



English

Stage 8



Paper 1 Non-fiction

2024

Cambridge Lower Secondary Progression Test

Mark Scheme

Section A: Reading

Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)	<p>Award 1 mark for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • squeezed. 	1
1(b)	<p>Award 1 mark for each of the following, plus 1 mark for each appropriate quotation, up to a maximum of 4 marks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • by describing the (physical) setting: 'a quiet business park' / 'this very ordinary scene' • by describing the people there: 'linger for hours (over a \$1 coffee)' / 'the few people walking by' • by describing the area as inexpensive: '(linger for hours over) a \$1 coffee' • by describing the area as laid back: 'a quiet business park' / 'this very ordinary scene' / 'linger for hours over a \$1 coffee'. <p>Accept two different ways each with a different quotation.</p>	4
1(c)	<p>Award 1 mark for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to emphasise a contrast between the first and second paragraphs. 	1

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2(a)	<p>Award 1 mark for one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • emphasises the importance of Steve's job / the reality/fact of what Steve does / the writer thinks this is a really important/impressive job • adds excitement / surprise / drama. 	1
2(b)	<p>Award 1 mark for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what he is (actually) doing is 'quite extraordinary'. 	1

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3(a)	<p>Award 1 mark for one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'It is no hyperbole to say...'. • 'There was nothing like (the Voyager 1 and Voyager 2 missions to the outer planets before they launched in 1977)' 	1
3(b)	<p>Award 1 mark for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the computer is weak / slow / has limited / smaller memory (compared to modern computers) / is less powerful. 	1

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4(a)	<p>Award 1 mark for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> by using phrases and clauses separated by commas / a complex-compound sentence (made up of phrases and clauses). 	1
4(b)	<p>Award 1 mark for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> wonder. 	1

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5	<p>Award 1 mark each for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> words spoken or written by someone words that usually mean something different. 	2

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6	<p>Award 1 mark for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> they agree on everything except one part of it. 	1

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7	<p>Award 1 mark for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (advanced) spacefaring civilisations / extra-terrestrials / aliens. 	1

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8	<p>Award 1 mark for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> human beings / Earth. 	1

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9(a)	<p>Award 1 mark for an explanation that in Hollywood, they make films about space exploration that are based on imagination/ are exciting but not real.</p> <p>And 1 mark for an explanation that in Altadena the type of space exploration they do is real/ not very exciting, but it produces real results that are amazing.</p>	2
9(b)	<p>Award 1 mark for any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (people who keep) tissues and tins of peppermints (on their desks) one of the most amazing things in human history (slow, patient science) humdrum. 	1

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10(a)	<p>Award 3 marks for 7–9 correct pieces of information, 2 marks for 4–6 pieces, 1 mark for 1–3 pieces:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="323 339 1303 1006"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="323 339 822 399">Voyager space mission</th><th data-bbox="822 339 1303 399">Information</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="323 399 822 451">Date of launch</td><td data-bbox="822 399 1303 451"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="832 413 949 440">• 1977 </td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="323 451 822 541">Purpose of original mission</td><td data-bbox="822 451 1303 541"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="832 464 1240 525">• to explore outer planets / a mission of discovery </td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="323 541 822 653">Equipment carried on board spacecraft</td><td data-bbox="822 541 1303 653"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="832 554 1013 581">• computer <li data-bbox="832 586 997 613">• camera <li data-bbox="832 617 1133 644">• golden disk/record </td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="323 653 822 900">Achievements of the mission</td><td data-bbox="822 653 1303 900"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="832 667 1240 727">• discovery: volcanoes on Io <li data-bbox="832 732 1240 792">• image: 'family portrait' photograph of our solar system <li data-bbox="832 797 1292 880">• journey: travelled further than any other human-made object out to/around the Milky Way </td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="323 900 822 1006">Current position</td><td data-bbox="822 900 1303 1006"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="832 914 1224 974">• billions of kilometres from Earth/interstellar space / <li data-bbox="832 979 1267 1006">• somewhere in the Milky Way </td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Voyager space mission	Information	Date of launch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="832 413 949 440">• 1977 	Purpose of original mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="832 464 1240 525">• to explore outer planets / a mission of discovery 	Equipment carried on board spacecraft	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="832 554 1013 581">• computer <li data-bbox="832 586 997 613">• camera <li data-bbox="832 617 1133 644">• golden disk/record 	Achievements of the mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="832 667 1240 727">• discovery: volcanoes on Io <li data-bbox="832 732 1240 792">• image: 'family portrait' photograph of our solar system <li data-bbox="832 797 1292 880">• journey: travelled further than any other human-made object out to/around the Milky Way 	Current position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="832 914 1224 974">• billions of kilometres from Earth/interstellar space / <li data-bbox="832 979 1267 1006">• somewhere in the Milky Way 	3
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10(b)	<p>Example answer:</p> <p>Since being launched in 1977, the Voyager mission to explore the outer planets has discovered volcanoes on Jupiter's moon Io, and taken an iconic photograph of our solar system. Carrying a computer, a camera, and a golden record, the spacecraft are now billions of kilometres from Earth, in interstellar space.</p> <p>Award 1 mark for a paragraph with ideas that are connected using basic linking words. Award 2 marks for a paragraph with ideas that are connected using a range of cohesive devices. Do not award more than 1 mark where the summary exceeds 50 words.</p>	2												

