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## **English Language**

**Unit 1**

**Writing for Purpose and Audience and  
Reading to Access Non-fiction and Media Texts**

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SCHEME**

## **General Marking Instructions**

### **A General Introduction to the Assessment of CCEA's GCSE English Language**

#### ***Introduction***

Mark schemes are intended to ensure that the GCSE examinations are marked consistently and fairly. The mark schemes provide markers with an indication of the nature and range of candidates' responses likely to be worthy of credit. They also set out the criteria against which marks are allocated to candidates' responses. The task-specific instructions should be read in conjunction with these general marking instructions.

#### ***Assessment objectives***

Below are the relevant assessment objectives for English Language Unit 1.

##### **Reading AO3 Candidates must:**

- (i) read and understand texts, selecting material appropriate to purpose;
- (ii) develop and sustain interpretations of writers' ideas and perspectives; and
- (iii) explain and evaluate how writers use linguistic, structural and presentational features to achieve effects and engage and influence the reader.

##### **Writing AO4 Candidates must:**

- (i) write to communicate clearly, effectively and imaginatively, using and adapting forms and selecting vocabulary appropriate to task and purpose in ways that engage the reader;
- (ii) organise information and ideas into structured and sequenced sentences, paragraphs and whole texts, using a variety of linguistic and structural features to support cohesion and overall coherence; and
- (iii) use a range of sentence structures for clarity, purpose and effect, with accurate spelling, punctuation and grammar.

#### ***Quality of candidates' responses***

In assessing candidates' work, examiners should be looking for a quality of response reflecting the level of maturity which may reasonably be expected of a 16-year-old.

#### ***Flexibility in marking***

Mark schemes are not intended to be totally prescriptive. No mark scheme can cover all the responses which candidates may produce. In the event of unanticipated responses, examiners are expected to use their professional judgement to assess their validity. If a response is **particularly problematic**, then examiners should **seek the guidance of their Supervising Examiner**.

#### ***Positive marking***

Examiners will be **positive** in their marking, giving appropriate credit for what candidates know, understand and can do. Examiners should make use of the whole of the available mark range for any particular task and be prepared to award full marks taking into consideration the time available and the maturity of the candidature. Task-specific materials are indicative guides and are neither prescriptive nor exhaustive.

#### ***A mark of zero***

This score should only be used where there is no creditworthy response.

### ***The marking process***

The required process, standard and style of marking will be the business of the standardising meeting.

The responses will be marked using positive assessment, crediting what has been achieved. The mark schemes are designed to support this positive approach.

Pre-marked exemplar scripts will be made available to all examiners at the Standardising Meeting. These ‘benchmark scripts’ will have been marked and annotated by the senior examining team prior to each standardising meeting and should be used for reference by examiners throughout the marking period.

### ***The relationship between tasks, mark schemes and Competence Level Strands***

Every task has either:

- (a) a mark scheme that is built around a task-specific checklist, Competence Level (CL) Strands and a mark grid

The Competence Levels, which detail increasing levels of proficiency, are made up of three strands. These are derived from the Assessment Objectives and each of the strands focuses on important characteristics within the response. The role of each examiner is to identify positively what has been achieved and then match each candidate’s level of proficiency to the appropriate descriptors.

Or

- (b) an individual task checklist tied to specific mark allocations

## Section A: Writing for Purpose and Audience

### Task 1

#### The Assessment Objectives

##### Writing (AO4)

- (i) Write to communicate clearly, effectively and imaginatively, using and adapting forms and selecting vocabulary appropriate to task and purpose in ways that engage the reader.
- (ii) Organise information and ideas into structured and sequenced sentences, paragraphs and whole texts, using a variety of linguistic and structural features to support cohesion and coherence.
- (iii) Use a range of sentence structures for clarity, purpose and effect, with accurate spelling, punctuation and grammar.

#### All are being assessed.

The examiner will be required to make **two** distinct assessments: one for **Task 1(i): Writing (i)** and **(ii)** and a second assessment for **Task 1(ii): Writing (iii)**.

#### The two required assessments

- 1 Each response will be assessed on the basis of **a single reading** and annotated using **three e-marking tools: underlining, circling and wavy lining**. At the end of the response insert a text box and the appropriate W stamp.

