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#### English Language Mark Scheme How to Mark

# Aims

When you are marking your allocation of scripts your main aims should be:

- 1 to recognise and identify the achievements of students
- 2 to put into a rank order the achievements of students (not to grade them that is something that is done later using the rank order that your marking has produced)
- 3 to ensure comparability of assessment for all students, regardless of question or examiner.

# Approach

It is important to be open minded and positive when marking scripts.

The specification recognises the variety of experiences and knowledge that students will have. It encourages them to study language in a way that is relevant to them. The questions have been designed to give them opportunities to discuss what they have found out about language. It is important to assess the quality of *what the student offers*.

Do not mark scripts as though they were mere shadows of some Platonic ideal (or the answer *you* would have written). The mark schemes have been composed to assess *quality of response* and not to identify expected items of knowledge.

# **The Marking Grids**

The specification has generic marking grids for each Assessment Objective which are customised for individual tasks. These have been designed to allow assessment of the range of knowledge, understanding and skills that the specification demands.

Within each Assessment Objective there are five broad bands representing different levels of achievement.

Do not think of bands equalling grade boundaries. Depending on the part of the examination, the bands will have different mark ranges assigned to them. This will reflect the different weighting of assessment objectives in particular tasks and across the examination as a whole. You may be required to give different marks to bands for different assessment objectives.

# Using the Grids

You will need to give a mark for each Assessment Objective being tested in a particular question. To identify the mark for an Assessment Objective ask:

# What descriptors reflect the answer you are marking?

On some occasions the descriptors in a band will only have one mark attached to them. On other occasions there will be a range of marks. In some bands there are upper and lower descriptors in such cases to help you.

Sometimes you will need to decide whether a script is displaying all the characteristics of a band firmly: if so, put it at the top of the band. As soon as a script has fulfilled one band and shows signs of the next, you should put it into that next band.

If a script displays some characteristics of a band barely, place it at the bottom of the band. If the script shows a range of some of the band's qualities, place it between the top and bottom of the band as seems fair.

#### Annotating scripts

It is vital that the way you arrive at a mark should be recorded on the script. This will help you with making accurate judgements and it will help any subsequent markers to identify how you are thinking, should adjustment need to be made.

To this end you should:

- identify points of merit with ✓ or ✓ ✓ if they are from the top 2 bands (ensure that you don't go into automatic ticking mode where you tick rhythmically every 10 lines - ticks should engage with the detail of a student's thinking and analysis)
- write notes in the margin commenting on the answer's relationship to the AOs/grid/key words/focus
- identify linguistic errors with a ×
- identify errors of spelling or punctuation by underlining, eg sentance
- write a summative comment at the end for each Assessment Objective
- indicate the marks for each Assessment Objective being tested at the end of the answer in the margin in sequence.

#### **Distribution of Assessment Objectives and Weightings**

The table below is a reminder of which Assessment Objectives will be tested by the questions and tasks completed by students and the marks available for them.

Assessment Objective	1	2	3	4	Total
Questions 01/02	10	20	15		45
Language Variation and Change					
Question 03 Language Discourses	10	20	15		45

# Section A – Language Variation and Change

# Question 01/02

- Award a mark out of 10 for AO1, place in the right hand margin and ring.
- Award a mark out of 20 for AO2, place in the right hand margin and ring.
- Award a mark out of 15 for AO3, place in the right hand margin and ring.

Eg	
AO1 Summative Comment	5
AO2 Summative Comment	(13)
AO3 Summative Comment	9

# Section B – Language Discourses

# **Question 03**

- Award a mark out of 10 for AO1, place in the right hand margin and ring.
- Award a mark out of 20 for AO2, place in the right hand margin and ring.
- Award a mark out of 15 for AO3, place in the right hand margin and ring.

Eg

AO1 Summative Comment	8
AO2 Summative Comment	(18)
AO3 Summative Comment	(12)

Transfer each ringed mark to the box on the front of the answer booklet. Add together and put the total mark in the box in the top right hand corner. Initial your mark.

