

Mark Scheme

Functional Skills in English: Writing Level 2: FSQW211

Guidance for markers:

'Most of the time' = approximately 85%

'Some of the time' = at least 50%

Use the following mark scheme for Task 1

Ref	Total Marks	Subject Content	Marks per task	Weighting
20.	4	<p>Punctuate writing correctly using a wide range of punctuation markers (e.g. colons, commas, inverted commas, apostrophes and quotation marks)</p> <p><i>Guidance for markers:</i> Level 2 punctuation expectations (if appropriate to use): colons, commas, inverted commas, apostrophes and quotation marks. Wide range = a minimum of 4 expectations seen. Limited range = less than 4 expectations seen.</p>		41%
		Wide range of punctuation used correctly most of the time. Errors or omissions do not impede meaning	4	
		Wide range of punctuation used correctly some of the time. Errors or omissions do not impede meaning	3	
		Limited range of punctuation used correctly most of the time. Errors or omissions do not impede meaning	2	
		Limited range of punctuation used correctly some of the time. Errors or omissions do not impede meaning	1	
		Limited range of punctuation used. Errors or omissions impede meaning	0	
21.	4	<p>Use correct grammar (e.g. subject-verb agreement, consistent use of a range of tenses, definite and indefinite articles) and modality devices (e.g. to express probability or desirability)</p>		41%
		Grammar and modality devices are used correctly most of the time. Errors or omissions do not impede meaning	4	
		Grammar and modality devices used correctly some of the time. Errors or omissions do not impede meaning	3	
		Grammar and/or modality devices are used correctly some of the time. Errors or omissions do not impede meaning	2	
		Grammar and/or modality devices are used correctly some of the time. Errors or omissions sometimes impede meaning	1	
		Grammar and/or modality devices are used incorrectly. Errors or omissions impede meaning	0	

22.	3	Spell words used in work, study and daily life, including a range of specialist words Guidance for markers: <i>Level 2 spelling expectations include (if appropriate to use): words used in work, study and daily life, including a range of specialist words and words featuring in the task instructions</i>		
		Words spelt correctly most of the time. Errors or omissions do not impede meaning	3	
		Words spelt correctly some of the time. Errors or omissions do not impede meaning	2	
		Words spelt correctly some of the time. Errors or omissions sometimes impede meaning	1	
		Words spelt incorrectly. Errors or omissions impede meaning	0	
23.	3	Communicate information, ideas and opinions clearly, coherently and effectively Guidance for markers: <i>IIO (information, ideas and opinions)</i>		
		IIO are communicated with clarity, coherence and accuracy most of the time.	3	
		Attempts to communicate IIO some of the time but this <u>occasionally</u> lacks clarity, coherence and accuracy, however the marker is however still <u>able to comprehend</u> the text.	2	
		Some attempt to communicate IIO but this <u>mostly</u> lacks clarity, coherence and accuracy, however the marker is however still <u>able to comprehend</u> the text.	1	
		IIO are not communicated clearly, coherently nor accurately resulting in the marker being <u>unable to comprehend</u> the text	0	
24.	3	Write text of an appropriate level of detail and of appropriate length (including where this is specified) to meet the needs of purpose and audience Guidance for markers: <i>Appropriate level of detail: the degree of information provided by the writer to fulfil the task requirements i.e. words used to describe a situation, support an argument</i>		
		An appropriate level of detail and length has been used to meet the needs of purpose and audience	3	
		Some level of detail has been used and the length is appropriate to the task requirements and/or word count. The needs of purpose and audience have been met	2	
		Some level of detail has been used and the length is appropriate to the task requirements and/or word count. However, the needs of purpose and audience have not been fully met	1	
		Lack of detail and/or length means the needs of purpose and audience have not been met	0	
25.	3	ARTICLE	Organise writing for different purposes using appropriate format and structure (e.g. standard templates, paragraphs, bullet points, tables) Guidance for markers: <i>Features may include: sub-headings, columns, numbered lists, bulleted lists, tables, text box, image/graphics, author etc.</i> Do not award for paragraphs (see W2.28)	
			A title/heading plus 3 or more other features	3
			A title/heading plus 2 other features	2
			A title/heading plus 1 other feature	1
			Format/structure is not appropriate for purpose	0

59%

26.	3	Convey clear meaning and establish cohesion using organisational markers effectively <i>Guidance for markers:</i> <i>Organisational markers (markers) may include: contents pages, chapter headings and other sub-headings, captions to photos and illustrations, footnotes, headers, indices</i>	
		Markers used effectively most of the time to convey clear meaning. Lack of markers does not affect cohesion.	3
		Markers used effectively some of the time to convey clear meaning. Lack of markers does not affect cohesion.	2
		Markers used effectively some of the time to convey clear meaning. Lack of markers sometimes affects cohesion.	1
		Markers are not effectively used to establish clear meaning and cohesion.	0
27.	2	Use different language and register (e.g. persuasive techniques, supporting evidence, specialist words), suited to audience and purpose. <i>Guidance for markers:</i> <i>Language and register include (as appropriate): tone, formality, persuasive techniques, supporting evidence, specialist words</i>	
		Language and register are appropriate for audience and purpose most of the time	2
		Language and register are appropriate for audience and purpose some of the time	1
		Language and register are not appropriate for audience and purpose	0
28.	2	Construct complex sentences consistently and accurately, using paragraphs where appropriate	
		Constructs complex sentences consistently and accurately most of the time, using paragraphs where appropriate. Errors do not impede meaning.	2
		Constructs complex sentences some of the time, using paragraphs where appropriate. Meaning is sometimes impeded.	1
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25.	3	LETTER	Organise writing for different purposes using appropriate format and structure (e.g. standard templates, paragraphs, bullet points, tables) Guidance for markers: <i>L2 expectations for writing a letter: (1) sender's address, (2) recipient's address, (3) date, (4) salutation and (5) close</i> Do not award for paragraphs (see W2.28)	59%	
			All 5 expectations (salutation and close matching)		3
			All 5 expectations or 4 expectations (even if salutation and close not matching)		2
			3 expectations (even if salutations not matching)		1
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