##### The method and style of annotation:

- the **underlining tool** is used to indicate creditworthy material.
- the **circling tool** serves two purposes:
  - (a) to highlight spelling mistakes with each error being circled only once - *alot ... happen*
  - (b) for indicating minor and/or occasional lapses in punctuation such as missing apostrophes, commas and full stops – *run's...two three or four/ ...to me it was not long after....*
- the **wavy lining tool** will denote lapses in expression – for example – *he seen yous threw the open door*. Use the vertical option in the margin to indicate ongoing issues.

- 2** The method and style of marking outlined on p.4 is used in conjunction with the Competence Level (CL) Strands for **Task 1: Writing (i)** and **(ii)**, the examiner will positively assess the features of that response.

The process will be carried out **in this order**:

- (a)** The examiner will carefully read and annotate the response.
- (b)** The three Competence Level Strands that best match the candidate's achievement will be selected and noted in the relevant dialogue box.
- (c)** Only **after** selecting and noting the three Competence Level Strands will the examiner turn to the mark grid to establish the mark to be awarded. Where the mark grid calls for an examiner judgement, the extent to which a candidate has met the overall requirements of the particular Competence Level Strands will determine the mark to be awarded.

Where a range of marks is available, the following procedure should be followed:

- where a **two mark range** is available, the examiner will consider whether the response is mostly in the 'upper' half or 'lower' half of the achieved Competence Levels and award either mark accordingly; and
- where a **three or four mark range** is available, the examiner will consider whether the response is mostly at the 'top', 'middle' or 'bottom' of the achieved Competence Levels and award the mark accordingly.

In exceptional circumstances the standard of a candidate's work might range across more than two strand levels. Such an eventuality is not covered by the mark grids. Apply the following mathematical rule in this case: **Task 1(i)** CL422 (totals 8; 4+2+2). This equates to CL332 (totals 8) so the mark range for this response would be 26–29 marks for **Task 1(i)**. The support of the Supervising Examiner could usefully be sought.

Here is an example of this style of annotation in action for **Task 1: Writing (i) and (ii)** (this should be read in conjunction with the relevant Competence Level Strands on p.10):

The response is positively assessed against each of the three strands that make up the Competence Levels for **Task 1(i)**. Let's assume it can best be summarised by the following descriptors:

- “Competent development; generally effective style” (Development and Style CL3)
- “Competent structuring; competent use of a range of structural and linguistic devices” (Structuring/Linguistic and Structural Features CL3)
- “Straightforward sense of purpose; some appropriate use of vocabulary to engage the audience in a straightforward way” (Purpose and Audience CL2)

These individual strand levels are noted at the end of the response in the dialogue box for **1(i)**:

Wi + ii

332

The next stage in the process is to check these ‘strand scores’ on the mark grid for **Task 1: Writing (i) and (ii)** on p.11. This indicates a mark range of **26–29 marks**. The examiner will consider whether the response is mostly at the ‘top’, ‘middle’ or ‘bottom’ of the achieved Competence Level Strands and award the appropriate mark accordingly.

This score would then be entered against **1(i)** in the scoring facility on the right side of the screen.

Here is an example of this style of annotation in action for **Task 1: Writing (iii)** (this should be read in conjunction with the relevant Competence Level Strands on p.12).

The response is positively assessed against each of the three strands that make up the Competence Level Strands for **Task 1(ii)**. Let's assume it can best be summarised by the following descriptors:

- “Competent use of a variety of sentence structures, with increasingly accurate use of paragraphing”  
(Range of Sentence Structures CL3)
- “Generally secure use of grammar and punctuation to support intended meaning” (Use of Punctuation and Grammar CL3)
- “Increasingly accurate spelling of words with regular patterns” (Spelling CL3)

These individual strand levels are noted at the end of the response in the dialogue box for **1(ii)**:

**Wiii**

**333**

The next stage in the process is to check these ‘strand scores’ against the mark grid for **Task 1: Writing (iii)** on p.13. This indicates a score of **17/18 marks**. The examiner will consider whether the response is mostly in the ‘upper’ half or ‘lower’ half of the achieved Competence Level and award either mark accordingly.