Section B: Writing**Notes to markers**

- Use the marking grids on the following pages.
- Marking should always begin from the lowest mark in each column and work upward.
- A 'best fit' judgement should be made in judging first in which box to place the response and then, within that box, which mark is appropriate.
- The lower mark within a box should be given if some criteria have been met but not all.
- Note on extent:
Award **0 marks** where the performance fails to meet the lowest criteria.
Award **0 marks** for 20 words or fewer.
Award a maximum of **7 marks** for responses of between 21 and 60 words.
You need not count the words unless you think there will be fewer than 60. In normal-sized handwriting 60 words will be approximately 8 lines.

	Marks
Creation of texts (Wc)	5
Vocabulary and language (Wv)	3
Grammar and punctuation (Wg)	7
Structure of texts (Ws)	7
Word structure [spelling] (Ww)	3
[Total 25]	

Creation of texts (Wc)	Vocabulary and language (Wv)	Structure of texts (Ws)	Grammar and punctuation (Wg)	Word structure (Ww) (spelling)
[5 marks]	[3 marks]	[7 marks]	[7 marks]	[3 marks]
<p>Content is wholly suitable for the intended audience.</p> <p>Text is written from a clear and well-presented viewpoint. i.e., contains detail that sustains interest with writer's style / personal response which emphasises particular points.</p> <p>Uses relevant features consistently for a chosen purpose to clarify meaning.</p> <p>Some combinations of structural, linguistic and literary features to create a specific effect.</p>		<p>The response is presented clearly and is well-organised using a good range of organisational features accurately.</p> <p>Ideas are developed with chronological or logical links throughout the text from an effective introduction to a successful conclusion.</p> <p>Paragraphs are used successfully to structure the content. There is effective cohesion within and between paragraphs.</p> <p>A good range of sentence openings and connectives are used appropriately to support content.</p>	<p>Grammatical structures are almost always accurate throughout the text. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a wide range of sentence types are used accurately and effectively to support the text type. • detail and shades of meaning conveyed through the grammatical structure of sentences, e.g., controlling the order of clauses in complex sentences. • Consistent use of formal and/or informal register according to context, purpose and audience. <p>Punctuation is accurate and used to enhance meaning, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • commas, ellipses, colons, semi-colons, dashes and hyphens are used accurately to clarify and enhance meaning • conventions of layout are always applied effectively and consistently e.g., bullet points. 	
[4–5]		[6–7]	[6–7]	

