English SEE marking guide and response

External assessment 2023

SEE 1: Section 2 — persuasive written response (45 marks)

Assessment objectives

This assessment instrument is used to determine student achievement in the following objectives:

- 1. use patterns and conventions of a persuasive genre to achieve particular purposes in a specific context
- 2. establish and maintain the role of the writer and relationship with an identified public audience
- 3. create perspectives and representations of concepts, identities, times and places
- 4. make use of the ways cultural assumptions, attitudes, values and beliefs underpin texts and invite audiences to take up positions
- 5. use aesthetic features and stylistic devices to achieve persuasive purposes
- 6. select and synthesise subject matter to support perspectives
- 7. organise and sequence subject matter to achieve particular purposes
- 8. use cohesive devices to emphasise ideas and connect parts of a persuasive text
- 9. make language choices for particular purposes and contexts
- 10. use grammar and language structures for particular purposes
- 11. use written features, including conventional spelling and punctuation, to achieve particular purposes.





Purpose

This document consists of a marking guide and a sample response.

The marking guide:

- provides a tool for calibrating external assessment markers to ensure reliability of results
- indicates the correlation, for each question, between mark allocation and qualities at each level of the mark range
- informs schools and students about how marks are matched to qualities in student responses.

The sample response:

- demonstrates the qualities of a high-level response
- has been annotated using the marking guide.

Mark allocation

Where a response does not meet any of the descriptors for a question or a criterion, a mark of '0' will be recorded.

Where no response to a question has been made, a mark of 'N' will be recorded.

Marking guide

Criterion: Knowledge application

The response, for creation of perspectives and representations:	М	The response, for use of the ways ideas underpin the literary text:	М	The response, for use of writer's choices:	М
demonstrates astute creation of complex perspective/s or representations	6	 demonstrates astute use of cultural assumptions, attitudes, values or beliefs to position audiences 	6	 demonstrates astute use of stylistic or aesthetic choices to shape the persuasive text 	6
 demonstrates purposeful creation of perspective/s or representations 	5	 demonstrates purposeful use of cultural assumptions, attitudes, values or beliefs to position audiences 	5	 demonstrates purposeful use of stylistic or aesthetic choices to shape the persuasive text 	5
 demonstrates suitable creation of perspective/s or representations 	4	 demonstrates suitable use of cultural assumptions, attitudes, values or beliefs to position audiences 	4	 demonstrates suitable use of stylistic or aesthetic choices to shape the persuasive text 	4
 demonstrates creation of perspective/s or representations, that may, at times, be superficial 	3	 demonstrates use of cultural assumptions, attitudes, values or beliefs, that may, at times, be superficial 	3	 demonstrates use of stylistic or aesthetic choices that may, at times, be superficial 	3
 identifies perspective/s or representations 	2	 identifies cultural assumptions, attitudes, values or beliefs 	2	 demonstrates use of stylistic or aesthetic choices that may, at times, be inappropriate 	2
 identifies some aspects of perspective/s or representations 	1	 identifies some aspects of cultural assumptions, attitudes, values or beliefs 	1	 demonstrates some aspects of stylistic and aesthetic choices 	1
 does not satisfy any of the descriptors above. 	0	 does not satisfy any of the descriptors above. 	0	• does not satisfy any of the descriptors above.	0

Criterion: Organisation and development

The response, for development:	М	The response, for selection and synthesis:	М	The response, for sequencing and organisation:	М	The response, for cohesion:	М
 provides a discriminating issue- focused thesis that responds to the question/task develops clear arguments to strengthen the thesis across the response provides clear conclusions about the issue 	5	 provides well-considered selection of ideas and information uses this explicitly to develop the persuasive argument 	5	 demonstrates logical sequencing of information and ideas in and between paragraphs 	3	• uses cohesive devices to connect, develop, emphasise, and transition between ideas within paragraphs and across the response	3
 provides a credible issue-focused thesis that responds to the question/task develops clear arguments to strengthen the thesis across the response provides clear conclusions about the issue 	4	 provides well-considered selection of ideas and information uses this to develop the persuasive argument 	4	 demonstrates sequencing of information and ideas in paragraphs 	2	 uses cohesive devices to connect and develop ideas 	2
 provides an issue-focused thesis that responds to the question/task includes statements to support the thesis 	3	 provides ideas and information uses this in connection with the persuasive argument 	3	 includes fragmented information and ideas 	1	 uses some connecting phrases or words to link ideas 	1
 provides statements that respond to aspects of the issue 	2	 provides ideas and information connects this to some aspects of the argument 	2	 does not satisfy any of the descriptors above. 	0	 does not satisfy any of the descriptors above. 	0
provides some statements on the issue	1	• provides statements of ideas or information	1				
 does not satisfy any of the descriptors above. 	0	 does not satisfy any of the descriptors above. 	0				

Criterion: Textual features

The response, for grammar and sentence structure:	М	The response, for language choices:	м	The response, for punctuation:	М	The response, for spelling:	M
 uses a range of grammatically accurate sentence structures to develop ideas 	3	 uses vocabulary with discrimination to develop ideas uses register appropriate to role of the persuasive writer with discrimination 	4	 uses punctuation accurately and purposefully 	2	 uses simple and complex words that are mostly spelt correctly 	2
• uses grammar and sentence structures that affect development of ideas, but meaning is still discernible	2	 uses suitable vocabulary to develop ideas uses register appropriate to role of the persuasive writer 	3	 uses punctuation with lapses that may affect fluency, but meaning is still discernible 	1	• uses simple words in a way that fluency may be affected, but meaning is still discernible	1
• uses grammar and sentence structures that may have lapses that impede meaning	1	 uses vocabulary that affects development of ideas, but meaning is still discernible 	2	 does not satisfy any of the descriptors above. 	0	 does not satisfy any of the descriptors above. 	0
 does not satisfy any of the descriptors above. 	0	 uses vocabulary that may have lapses that impede meaning 	1				
		 does not satisfy any of the descriptors above. 	0				

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