The selected score would then be entered against **1(ii)** in the scoring facility on the right side of the screen.

## **General Guidance on the Application of the Competence Level Strands**

### **The first assessment: Task 1: Writing (i) and (ii)**

The following guidance will help to highlight the extent to which a candidate has shaped the response appropriately.

#### **Communicate clearly, effectively and imaginatively.**

- a handling of the topic in such a way as to positively develop the audience's interest;
- use of a style that builds a positive relationship with the prescribed audience; and
- possible use of techniques to engage the prescribed audience.

#### **Adapting form and vocabulary to task and purpose in ways that engage the audience.**

- to tailor the piece specifically for the prescribed audience;
- to use an appropriate tone that is designed to engage and sustain the audience's attention; and
- to use vocabulary that is in keeping with the purpose of the task.

#### **Organise information and ideas into structured, sequenced sentences, paragraphs and whole texts.**

- to create a logical progression with organisation of ideas to sustain the audience's interest;
- to use engaging/challenging introductory and concluding paragraphs; and
- to use topic/link sentences for different paragraphs.

#### **Use a variety of linguistic and structural features to support cohesion and overall coherence.**

- to vary sentence length for effect;
- to use appropriate connectives; and
- to use rhetorical devices (such as the rule of three, questions, hyperbole) to develop interest/develop a rapport with the specified audience.

#### **Credit any other valid strategies.**

### **The second assessment: Task 1: Writing (iii)**

The following guidance will help to highlight the extent to which a candidate has shaped the response appropriately.

#### **The range and effectiveness of sentence structures.**

- the wider the range and the greater the degree of originality and control in structuring sentences, the more opportunity the candidate has to establish a positive rapport with the prescribed audience; and
- the more assured and varied the sentence structuring/paragraphing is, the more engaging the response is likely to be.

#### **The use made of accurate punctuation and grammar.**

- control of a variety of appropriate punctuation and grammar to help to maintain interest. The greater the control and variation in the use of punctuation, the more engaging the response is likely to be.

#### **The use made of accurate spelling.**

- accuracy in spelling of words with both regular and irregular patterns.

#### **Credit any other valid strategies.**

## Competence Level Strands and Mark Grids

**Task 1** Response time: **55 minutes**      **Mark allocation: 57 marks**  
**Write a speech for your classmates persuading them to agree with your views on the following statement: “Every teenager should be required to have a part-time job.”**

<b>Competence Level Strands Task 1: Writing (i) and (ii)</b>			
	<b>Development and Style</b>	<b>Structuring/Use of Linguistic and Structural Features</b>	<b>Purpose and Audience</b>
<b>CL0</b>	No creditworthy response.	No creditworthy response.	<b>CL0</b>  No creditworthy response.
<b>CL1</b>	Simple development, basic style.	Basic structure; there may be unsuccessful attempts to use simple structural or linguistic features.	<b>CL1</b>  Basic sense of audience with a narrow selection of language which may be relevant to the purpose.
<b>CL2</b>	Straightforward development and style.	Mainly logical structure; limited use of straightforward structural or linguistic features.	<b>CL2</b>  Straightforward sense of purpose; some appropriate use of vocabulary to engage the audience in a straightforward way.
<b>CL3</b>	Competent development; generally effective style.	Competent structuring; competent use of a range of structural and linguistic devices.	<b>CL3</b>  Competent sense of purpose; increasingly widening vocabulary some of which is selected to engage the audience.
<b>CL4</b>	Purposeful development; consistent and engaging style.	Purposeful structuring; purposeful use of a widening range of structural and linguistic devices to create effect.	<b>CL4</b>  Strong sense of purpose; an extended vocabulary to enhance and sustain the audience's engagement.
<b>CL5</b>	Assured development and commanding style throughout.	Confident structuring; assured use of a variety of structural and linguistic devices to create impact.	<b>CL5</b>  Assured sense of purpose; judicious language choices are used to sustain a positive rapport with the audience.

Each successive level description assumes the continued demonstration of the qualities described in the lower levels.