uestion 1 ssessment focus: Analyse how Text A and Text B use language to represent Bradford. With reference to Text A, Text B and your own studies, illustrate and evaluate different ways of explaining how language changes.				
Mark	AO1: Select and apply a range of linguistic methods, to communicate relevant knowledge using appropriate terminology and coherent, accurate written expression	Mark	AO3: Analyse and evaluate the influence of contextual factors on the production and reception of spoken and written language	
9-10	<ul> <li>Applies accurately a sophisticated and searching range of frameworks in depth to enhance and illuminate understanding. Guides reader structurally and stylistically.</li> <li>Makes very few technical errors.</li> <li><i>Candidates are likely to:</i></li> <li>describe sentence and clause types, patterns and elements</li> <li>organise or synthesise descriptive approaches.</li> </ul>	13-15	<ul> <li>Demonstrates analytical grasp of how language works across different levels.</li> <li>Places analysis in wider contexts.</li> <li>Shows perceptive/conceptualised/</li> <li>illuminating/open-minded approach.</li> <li>Uses interesting and judicious examples/quotation.</li> <li>Evaluates appropriateness/success.</li> <li>Candidates are likely to:</li> <li>analyse sentence, clause and phrase effects</li> <li>analyse modality</li> <li>conceptualise and evaluate representation of Bradford: glamour, change, culture, history, business.</li> </ul>	
7-8	<ul> <li>Applies a relevant range of linguistic frameworks, showing some depth and detail, and with rare errors.</li> <li>Develops a line of argument in a controlled linguistic register.</li> <li>Shows firm control of technical accuracy.</li> <li><i>Candidates are likely to:</i></li> <li><i>describe phrase types, simple sentences</i></li> <li><i>describe types of word classes</i></li> <li><i>describe verb forms, tense and aspect.</i></li> </ul>	10-12	<ul> <li>Analyses language features, their explanatory context and their communicative impact confidently.</li> <li>Makes a subtle interpretation integrating various levels of description.</li> <li>Explores texts' meaning, purpose and effects.</li> <li>Makes evaluative comments which are well supported.</li> <li><i>Candidates are likely to:</i></li> <li><i>comment on effect of tense and aspect</i></li> <li><i>characterise style and attitudes</i></li> <li><i>explore range of representations of city in B: from review, blog.</i></li> </ul>	
5-6	<ul> <li>Applies linguistic frameworks consistently and largely accurately.</li> <li>Communicates clearly with clear topics and paragraphs.</li> <li>Makes infrequent technical errors.</li> <li><i>Candidates are likely to:</i></li> <li><i>describe sentence functions</i></li> <li><i>describe word classes</i></li> <li><i>describe person and number of pronouns.</i></li> </ul>	7-9	<ul> <li>Analyses meanings of a range of language features.</li> <li>Analyses context's influence in detail.</li> <li>Engages with texts' communicative intent.</li> <li>Quotes aptly.</li> <li>Makes some evaluative comment tied to textual detail.</li> <li><i>Candidates are likely to:</i></li> <li><i>comment on nouns used to describe Bradford</i></li> <li><i>comment on adjectives used to describe Bradford</i></li> <li><i>comment on verbs to describe Bradford</i>.</li> </ul>	

4	<ul> <li>Applies a linguistic framework with some errors.</li> <li>Clarifies some linguistic aims.</li> <li>Describes methodology.</li> <li>Expresses ideas with organisation emerging.</li> <li>Makes occasional technical errors.</li> <li><i>Candidates are likely to:</i></li> <li><i>describe basic pronouns</i></li> <li><i>describe lexical and semantic features.</i></li> </ul>	5-6	<ul> <li>Understands effect of context.</li> <li>Illustrates some effects of producer/audience/mode/purpose/field.</li> <li>Begins to interpret what text communicates.</li> <li>Illustrates using quotations.</li> <li><i>Candidates are likely to:</i> <ul> <li>discuss examples of direct 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> person address</li> <li>identify facts and information about the city.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3	Attempts to use linguistic description with occasional accuracy of description. Conveys basic ideas with some organisation. Frequent errors. <i>Candidates are likely to:</i> • <i>identify formality, complexity, layout.</i>	3-4	<ul> <li>Identifies some features of language variation.</li> <li>Has broad awareness that context has influenced language use.</li> <li><i>Candidates are likely to:</i> <ul> <li>evidence audience of travellers/visitors</li> <li>evidence informative and evaluative purposes.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2	Attempts to use frameworks with minimal accuracy achieved or quotes judiciously without linguistic description. Makes basic errors that intrude on communication.	2	Gives simple/generalised/descriptive accounts of the content of texts and data. Paraphrases. Quotes excessively. Gives well selected but unanalysed quotations.
1	Minimal engagement with language of the data. Quotes/refers to data rarely. Has major flaws in language that impede communication.	1	Misunderstands mode/purpose/context/content/meaning significantly.
0	Does not communicate.	0	Does not analyse texts.

