.
10-12	Good Mostly relevant response to the task and shows ability to convey a lot of information clearly, express and explain ideas and points of view.
7-9	Sufficient Response to the task is generally relevant with quite a lot of information clearly communicated. Points of view are expressed and ideas are developed.
4-6	Limited Limited response to the task with some relevant information conveyed. Simple opinions are expressed and there is some development of basic ideas.
1-3	Poor Very limited response to the task with little relevant information conveyed. No real structure.
0	The answer shows no relevance to the task set. A zero score will automatically result in a zero score for the answer as a whole.

Range of Language

Marks	Criteria
5	Wide variety of appropriate vocabulary and structures. More complex sentences are handled with confidence and verb tenses are used successfully.
4	Good variety of appropriate vocabulary and structures used. More complex sentences are attempted and are often successful.
3	Some variety of vocabulary and structures used, including attempts at longer sentences using appropriate linking words which are sometimes successful.
2	Vocabulary is appropriate to the basic needs of the task and structures are mostly simple.
1	Inappropriate vocabulary with little understanding of language structure.
0	No language produced which is worthy of credit.

Accuracy

Marks	Criteria
5	Largely accurate, although there may still be some errors especially in attempts at more complex sentences. Verbs and tense formations are secure.
4	Generally accurate with errors occurring in attempts at more complex sentences. Verb and tense formations are usually correct.
3	More accurate than inaccurate. Verb forms and tense formations are sometimes unsuccessful. The intended meaning is clear.
2	Many errors which often impede communication. Verb forms are rarely accurate.
1	Limited understanding of the most basic linguistic structures. Frequent errors regularly impede communication.
0	No language produced which is worthy of credit.

- The mark awarded for Range of Language must not be more than one band higher than the mark awarded for Content. (See table below).
- The mark awarded for Accuracy must not be more than one band higher than the mark awarded for Content. (See table below)
- If a mark is awarded for Content, this will inevitably lead to the award of a mark for Range of Language and for Accuracy. (See table below)
- If a mark of zero is awarded for Content, this will automatically result in a zero score for Range of Language and for Accuracy. (See table below)

Content Mark	Maximum Mark for each of Range of Language and Accuracy
0	1
1 – 3	1 – 2
4 – 6	1 – 3
7 – 9	1 – 4
10 – 12	1 – 5
13 – 14	1 – 5

- To score a mark of 5 for Range of Language, the candidate needs to use successfully a minimum of two verb tenses.

Mark Ranges and Award of Grades

Grade boundaries and cumulative percentage grades are available on the [Results statistics](#) page of the AQA Website.

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UMS conversion calculator www.aqa.org.uk/umsconversion

Guidance Notes for Examiners

The following guidance, provided to examiners during the marking period, is reproduced below for information.

1. Principles of marking

- 1.1 All marking must be done in accordance with the published criteria for assessment.
- 1.2 The stress is on effective communication. Credit should be given for the language successfully conveying the target message without ambiguity.
- 1.3 In Questions 2 and 3 there is no need to count the number of words used to answer each question. The sole criterion is completion of the two tasks.

2 Mechanics of Marking

2.1 Question 1 Content

Marks	Content
0	No understandable words
1	1-2 words conveyed without ambiguity
2	3-4 words conveyed without ambiguity

- 2.2 Question 2 - Suggested content points are not compulsory. No automatic penalty can be applied if candidates choose not to address these particular points in their answer.
- 2.3 Question 3 – Suggested points are not compulsory. No automatic penalty can be applied if students choose not to address those particular points in their answer.