## **Mark Grid Task 1: Writing (i) and (ii)**

<b>Strands attained</b>	<b>Marks awarded</b>
000	0
100	1–2
110	3–5
111	6–9
112	10–13
221	14–17
222	18–21
223	22–25
332	26–29
333	30–33
334	34–37
443	38–41
444	42–45
445	46–49
554	50–53
555	54–57

**Task 1 Response time: 55 minutes Mark allocation: 30 marks**

		Competence Level Strands Task 1: Writing (iii)	
Range of Sentence Structures		Use of Punctuation and Grammar	Spelling
<b>CL0</b>	No creditworthy response.	No creditworthy response.	<b>CL0</b>
<b>CL1</b>	Some attempt to use basic sentence structures/paragraphing.	Limited use of accurate grammar and/or basic punctuation.	<b>CL1</b>
<b>CL2</b>	Straightforward sentence structure and/or paragraphing is generally maintained.	Some use of both accurate grammar and punctuation.	<b>CL2</b>
<b>CL3</b>	Competent use of a variety of sentence structures, with increasingly accurate use of paragraphing.	Generally secure use of grammar and punctuation to support intended meaning.	<b>CL3</b>
<b>CL4</b>	Variety in sentence structures, manipulated for effect. Accurate use of paragraphing.	Increasingly accurate use of grammar and a range of punctuation to sustain clarity and actively engage.	<b>CL4</b>
<b>CL5</b>	Confident use of a wide range of sentence structures, manipulated for impact. Effective and controlled deployment of paragraphing.	Accurate use of grammar and confident use of a variety of punctuation to create effect and enhance overall impact.	<b>CL5</b>

Each successive level description assumes the continued demonstration of the qualities described in the lower levels.

## **Mark Grid Task 1: Writing (iii)**

<b>Strands attained</b>	<b>Marks awarded</b>
000	0
100	1–2
110	3–4
111	5–6
112	7–8
221	9–10
222	11–12
223	13–14
332	15–16
333	17–18
334	19–20
443	21–22
444	23–24
445	25–26
554	27–28
555	29–30

## Section B: Reading to Access Non-fiction and Media Texts

### The Assessment Objectives Reading (AO3)

- (i) Read and understand texts, selecting material appropriate to purpose.
- (ii) Develop and sustain interpretations of writers' ideas and perspectives.
- (iii) Explain and evaluate how writers use linguistic, structural and presentational features to achieve effects and engage and influence the reader.

**All strands of Reading (AO3) are being assessed in Tasks 2, 3, 4 and 5.**

### The assessment process

**Tasks 2 and 4** will be assessed using Competence Level based assessment.

**Tasks 3 and 5** will be assessed using task-specific checklists.

### The required style of annotation for all tasks

- 1 Each response will be assessed on the basis of **a single reading** using the **two e-marking tools: underlining and ticking**
  - use **underlining** to highlight **appropriate explanation/interpretation**;
  - use **ticking** to indicate presentation of **relevant examples/evidence**; and
  - ignore all errors in punctuation, syntax and spelling as they are not being assessed.
- 2 The examiner **will carefully read and annotate** the response.

The purpose of the annotation is to clarify, positively, for the examiner, exactly what is creditworthy so that the appropriate Competence Level Strands can be selected, leading in turn to the award of the correct mark. A secondary function of the annotation is to ensure that, if scrutinised, it is clear what elements of a response have been credited.

### 3 Tasks 2 and 4

- (a) Having annotated the response as required, the examiner will then assess the response in relation to **each of the three strands of the relevant Competence Levels**.
- (b) The **three** selected Competence Level Strands will be noted in the appropriately numbered dialogue box at the end of the response.
- (c) Only **after** selecting and noting the three Competence Level Strands will the examiner turn to the mark grid to establish the mark to be awarded.

Where the mark grid calls for an examiner judgement, the extent to which a candidate has met the overall requirements of the selected Competence Level Strands will determine the mark to be awarded. Where a **two mark range** is available, the examiner will consider whether the response is mostly in the 'upper' half or 'lower' half of the achieved Competence Levels and award either mark accordingly.

In exceptional circumstances the standard of a candidate's work might range across more than two strand levels. Such an eventuality is not covered by the mark grids.

