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**2023 ESOL**

**Reading**

**National 5**

**Finalised Marking Instructions**

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## General marking principles for National 5 ESOL 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 specific marking instructions for each question. The marking schemes are written to assist in determining the 'minimal acceptable answer' rather than listing every possible correct and incorrect answer.*

- (a) Marks for each candidate response must **always** be assigned in line with these general marking principles and the specific marking instructions for the relevant question.
- (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) The marking instructions indicate the essential idea that a candidate should provide for each answer.
- (d) The answers for each question must come from the original text.
- (e) Where there is a multiple choice question, award 0 marks where a candidate ticks all boxes.
- (f) In addition, markers should use their professional judgement, subject knowledge and experience, and understanding to mark candidate responses.

## Marking instructions for each question

### Text 1

| Question |  |       | Expected response(s)       | Max mark | Additional guidance                                                                            |
|----------|--|-------|----------------------------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.       |  |       | A                          | 1        |                                                                                                |
| 2.       |  |       | C                          | 1        |                                                                                                |
| 3.       |  |       | (human) interaction/moment | 1        | No more than three words                                                                       |
| 4.       |  |       | (seem quite) harassed      | 1        | No more than three words                                                                       |
| 5.       |  |       | goes unrecognised          | 1        | No more than three words                                                                       |
| 6.       |  |       | social lives               | 1        | Needs both words<br><br>No more than three words<br><br>Not informal community support network |
| 7.       |  |       | ghost towns                | 1        | No more than three words                                                                       |
| 8.       |  | (i)   | D                          | 1        |                                                                                                |
|          |  | (ii)  | C                          | 1        |                                                                                                |
|          |  | (iii) | B                          | 1        |                                                                                                |
| 9.       |  |       | D                          | 1        |                                                                                                |

## Text 2

| Question |  |  | Expected response(s)                  | Max mark | Additional guidance                                                           |
|----------|--|--|---------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10.      |  |  | tails wagging                         | 1        | No more than four words<br><br>Not sniffing around<br>Not circling each other |
| 11.      |  |  | (the company's) authorisation process | 1        | No more than four words                                                       |
| 12.      |  |  | (newly created) garden                | 1        | No more than four words<br><br>Not toys and/or treats                         |
| 13.      |  |  | Metal hoops/(long) leads fastened     | 1        | No more than four words<br><br>allow both answers                             |
| 14.      |  |  | D                                     | 1        |                                                                               |
| 15.      |  |  | B                                     | 1        |                                                                               |
| 16.      |  |  | C                                     | 1        |                                                                               |
| 17.      |  |  | D                                     | 1        |                                                                               |
| 18.      |  |  | D                                     | 1        |                                                                               |
| 19.      |  |  | invalidate                            | 1        |                                                                               |
| 20.      |  |  | morale                                | 1        |                                                                               |
| 21.      |  |  | A                                     | 1        |                                                                               |

## Text 3

| Question |  |  | Expected response(s)            | Max mark | Additional guidance |
|----------|--|--|---------------------------------|----------|---------------------|
| 22       |  |  | B                               | 1        |                     |
| 23.      |  |  | A                               | 1        |                     |
| 24.      |  |  | C                               | 1        |                     |
| 25.      |  |  | D                               | 1        |                     |
| 26.      |  |  | B                               | 1        |                     |
| 27.      |  |  | welfare/safeguarding            | 1        | Accept both answers |
| 28.      |  |  | condone                         | 1        |                     |
| 29.      |  |  | accessible                      | 1        |                     |
| 30.      |  |  | repudiates                      | 1        |                     |
| 31.      |  |  | stewardship/responsibility/duty | 1        | Accept any of these |
| 32.      |  |  | C                               | 1        |                     |
| 33.      |  |  | A                               | 1        |                     |

[END OF MARKING INSTRUCTIONS]