Questio	n 1
	ment focus:
Anal	yse how Text A and Text B use language to represent Bradford.
• With	reference to Text A, Text B and your own studies, illustrate and evaluate different ways of an
Mark	AO2: Demonstrate critical understanding of a range of concepts and issues related to the construction and analysis of meanings in spoken and written language
	Demonstrates a conceptualised overview of theories and research.
	Analyses and evaluates alternative views.
47.00	Identifies and challenges standpoints.
17-20	Employs an exploratory/original/evaluative approach.
	Candidates are likely to:
	conceptualise styles and nature of texts as communication
	explore effects of business and marketing     overlaps the interactiveness and participatory neture of modern multimedia toute
	explore the interactiveness and participatory nature of modern multimedia texts     avaluate views of longuage change (or applying domp appen or multimedia costle and infectious
	<ul> <li>evaluate views of language change (eg applying damp spoon, crumbling castle and infectious disease metaphors and evolution, functional theory etc) using specific examples.</li> </ul>
	Shows depth or range of knowledge about linguistic concepts, theories and research.
13-16	Identifies different views and interpretations. Comments on others' ideas.
10-10	Candidates are likely to:
	explain prescriptivist views of examples from the data
	<ul> <li>use theories to explain aspects of the texts/nature of change</li> </ul>
	• examine causes of specific lexical, semantic and grammatical changes: eg globalisation,
	currency, travel and tourism, technology, urban development, communications, immigration.
	Shows detailed knowledge of linguistic ideas, concepts and research.
11-12	Develops views on linguistic issues.
	<ul><li>Candidates are likely to:</li><li>develop a supported view about change as natural</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>analyse range of word formation/semantic change processes in period words.</li> </ul>
	• analyse range of word formation/semanale onlarge processes in period words.
9-10	Shows knowledge of linguistic ideas, concepts and research.
	Outlines views on linguistic issues.
	Candidates are likely to:
	distinguish types of language features, eg by semantic fields
	<ul> <li>identify prescriptivism and descriptivism without application to the texts.</li> </ul>
7-8	Reveals familiarity with linguistic ideas, concepts and research. Makes sustained explanations.
7-0	Candidates are likely to:
	<ul> <li>give sustained and organised exemplification of graphological features</li> </ul>
	• use printing/electronic technology to explain these features.
5-6	Shows awareness of linguistic ideas, concepts and research.
	Candidates are likely to:
	give unlinked examples of language features distinctive to the texts
2.4	use different times to explain the differences.
3-4	Is anecdotal/descriptive with implicit relevance. Candidates are likely to:
	<ul> <li>give a detailed history of English without applying to the texts (4)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>make a generalised discussion of language change without examples from the texts (3).</li> </ul>
1-2	Has little focus on linguistic issues.
	Candidates are likely to:
	<ul> <li>give a general discussion of travel, the internet etc without reference to language.</li> </ul>
0	Shows no understanding of anything concerned with the study of language.

<ul> <li>Analyse how Tony and Pete use language in Text C to convey their thoughts and feelings.</li> <li>Referring to Text C, Table 1 and your own studies, how far do you agree with the view that men's language use is different from women's?</li> </ul>				
Mark	AO1: Select and apply a range of linguistic methods, to communicate relevant knowledge using appropriate terminology and coherent, accurate written expression	Mark	AO3: Analyse and evaluate the influence of contextual factors on the production and reception of spoken and written language	
9-10	<ul> <li>Applies accurately a sophisticated and searching range of frameworks in depth to enhance and illuminate understanding. Guides reader structurally and stylistically.</li> <li>Makes very few technical errors. Candidates are likely to:</li> <li>describe types of turn-taking and tag questions in detail</li> <li>describe clauses and linking.</li> </ul>	13-15	<ul> <li>Demonstrates analytical grasp of how language works across different levels.</li> <li>Places analysis in wider contexts.</li> <li>Shows perceptive/conceptualised/ illuminating/open-minded approach.</li> <li>Uses interesting and judicious examples and quotation.</li> <li>Evaluates appropriateness/success.</li> <li>Candidates are likely to:</li> <li>analyse collaborative nature of interaction</li> <li>analyse modality and tentativeness</li> <li>conceptualise reflectiveness, emotions, self- presentation.</li> </ul>	
7-8	<ul> <li>Applies a relevant range of linguistic frameworks, showing some depth and detail, and with rare errors.</li> <li>Develops a line of argument in a controlled linguistic register.</li> <li>Shows firm control of technical accuracy.</li> <li><i>Candidates are likely to:</i></li> <li>describe interactive features of speech: monitoring features, tag questions</li> <li>describe phrase types</li> <li>describe types of word classes</li> <li>describe verb forms, tense and aspect.</li> </ul>	10-12	Analyses language features, their explanatory context and their communicative impact confidently. Makes a subtle interpretation integrating various levels of description. Explores texts' meaning, purpose and effects. Makes evaluative comments which are well supported. Candidates are likely to: • comment on use of tense • examine topic development • explore presentation of ideas about vulnerability.	
5-6	<ul> <li>Applies linguistic frameworks consistently and largely accurately.</li> <li>Communicates clearly with clear topics and paragraphs.</li> <li>Makes infrequent technical errors.</li> <li><i>Candidates are likely to:</i></li> <li><i>describe verb moods</i></li> <li><i>describe word classes</i></li> <li><i>describe person and number of pronouns.</i></li> </ul>	7-9	<ul> <li>Analyses meanings of a range of language features.</li> <li>Analyses context's influence in detail.</li> <li>Engages with texts' communicative intent.</li> <li>Quotes aptly.</li> <li>Makes some evaluative comment tied to textual detail.</li> <li>Candidates are likely to:</li> <li>analyse representation of Brian</li> <li>analyse presentation of views about Englishness</li> <li>analyse presentation of personal experiences.</li> </ul>	