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Content is suitable for the intended audience. Viewpoints are well-presented and consistent throughout. Uses relevant features consistently for a chosen purpose to clarify meaning. May begin to add structural and literary features in parts of the text.	The response is relevant using a vocabulary accurately for the purpose / text type. Uses language precisely to clarify and extend meaning.	The response is presented clearly and is well-organised using a range of organisational features accurately. Ideas are developed with chronological or logical links throughout the text though there may be some inconsistencies. Paragraphs are used to help structure the text where the main idea is usually supported by following sentences. A range of sentence openings and connectives are used appropriately to support content.	Grammatical structures are mostly accurate throughout the text, e.g., <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a range of sentence types are used to support the text type. • Some detail and shades of meaning through the grammatical structure of sentences, e.g., controlling the order of clauses in complex sentences. • Formal and/or informal register is generally used appropriately according to context, purpose and audience. A range of punctuation e.g., <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • commas, ellipses, colons, semi-colons, dashes and hyphens are used mostly accurately to clarify meaning. • Conventions of layout are applied consistently e.g., bullet points. 	Spelling is usually correct throughout. There may occasionally be phonetically plausible attempts at complex words. Correct spelling of most, not all, polysyllabic words, e.g., accommodation, appear, information, probably, separate, business, essentially, wondering/wandering.
[3]	[3]	[4-5]	[4-5]	[3]

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<p>Content is mostly relevant using some literary techniques appropriate to the text type.</p> <p>Main features of the text type, if appropriate, are evident.</p> <p>Viewpoints are generally clear and help engage the reader's interest for the most part.</p>	<p>Creates and controls meaning through precise use of a range and variety of language.</p> <p>Creates effects by using a range of linguistic and literary techniques.</p>	<p>The response is generally well-organised and attempts the use of some organisational features.</p> <p>Some attempt to sequence relevant ideas logically.</p> <p>Paragraphs / sections are evident, though not always consistently or appropriately. Related points are grouped together or linked by time sequencers.</p> <p>Movement between paragraphs or sections, may be disjointed with a limited range of sentence openings and connectives.</p>	<p>Grammatical structures are generally accurate throughout the text, e.g.,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of some range of sentence types to support the text type. • Some complex sentences attempted to create effect. • Formal and/or informal register is attempted if relevant e.g., depending on target audience <p>Some range of punctuation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • e.g., commas, semi-colons, dashes and hyphens) is used accurately to clarify meaning. • There may be evidence of comma splicing. <p>Note: if punctuation is totally lacking and other descriptors met then give the lower mark here.</p>	<p>Spelling of common and some less-common words, including polysyllabic and compound words, is generally accurate, e.g. friend, another, around, because, anything, something.</p> <p>Spelling of plurals and some past and present words is generally accurate, e.g., boxes, clothes, told, stopped, wanted.</p>
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<p>Some material included that is relevant to the task.</p> <p>The writer's attitude to the subject inconsistently conveyed, with some attempt to engage the reader.</p> <p>Some elements of the text type can be seen; a <i>maximum of 1 mark can be awarded if not the correct genre.</i></p>	<p>Language is simple, relevant and suitable for the text type.</p> <p>Language and meaning of words/phrases is mainly clear, with some errors.</p>	<p>Some attempt to organise the overall text.</p> <p>Some basic sequencing of ideas in relation to the stimulus.</p> <p>Paragraphs / sections are evident with related points grouped together or linked by time sequence.</p> <p>Movement between paragraphs or sections, is disjointed with a very limited range of sentence openings and connectives.</p>	<p>Basic grammatical structures are generally correct, e.g.,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • subject and verb generally agree • past and present tense verbs are generally consistent. • simple and some compound sentences • some complex sentences may be attempted to expand detail but not always successfully. • Formal and/or informal register may be attempted but not consistently according to context, purpose and audience. <p>Punctuation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demarcation of straightforward sentences is usually correct. • Commas are used in lists and occasionally to mark clauses. <p>Note: learners should gain marks for good English with punctuation errors rather than lose marks for essentially good English.</p>	<p>Spelling of high frequency words is generally correct, e.g., their/there, when, were, what, some, etc.</p>
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