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**Irish**

**Assessment Unit A2 2**  
**(Section B)**

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Reading

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**MARK**  
**SCHEME**

## General Marking Instructions

### **Introduction**

The main purpose of the mark scheme is to ensure that examinations are marked accurately, consistently and fairly. The mark scheme provides examiners with an indication of the nature and range of candidates' responses likely to be worthy of credit. It also sets out the criteria which they should apply in allocating marks to candidates' responses.

### **Assessment objectives**

Below are the assessment objectives for **GCE Irish**.

Candidates should be able to:

- AO1** Understand and respond, in speech and writing, to spoken language drawn from a variety of sources, including face-to-face interaction.
- AO2** Understand and respond, in speech and writing, to written language drawn from a variety of sources.
- AO3** Manipulate the language accurately and appropriately, in spoken and written forms, using a range of lexis and structure.
- AO4** Show knowledge and understanding of, and respond critically and analytically to different aspects of the culture and society of countries and communities where the language is spoken and demonstrate critical analysis and evaluation of works created in the language studied.

### **Quality of candidates' responses**

In marking the examination papers, examiners should be looking for a quality of response reflecting the level of maturity which may reasonably be expected of a 17 or 18-year-old which is the age at which the majority of candidates sit their GCE examinations.

### **Flexibility in marking**

Mark schemes are not intended to be totally prescriptive. No mark scheme can cover all the responses which candidates may produce. In the event of unanticipated answers, examiners are expected to use their professional judgement to assess the validity of answers. If an answer is particularly problematic, then examiners should seek the guidance of the Supervising Examiner.

### **Positive marking**

Examiners are encouraged to be positive in their marking, giving appropriate credit for what candidates know, understand and can do rather than penalising candidates for errors or omissions. Examiners should make use of the whole of the available mark range for any particular question and be prepared to award full marks for a response which is as good as might reasonably be expected of a 17 or 18-year-old GCE candidate.

### **Awarding zero marks**

Marks should only be awarded for valid responses and no marks should be awarded for an answer which is completely incorrect or inappropriate.

### **Marking calculations**

In marking answers involving calculations, examiners should apply the 'own figure rule' so that candidates are not penalised more than once for a computational error. To avoid a candidate being penalised, marks can be awarded where correct conclusions or inferences are made from their incorrect calculations.

### **Types of mark schemes**

Mark schemes for tasks or questions which require candidates to respond in extended written form are marked on the basis of levels of response which take account of the quality of written communication.

Other questions which require only short answers are marked on a point for point basis with marks awarded for each valid piece of information provided.

### **Levels of response**

In deciding which level of response to award, examiners should look for the 'best fit' bearing in mind that weakness in one area may be compensated for by strength in another. In deciding which mark within a particular level to award to any response, examiners are expected to use their professional judgement.

The following guidance is provided to assist examiners.

- **Threshold performance:** Response which just merits inclusion in the level and should be awarded a mark at or near the bottom of the range.
- **Intermediate performance:** Response which clearly merits inclusion in the level and should be awarded a mark at or near the middle of the range.
- **High performance:** Response which fully satisfies the level description and should be awarded a mark at or near the top of the range.

### **Quality of written communication**

Quality of written communication (QWC) is taken into account in assessing candidates' responses to all tasks and questions that require them to respond in extended written form in English. These tasks and questions are marked on the basis of levels of response. The description for each level of response includes reference to the quality of written communication. For conciseness, quality of written communication is distinguished within levels of response as follows:

One strand of QWC will be assessed:

- ensuring that text is legible and that spelling, punctuation and grammar are accurate so that meaning is clear.

QWC will be assessed qualitatively and holistically and the standard required will be evident in the level banding marking criteria for each question.

Level 5: Quality of written communication is excellent.

Level 4: Quality of written communication is very good.

Level 3: Quality of written communication is good.

Level 2: Quality of written communication is quite good.

Level 1: Quality of written communication is weak.

In interpreting these level descriptions, examiners should refer to the more detailed guidance provided below:

**Level 5 (Excellent):** Presentation, spelling, punctuation and grammar are excellent and meaning is very clear.

**Level 4 (Very Good):** Presentation, spelling, punctuation and grammar are of a sufficiently high standard to make meaning clear.

**Level 3 (Good):** Presentation, spelling, punctuation and grammar are good and meaning is clear.

**Level 2 (Quite Good):** Presentation, spelling, punctuation and grammar are sufficiently competent to make meaning clear.

**Level 1 (Weak):** Presentation, spelling, punctuation and grammar may be such that intended meaning is not clear.

**Section B: Reading**

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| <b>1</b> | <b>(a)</b> Éirinn         | [1] |
|          | <b>(b)</b> slánaithe      | [1] |
|          | <b>(c)</b> amhlaidh       | [1] |
|          | <b>(d)</b> ógánaigh       | [1] |
|          | <b>(e)</b> tír            | [1] |
|          | <b>(f)</b> toghadh        | [1] |
|          | <b>(g)</b> mheisciúil     | [1] |
|          | <b>(h)</b> tromchúiseacha | [1] |
|          | <b>(i)</b> luath          | [1] |
|          | <b>(j)</b> dtuismitheoirí | [1] |