4	<ul> <li>Applies a linguistic framework with some errors.</li> <li>Clarifies some linguistic aims.</li> <li>Describes methodology.</li> <li>Expresses ideas with organisation emerging.</li> <li>Makes occasional technical errors.</li> <li>Candidates are likely to:</li> <li>describe stress and volume</li> <li>describe basic pronouns</li> <li>describe lexical and semantic features.</li> </ul>	5-6	<ul> <li>Understands effect of context.</li> <li>Illustrates some effects of producer/audience/mode/ purpose/field.</li> <li>Begins to interpret what text communicates.</li> <li>Illustrates using quotations.</li> <li><i>Candidates are likely to:</i></li> <li><i>comment on effects of NVAS</i></li> <li><i>identify personal/inclusive/direct address.</i></li> </ul>
3	Attempts to use linguistic description with occasional accuracy of description. Conveys basic ideas with some organisation. Frequent errors. <i>Candidates are likely to:</i> • <i>identify formality, non-fluency,</i> <i>complexity.</i>	3-4	<ul> <li>Identifies some features of language variation.</li> <li>Has broad awareness that context has influenced language use.</li> <li><i>Candidates are likely to:</i></li> <li><i>identify expression of personal views</i></li> <li><i>note information, analysis, opinion purposes.</i></li> </ul>
2	Attempts to use frameworks with minimal accuracy achieved or quotes judiciously without linguistic description. Makes basic errors that intrude on communication.	2	Gives simple/generalised/descriptive accounts of the content of texts and data. Paraphrases. Quotes excessively. Gives well selected but unanalysed quotations.
1	Minimal engagement with language of the data. Quotes/refers to data rarely. Has major flaws in language that impede communication.	1	Misunderstands mode/purpose/context/content/meaning significantly.
0	Does not communicate.	0	Does not analyse texts.

