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Reading

National 5

Question Paper Finalised Marking Instructions

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General marking principles for National 5 Urdu 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)		• pocket money is a good thing • children learn to spend money • children learn to save money Any 2 from 3	2	
	(b)		• how much pocket money would be appropriate for their children • everything is getting more expensive/inflation • they discuss with other parents about this too Any 2 from 3	2	
	(c)		• buys science magazines for himself • he buys gifts for his friends	2	
	(d)		• he likes going with his friend • he likes watching comedy/funny movies • they laugh/enjoy together • times passes quickly/without realising it Any 2 from 4	2	
	(e)		• branded clothes • modern mobile phone	2	

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					Do not accept:
2.	(a)		• she likes city of Lahore • because new fashion clothes are available at reasonable price • Lahore has many foreign countries food/restaurants Any 2 of 3	2	
	(b)		• 5 to 11 years old	1	
	(c)		• worried about money/finances/she did not have much money	1	
	(d)		• school arranged her accommodation (then she was relaxed)	1	
	(e)		• read stories • supported in PE/exercise class	2	
	(f)		• parents of school children are very cooperative	1	
	(g)		• develop a sense of responsibility • make better connections with other people	2	

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					Do not accept
3.	(a)		• most populated • one of the oldest cultures in the world	2	
	(b)		• thousands of tourists visit Punjab • to see or explore historical forts/castles • to visited beautiful flower gardens Any 2 from 3	2	
	(c)		• spring season/time	1	
	(d)		• so that people around world get to know about Punjab culture • because youth have forgotten this culture • increase income for the country Any 2 from 3	2	
	(e)		• essay competition • traditional sports (competitions) • popular/famous Punjabi music/songs • Punjabi/bhangra dance Any 3 from 4	3	

[END OF MARKING INSTRUCTIONS]