Apply the following mathematical rule in this case: **Task 2** CL422 (totals 8; 4+2+2) equates to CL332 (totals 8) so the mark range for this response would be 11-12 marks for **Task 2**. The support of the Supervising Examiner could usefully be sought.

Here is an example of the style of annotation required for a **Task 2** response (it should be read in conjunction with the relevant Competence Level Strands on p.17).

The response is positively assessed against each of the Competence Level Strands for **Task 2**. Let's assume that the response can best be summarised by the following descriptors:

- “Use of some appropriately selected examples from the text to support understanding” (Read and understand text/select appropriate material CL2)
- “Straightforward attempts to offer explanations of the writer’s intention(s)” (Develop and sustain interpretations of the writer’s intentions CL2)
- “Competent explanation of relevant elements of the writer’s craft” (Explain and evaluate elements of the writer’s craft CL3)

These individual strand levels are noted at the end of the response in the Task 2 dialogue box:



The next stage in the process is to check these ‘strand scores’ across the mark grid for **Task 2** on p.18. This indicates a score of **9/10 marks**. The examiner will consider whether the response is mostly in the ‘upper’ half and ‘lower’ half of the achieved Competence Level and award either mark accordingly.

The selected score would then be entered against **2** in the scoring facility on the right side of the screen.

#### 4 Tasks 3 and 5

- (a) The assessment of each of these tasks is measured against task-specific criteria laid out in detail later.
- (b) The score for each will then be entered in the scoring facility on the right side of the screen.

5 The examiner will carry out a final check of the examination booklet and any additional objects.

#### Remember to:

- use the ‘E’ tool to indicate the end of the candidate’s final response.
- stamp unused pages/boxed areas with the ‘SEEN’ tool.

## Task 2:

Response time: 15 minutes.

Total 21 marks

**Explain how the writer has presented this in a way that engages her readers' interest. Support your comments with evidence.**

Below is a range of task-specific material that candidates at all Competence Levels may draw upon for their responses. **Credit any other valid suggestions** (check with your Supervising Examiner).

- use of the **verb** “proclaimed” to suggest a message of great importance and capture the readers’ interest: “United Nations proclaimed March 20th to be...”
- use of **opinion presented as fact**: “It’s easy to understand why they see happiness as something to celebrate” to encourage the reader to concur and establish a positive tone
- **repetition**: “*happy people are...*”/“*Happy people are ...*”/“*happy people... are...*” to emphasise the writer’s argument
- use of **listing**: “*healthy people...*”/“*get sick less often...live longer*”/“*have fulfilling lives...*” “more successful and are more productive at work” to reinforce the numerous benefits and thereby sway the reader
- use of **research**: “Statistics prove...Based on recent studies...” to add gravitas, to convince the reader of the writer’s viewpoint
- use of **juxtaposition**: “that happiness is not just a personal issue; it’s a matter of public health, national well-being and global economics” to emphasise to the reader that we all have a role to play in being happy
- use of **inclusive pronouns** to develop a rapport with the reader: “as most of us know”/“grab our attention” to make the reader feel more inclined to agree with her view
- use of a **simile**: “Disappointments... gnaw at our worries like gnats” to give the reader a vivid sense of the effect being described
- use of **personification**: “Disappointments and annoyances grab our attention” to convey the threat of negative forces
- use of **adjectives**: “crammed” and “stressful” to highlight the pressures of everyday life, to sustain engagement with the reader
- use of a **question**: “achievable for some people, perhaps, but is it achievable for everyone?” to solidify the rapport as the readers are encouraged to consider if they agree with the argument being made.

Competence Level Strands Task 2			
	<b>Read and understand text/select material</b>	<b>Develop and sustain interpretations of writer's intentions</b>	<b>Explain and evaluate elements of writer's craft</b>
<b>CL0</b>	No creditworthy response.	No creditworthy response.	No creditworthy response.
<b>CL1</b>	A basic understanding which may or may not make use of textual evidence.	A basic sense of the writer's overall intention(s).	Basic remarks on the writer's use of language.
<b>CL2</b>	Use of some appropriately selected examples from the text to support understanding.	Straightforward attempts to offer explanations of the writer's intention(s).	Straightforward explanation of some relevant elements of the writer's craft.
<b>CL3</b>	A competent selection of examples from the text to support understanding.	Competent explanation of the writer's intention(s) which may draw upon explicit and implicit ideas.	Competent explanation of relevant elements of the writer's craft.
<b>CL4</b>	A purposeful selection of examples from the text to support understanding.	Increasingly purposeful interpretation of the writer's intention(s), including explicit and implicit ideas.	Analysis of elements of the writer's craft.
<b>CL5</b>	Precise and judicious selection of examples from the text to support understanding.	Sustained perceptive interpretation of the writer's intention(s).	Evaluation of elements of the writer's craft and how these elements impact the reader.