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Refe	erring to Text C, Table 1 and your own studies, how far do you agree with the view that men's language use
IS d Mark	ifferent from women's? AO2: Demonstrate critical understanding of a range of concepts and issues related to the construction and analysis of meanings in spoken and written language
	Demonstrates a conceptualised overview of theories and research.
	Analyses and evaluates alternative views.
17-20	Identifies and challenges standpoints.
	Employs an exploratory/original/evaluative approach. Candidates are likely to:
	<ul> <li>evaluate deficit/dominance/difference views and research</li> </ul>
	• challenge ideas of difference: gender polarisation and dichotomies, universalising; explore similarities
	<ul> <li>conceptualise diversity views: heterogeneity of women's and men's social identities</li> </ul>
	explore gender as performance.
	Shows depth or range of knowledge about linguistic concepts, theories and research.
40.40	Identifies different views and interpretations.
13-16	Comments on others' ideas. Candidates are likely to:
	<ul> <li>identify and classify deficit/dominance/difference views</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>explore different interpretations of female/male conversational behaviours</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>explore differences in accent and dialect, other modes of communication</li> </ul>
	explain detailed research findings
	<ul> <li>explain research on/effect of other variables, eg context, age, class, ethnicity.</li> <li>Shows detailed knowledge of linguistic ideas, concepts and research.</li> </ul>
11-12	Develops views on linguistic issues.
	Candidates are likely to:
	explain ideas of report/competition vs rapport/cooperation
	explain a dominance interpretation.
	Shows knowledge of linguistic ideas, concepts and research.
9-10	Outlines views on linguistic issues.
	<ul> <li>Candidates are likely to:</li> <li>explore use of particular features in detail: eg turns, tags, vocabulary</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>express a view of male and female language as different.</li> </ul>
	,
7-8	Reveals familiarity with linguistic ideas, concepts and research.
7-0	Makes sustained explanations. Candidates are likely to:
	explain specific features of female and male communication
	label features of female and male communication.
	Shows awareness of linguistic ideas, concepts and research.
5-6	Candidates are likely to:
	<ul> <li>give examples of what men and women say/explain findings in Table 1</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>show awareness of research by name-dropping or undeveloped/confused references.</li> </ul>
	Is anecdotal/descriptive with implicit relevance.
3-4	Candidates are likely to:
	discuss male and female communication without linguistic comment
	<ul> <li>discuss male and female communication without examples.</li> </ul>
	Has little focus on linguistic issues.
1-2	Candidates are likely to:
	<ul> <li>discuss men's and women's behaviour without focus on their language.</li> </ul>
0	Shows no understanding of anything concerned with the study of language.
-	Chows no understanding of anything concerned with the study of anythage.

<ul> <li>Analyse and evaluate how these two texts use language to present ideas about the use of standard and nor standard accents.</li> </ul>				
Mark	AO1: Select and apply a range of linguistic methods, to communicate relevant knowledge using appropriate terminology and coherent, accurate written expression	Mark	AO3: Analyse and evaluate the influence of contextual factors on the production and reception of spoken and written language	
9-10	<ul> <li>Applies accurately a sophisticated and searching range of frameworks in depth to enhance and illuminate understanding. Guides reader structurally and stylistically. Makes very few technical errors.</li> <li>Candidates are likely to:</li> <li>describe sentence and clause types, patterns and elements</li> <li>organise or synthesise descriptive approaches.</li> </ul>	13-15	<ul> <li>Demonstrates analytical grasp of how language works across different levels.</li> <li>Places analysis in wider contexts.</li> <li>Shows perceptive/conceptualised/ illuminating/open-minded approach.</li> <li>Uses interesting and judicious examples and quotation.</li> <li>Evaluates appropriateness/success.</li> <li>Candidates are likely to: <ul> <li>analyse sentence and clause patterns and effects</li> <li>analyse shaping of response/positioning of reader: modality/certainty</li> <li>conceptualise/contextualise nature of discourses about accent and their online dissemination.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
7-8	<ul> <li>Applies a relevant range of linguistic frameworks, showing some depth and detail, and with rare errors.</li> <li>Develops a line of argument in a controlled linguistic register.</li> <li>Shows firm control of technical accuracy <i>Candidates are likely to:</i></li> <li>describe phrase types, simple sentences</li> <li>describe types of word classes</li> <li>describe verb forms, tense and aspect.</li> </ul>	10-12	<ul> <li>Analyses language features, their explanator context and their communicative impact confidently</li> <li>Makes a subtle interpretation integrating various levels of description.</li> <li>Explores texts' meaning, purpose and effect Makes evaluative comments which are well supported.</li> <li>Candidates are likely to:</li> <li>explore self-presentation of authors</li> <li>analyse how Selfridges staff are presente</li> <li>analyse presentation of views about language and society.</li> </ul>	
5-6	<ul> <li>Applies linguistic frameworks consistently and largely accurately.</li> <li>Communicates clearly with clear topics and paragraphs.</li> <li>Makes infrequent technical errors.</li> <li><i>Candidates are likely to:</i></li> <li><i>describe sentence functions</i></li> <li><i>describe word classes</i></li> <li><i>describe person and number of pronouns.</i></li> </ul>	7-9	<ul> <li>Analyses meanings of a range of language features.</li> <li>Analyses context's influence in detail.</li> <li>Engages with texts' communicative intent.</li> <li>Quotes aptly.</li> <li>Makes some evaluative comment tied to textual detail.</li> <li><i>Candidates are likely to:</i></li> <li>analyse language used to represent accents</li> <li>analyse representation of Selfridges and customers</li> <li>analyse E's representation of Hanson.</li> </ul>	

