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National 5

Question Paper Finalised Marking Instructions

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General marking principles for National 5 Cantonese Reading

This information is provided to help you understand the general principles you must apply when marking candidate responses to questions in this paper. These principles must be read in conjunction with the detailed marking instructions, which identify the key features required in candidate responses.

- (a) Marks for each candidate response must **always** be assigned in line with these general marking principles and the detailed marking instructions for this assessment.
- (b) Marking should always be positive. This means that, for each candidate response, marks are accumulated for the demonstration of relevant skills, knowledge and understanding: they are not deducted from a maximum on the basis of errors or omissions.
- (c) If a specific candidate response does not seem to be covered by either the principles or detailed marking instructions, and you are uncertain how to assess it, you must seek guidance from your team leader.
- (d) Award a mark to each answer. Marks are not transferable between questions.
- (e) For questions that ask candidates to ‘**state**’ or ‘**give**’, candidates must give a brief, accurate response/name.

Marking instructions for each question

Question			Expected response(s)	Max mark	Additional guidance
					Do not accept
1.	(a)		• true • false	2	
	(b)		• 25 year olds	1	25 years, 25
	(c)		• nurses generally work 13.5 hours per day [box 1] • nurses have to work at night [box 2]	2	
	(d)		• patience	1	patient
	(e)		• like helping others/helpful • have a positive attitude/manner • be adaptable/resourceful/adapt to changes • able to use computer Any 2 from 4	2	manners
	(f)		• every day is different • not boring • happy • it gives him a sense of satisfaction/he feels satisfied • it gives him a sense of achievement Any 2 from 5	2	

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					Do not accept
2.	(a)		she is a school principal [box 3]	1	
	(b)	(i)	6.10 (am)	1	
		(ii)	(because she wants every student) - to have the opportunity to learn - to study well/study hard - to grow/develop Any 1 from 3	1	opportunities
	(c)		- in the mountains/mountainous area/hills - only girls, no boys - boarding school Any 2 from 3	2	
	(d)		- the countryside/rural areas/village - the city	2	Farm, remote
	(e)		- to have their own jobs [box 1] - to become independent people [box 2]	2	
	(f)		- education “one child, one teacher, one book and one pen” Any 1 from 2	1	

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					Do not accept
3.	(a)		• spring • a/1 week	2	year
	(b)		• bought tickets (online)	1	ticket
	(c)	(i)	• a bottle of water/water bottle/water • camera • wallet/purse Any 2 out of 3	2	money
		(ii)	• tube/metro/subway/underground/MRT	1	
		(iii)	• had not been/never been there • very few/not many tourists/visitors/people there Any 1 from 2	1	
	(d)	(i)	• (almost) 1000	1	
		(ii)	• (Emperor's) study	1	library
		(iii)	• a (big) desk/table • a (landscape) painting/drawing/picture • traditional furniture Any 1 from 3	1	

[END OF MARKING INSTRUCTIONS]