Each successive level description assumes the continued demonstration of the qualities described in the lower levels.

<b>Mark Grid Task 2</b>	
<b>Strands attained</b>	<b>Marks awarded</b>
000	0
100	1
110	2
111	3
112	4
221	5–6
222	7–8
322	9–10
332	11–12
333	13–14
334	15–16
443	17
444	18
445	19
554	20
555	21

### Task 3

Response time: **10 minutes.** Total **12 marks.**

In this part of the article, the writer is considering how we can be happier in life.

In your own words, write down two benefits the writer has recommended: one benefit from each paragraph. For each benefit present two pieces of supporting evidence.

#### Style of Assessment

##### Crediting each benefit [up to a max. of 4 marks]

- These are initially assessed on the basis of a single reading
- Use underlining to highlight the creditworthy elements of the response. If none is present, use the 'SEEN' stamp to indicate that the response has been read
- This underlined creditworthy material will then be assessed against the following descriptors before the mark is selected on the basis of best fit
- Enter this mark in the scoring facility for **3(a)** or **3(c)** on the right-hand side of the screen.

Demonstrates a clear and precise understanding of the above point using his/her own words	4
Demonstrates an accurate understanding of the above point mainly using his/her own words	3
Demonstrates a mostly accurate understanding of the above point using his/her own words but with reliance on the language of the text	2
Demonstrates a general sense of the above point relying heavily on the language of the text	1
No creditworthy response	0

##### Crediting the supporting evidence [up to a max. of 2 marks – 1 mark for each piece of supporting evidence]

- Evidence may be reported or quoted
- Use the ticking tool to indicate each piece of valid supporting evidence. If none is present, use the 'SEEN' stamp to indicate that the response has been read
- The score awarded is the total number of ticks (none, one or two) and this is entered in the scoring facility for **3(b)** or **3(d)** on the right-hand side of the screen.

**(a) Benefit from the first paragraph:**

By concentrating on the positives in life, we will live a life that has more meaning and purpose.

**(b) The supporting evidence:**

- “draws your attention to the good things in life”
- “boosting those feelings of worth and value”
- “reap the benefits for months”
- “focusing on the positives can be uplifting”

**(c) Benefit from the second paragraph:**

By attempting a few simple things to improve our happiness, we can achieve a much more contented life.

**(d) The supporting evidence:**

- “reconnect you with different sources of satisfaction”
- “sense of pleasure and meaning”
- “a life filled with more optimism”
- “fresh outlook”

## Reading Media Texts

**Tasks 4 and 5** are based on advertising material for the Wild Atlantic Sand-Free Beach Towel.

**Task 4:** Spend 17 minutes on this task. Total 20 marks

**Explain how language has been used to promote the Wild Atlantic Sand-Free Beach Towel as an excellent beach accessory. Present evidence to support your comments.**

Below is a range of task-specific material that candidates at all Competence Levels may draw on in their responses. **Credit any other valid suggestions** (check with your Supervising Examiner).