4	<ul> <li>Applies a linguistic framework with some errors.</li> <li>Clarifies some linguistic aims.</li> <li>Describes methodology.</li> <li>Expresses ideas with organisation emerging.</li> <li>Makes occasional technical errors.</li> <li><i>Candidates are likely to:</i></li> <li><i>describe basic pronouns</i></li> <li><i>describe lexical and semantic features.</i></li> </ul>	5-6	<ul> <li>Understands effect of context.</li> <li>Illustrates some effects of producer/audience/mode/ purpose/field.</li> <li>Begins to interpret what text communicates.</li> <li>Illustrates using quotations.</li> <li><i>Candidates are likely to:</i></li> <li><i>explain attitudes and views</i></li> <li><i>analyse personal address to audience.</i></li> <li>Identifies some features of language variation.</li> </ul>
3	Attempts to use linguistic description with occasional accuracy of description. Conveys basic ideas with some organisation. Frequent errors. <i>Candidates are likely to:</i> • <i>identify formality, complexity.</i>	3-4	<ul> <li>Has broad awareness that context has influenced language use.</li> <li><i>Candidates are likely to:</i></li> <li><i>evidence inform, argue and persuade functions</i></li> <li><i>evidence fields of accents and situation.</i></li> </ul>
2	Attempts to use frameworks with minimal accuracy achieved or quotes judiciously without linguistic description. Makes basic errors that intrude on communication.	2	Gives simple/generalised/descriptive accounts of the content of texts and data. Paraphrases. Quotes excessively. Gives well selected but unanalysed quotations.
1	Minimal engagement with language of the data. Quotes/refers to data rarely. Has major flaws in language that impede communication.	1	Misunderstands mode/purpose/context/content/meaning significantly.
0	Does not communicate.	0	Does not analyse texts.

	uestion 3
	<b>nent focus:</b> uate these ideas about the use of accents, using your knowledge and study of language variation and
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Mark	AO2: Demonstrate critical understanding of a range of concepts and issues related to the construction and analysis of meanings in spoken and written language
	Demonstrates a conceptualised overview of theories and research.
	Analyses and evaluates alternative views.
17-20	Identifies and challenges standpoints.
11-20	Employs an exploratory/original/evaluative approach. Candidates are likely to:
	<ul> <li>evaluate the relative value of code-switching/repertoires vs acceptance of accent variation</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>evaluate the inguistic arbitrariness of the value of specific accent sounds vs social significances</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>evaluate changing social attitudes to accents</li> </ul>
	challenge the views of Texts D and E.
	Shows depth or range of knowledge about linguistic concepts, theories and research.
40.40	Identifies different views and interpretations.
13-16	Comments on others' ideas. Candidates are likely to:
	<ul> <li>explore ideas of repertoires, code-switching and accommodation</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>show knowledge of specific research findings, eg quantitative findings, matched guise work</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>classify and comment on views in Texts D and E</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>characterise debates and positions about accents and English as a world language.</li> </ul>
	Shows detailed knowledge of linguistic ideas, concepts and research.
44 40	Develops views on linguistic issues.
11-12	<ul><li>Candidates are likely to:</li><li>explore positive attitudes to vernacular accents</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>explore positive attitudes to vernacular accents</li> <li>explore negative attitudes to RP.</li> </ul>
	Shows knowledge of linguistic ideas, concepts and research. Outlines views on linguistic issues.
9-10	Candidates are likely to:
0.0	<ul> <li>explain sources of attitudes: social connotations, media representations</li> </ul>
	explain variation according to situation.
	Reveals familiarity with linguistic ideas, concepts and research.
7.0	Makes sustained explanations.
7-8	Candidates are likely to:
	<ul> <li>identify particular attitudes to accents, eg ugly, uneducated, persuasive, authoritative</li> <li>identify some varieties of English, eg RP, standard/non-standard, Estuary.</li> </ul>
	Shows awareness of linguistic ideas, concepts and research.
5-6	Candidates are likely to:
	<ul> <li>give own examples of attitudes to accent broadly, eg positive/negative, posh/common</li> </ul>
	show some awareness of research by name-dropping or undeveloped references.
3-4	Is anecdotal/descriptive with implicit relevance. Candidates are likely to:
0-4	<ul> <li>make a generalised/prejudiced discussion of attitudes to accents with little linguistic comment</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>explain the ideas and examples in Texts D and E.</li> </ul>
	Has little focus on linguistic issues.
1-2	Candidates are likely to:
	<ul> <li>give a general discussion of class and prejudices without reference to language.</li> </ul>
0	Shows no understanding of anything concerned with the study of language.