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- 2 (a) 7.8 milliún [1] crann a chur [1] [2]
- (b) téann siad i ngleic le hathrú aeráide [1]  
**or**  
 bíonn siad ina n-acmhainn luachmhar ó thaobh bia agus fuinnimh de [1] [1]
- (c) laghdaíonn siad [1] leibhéal na ngás/an dochar [1] [2]
- (d) súnn siad isteach [1] an méid céanna CO<sub>2</sub> ón atmaisféar (is a dhéanann carr thar 26,000 míle) [1] [2]
- (e) Any **two** from:  
 tabhartas a chur ar fáil (le crainn a chur)  
 crainn a chur  
 imeacht a reáchtáil  
 (2 x [1]) [2]
- (f) pacáiste [1] eolais [1] [2]
- (g) seo an (chéad) sprioc [1] atá mar chuid de mhórfhlean cúig bliana [1] [2]
- (h) Any **two** from:  
 go mbeidh an domhan níos inmharthana  
 níos sláintiúla  
 agus níos glaine  
 spriocanna curtha i gcrích  
 (2 x [1]) [2]

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## Summary

### Candidates should mention the following key points:

- some cities throughout the world have banned diesel engines
- there is evidence that diesel engines cause illnesses – that’s the reason for the ban
- it would be impossible to implement a complete ban
- it will take many years of work to replace diesel engines
- the era of diesel has gone if it’s harming people’s health

Examiners should allocate an overall mark for AO2 based on the performance descriptors grid.

### QWC is assessed in this question.

Band	AO2 Performance Descriptors	Marks
5	The candidate displays a very high level of understanding of the stimulus and the task. The key points have been selected and covered within tolerance of the word limit. Very few errors. Presentation, spelling, punctuation and grammar are excellent and meaning is very clear.	[13]–[15]
4	The candidate has understood the stimulus and the task well. Most of the key points have been conveyed but there may be a tendency to exceed the word limit. Presentation, spelling, punctuation and grammar are of a sufficiently high standard to make meaning clear.	[10]–[12]
3	The candidate shows some understanding of the stimulus but there is an uneven response to the demands of the task. At least half of the relevant information is given but coverage of the key points may be unbalanced. Presentation, spelling, punctuation and grammar are good and meaning is clear.	[7]–[9]
2	The candidate has made some attempt to deal with the demands of the task but less than half of the relevant information is given. The response is inconsistent. Presentation, spelling, punctuation and grammar are sufficiently competent to make meaning clear.	[4]–[6]
1	The candidate demonstrates limited understanding of the stimulus or the task. Little relevant information is given. Presentation, spelling, punctuation and grammar may be such that intended meaning is not clear.	[1]–[3]
0	No valid response/incorrect/inappropriate/not worthy of credit.	[0]

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<b>Band</b>	<b>AO3 Performance Descriptors</b>	<b>Marks</b>
5	The presentation of original information in the target language is excellent. Grammar, structures and accuracy are of a very high order.	[5]
4	A very good, faithful rendering, evidence of minor errors. Lexis and structures used confidently.	[4]
3	Good attempt overall and more than half of the information has been accurately conveyed.	[3]
2	Quite limited in terms of language. Inaccuracies may be frequent and serious. Less than half the information has been conveyed.	[2]
1	Very limited attempt to comply with the demands of the task. Gaps are evident and candidate may resort to using English.	[1]
0	No valid response/incorrect/inappropriate/not worthy of credit.	[0]

	<b>AVAILABLE MARKS</b>
<b>AO3</b>	35
<b>Total</b>	75

## Translation

The translation is divided into seven sections. Each section is marked out of five. The marks are then totalled to give a final mark out of 35.

Section	Translation Passage	Suggested Translation	Credit	Do not credit
1	Ag tús an chéid seo a chuaigh thart bhí cónaí ar bheagnach cúig mhíle Giúdach i mBéal Feirste agus sa cheantar máguaird.	At the beginning of the last century, almost five thousand Jewish people lived in Belfast and the surrounding area.		
2	Bhí cuid mhór teaghlach ag baint fúthu agus ag obair sa chathair ar feadh breis agus céad bliain agus ba bhaill thábhachtacha den phobal iad.	Many families lived and worked in the city for more than a century and were important members of the community.		
3	Bhí croílár an phobail Ghiúdaigh i mBéal Feirste Thuaidh, áit a raibh a gcuid siopaí féin, scoil agus sionagóg acu.	The centre of Jewish life was in North Belfast, where they had their own shops, school and synagogue.		
4	Maireann an tsionagóg ar fad, ach ar an drochuair, tá Éire fágtha ina ndiaidh ag an chuid is mó de na Giúdaigh.	The synagogue is still in existence, but, unfortunately, most of the Jewish people have left Ireland behind them.		
5	Mar aon le gach mionlach anseo, d'fhulaing siad go mór in aimsir achrannach agus d'éirigh an saol deacair acu.	Like all minorities here, they suffered greatly during periods of trouble and life became difficult.		
6	Is mór an trua nach bhfuil ach líon beag Giúdach ina gcónaí i mBéal Feirste anois, agus gur tháinig meath ar an daonra Giúdach i mBaile Átha Cliath agus i gCorcaigh fosta.	It is a great pity that there are only a small number of Jewish people living in Belfast now, and in Dublin and Cork the Jewish population has also decreased.		
7	Lá éigin, tiocfaidh teaghlaigh eile Ghiúdacha go hÉirinn agus tá mé cinnte go gcuirfimid fáilte rompu.	Some day more Jewish families will come to Ireland, I am sure and we will welcome them.		
Suitable alternative responses will be credited.				

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