- use of **inclusive language** in short opening sentences to engage the reader from the start: “We love...We live for....”
- use of **direct address**: “And now you no longer need to...” to introduce the reader to a problem for which there is a remedy
- use of **juxtaposition**: “fine, golden granules of sand that leave skin sore, scraped dry” to highlight the problem for which the towel will provide a solution
- use of **sibilance**: “skin sore, scraped...” to emphasise the discomfort the product will address
- use of **hyperbole**: “...brings half of the beach...” to exaggerate the problem and to reinforce the need for a solution
- use of a **question**: “Want an innovative solution to this persistent pain?” to directly address the reader and encourage them to purchase the towel
- use of the **adjective**: “innovative” to convey the novelty and/or originality of this product
- use of **contrast** between the **verbs**: “caress”, “battles” to stress the positive aspect of this product
- use of a series of **adjectives**: “...soft...sand-free...large...portable” and **adverbs**: “luxuriously” and “perfectly” to build a picture of the key benefits for buyers
- use of the **statistic**: “dries 50% faster ...” to highlight an attractive feature of the product
- use of **alliteration**: “... perfectly portable after a plunge” to emphasise the benefit with the specific use of the product
- use of the **pun**: “smoother – in multiple ways” to humorously inform the reader of several benefits offered by the product
- use of closing **question**: “Isn’t it time you invested?” to encourage the reader to give further consideration to this product and purchase the towel

Competence Level Strands Task 4		
	Read and understand text/select material	Develop and sustain interpretations of writer's intentions
CL0	No creditworthy response.	No creditworthy response.
CL1	A basic understanding which may or may not make use of textual evidence.	A basic sense of the writer's overall intention(s).
CL2	Use of some appropriately selected examples from the text to support understanding.	Straightforward attempts to explain/explanation of the writer's intention(s).
CL3	A competent selection of examples from the text to support understanding.	Competent explanation of the writer's intention(s) which may draw upon explicit and implicit ideas.
CL4	A purposeful selection of examples from the text to support understanding.	Increasingly purposeful interpretation of the writer's intention(s), including explicit and implicit ideas.
CL5	Precise and judicious selection of examples from the text to support understanding.	Sustained perceptive interpretation of the writer's intention(s).
		Each successive level description assumes the continued demonstration of the qualities described in the lower levels.

## Mark Grid Task 4 (20 marks)

Strands attained	Marks awarded
000	0
100	1
110	2
111	3
112	4
221	5
222	6–7
322	8–9
332	10–11
333	12–13
334	14–15
443	16
444	17
445	18
554	19
555	20

## Task 5

Response time: 8 minutes

Total 10 marks.

Select two examples of presentational features that promote the Wild Atlantic Sand-Free Beach Towel as a product for people who enjoy water sports.  
Explain the intended effect of these two presentational features.

### Style of Assessment

#### Crediting the selection of valid presentational features [1 mark for each]

- Use the ticking tool to indicate the presence of a valid presentational feature from the list provided. If none is present, use the 'SEEN' stamp to indicate that the response has been read.
- In each case the score is zero or one mark and this is entered in the appropriate scoring facility 5(a) or 5(c) on the right of the screen.

#### Crediting each 'Explanation' [up to a max. of 4 marks]

- These are initially assessed on the basis of a single reading.
- Use underlining to highlight the creditworthy elements of the response. If none is present, use the 'SEEN' stamp to indicate that the response has been read.
- This underlined creditworthy material will then be assessed against the following descriptions before the mark is selected on the basis of best fit.
- Enter this mark in the scoring facility 5(b) or 5(d) on the right side of the screen.

Demonstrates a clear and precise understanding of the presentational feature identified	4
Demonstrates an accurate understanding of the presentational feature identified	3
Demonstrates a mostly accurate understanding of the presentational feature identified	2
Demonstrates a general sense of the presentational feature identified	1
No creditworthy response	0

#### **List of possible presentational features for 5(a) and 5(c):**

- the image of the towel
- the image of the logo/manufacturer/company name
- the image of the girl
- the image of the beach
- the image of the sky
- the image of the sea
- the image of the background
- a specific aspect of colour, including background/contrasting colour
- central prominent positioning of the girl/towel/product

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**List of possible explanations for 5(b) and 5(d):**

- the large central image of the product is the focal point of the advertisement. It demonstrates the use of the product clearly to the potential purchaser
- the logo is in a clear font and stands out strongly as it is in a contrasting colour to the towel. It is in a central position making it very clear to the reader
- the girl is using the product and the fact she is looking out to sea links the product with both the user and the setting. She is wrapped in the towel suggesting it offers comfort and has a practical use
- the foregrounding of the beach locates the product in the place where it will be used. It indicates it can be used by active people who enjoy water-based activities
- the dominance of the colour blue in the sky and sea creates an appealing setting

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