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Paper 3 (Written Paper), maximum raw mark 100

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- 1 (a) 'Keep using English.' This is one option. Give two benefits and two problems of this option.**

One mark for each benefit. One mark for each problem.

Benefits:

Students already speak English/English is the language of global business/students want to be educated in English.

Accept other variants – either drawn from the text or an authentic new idea.

Problems:

Small children need to be prepared for English-medium school by speaking English

It may be hard for students to learn in a second language.

People who are good at maths but not at languages might struggle.

Accept other variants.

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- (b) Give two more options. For each option suggest one benefit and one problem.**

One mark for each option. One mark for each benefit. One mark for each problem.

Option: Teach lessons through Chinese

Benefit – prepare students for a world in which China is economically important

Problem – Chinese hard to learn/English is the language of business/other variants.

Option: Teach lessons through local languages

Benefit – good for local languages/benefits for local culture/students already speak the language.

Problems – there are four local languages so difficult to choose which one/does the school need to divide students into groups according to which of four local languages they speak?/ may make it more difficult for students to enter the international world in their careers.

Accept other variants.

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- 2 As Head Teacher of City School, what further information would you find useful to help you make your decision whether to keep lessons in English?**

Assessment Objective B5

What I need to know – whether Chinese really is developing into a global language/what parents want/what students want/whether teachers are available who could teach through the medium of Chinese/what the effect might be on the local economy.

Accept other reasonable responses.

Where I will find this information – refer to experts from universities (or their publications)/questionnaire for parents/survey of students/ask education department or put adverts in the paper/meet local business leaders to find out whether they are more in need of English, Chinese or local language speakers.

How this information will help me make a decision – if Chinese really is becoming an economically important language, then it would be beneficial for students to learn it. If all indications are that English will remain the language of business, then the school should continue to teach lessons in English (but might think about introducing Chinese as a foreign language rather than the medium of instruction)/parents pay the fees, so what they want must be considered by the Head Teacher as an important criterion. If parents in general agree with Mr X, the Head will need either to introduce Chinese or to persuade them differently/students' futures are directly affected by this decision, and they are the future of the city (and its prosperity), so their opinions are relevant to this decision. If students are overwhelmingly in favour of learning through English, this should be taken into consideration/if there are not sufficient teachers available to teach through Chinese, it will not be possible to do so/if local businesses want more Chinese speakers to do more business with China, this would influence the decision. On the other hand, if they mostly do business through English but do not trade with China, it would make sense for pupils to be educated through English.

1 mark for each appropriate 'what I need to know'.

1 mark for explaining how to find the information (this needs to go beyond, 'look on the internet')

1–3 marks for explaining how this information will help make the decision

1 mark – basic statement of relevance (or which hints at relevance)

2 marks – explanation of how this information would help make a decision

3 marks – considered explanation of how this information might be helpful, which considers 'what if' scenarios (if this, then that...)

Note: 'what if' scenarios are not sufficient for three marks if the explanation is not relevant to the decision.

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- 3 (a) Read source 2 again. Find and write down *one* opinion and *two* facts which Mr L uses.

Assessment Objective B4

One mark for one opinion. One mark each for two facts.

Opinion:

Chinese is the global language of the future so there is no doubt that our children must be educated in Chinese not English.

Otherwise they will not be able to take part in international business and they will return to the poverty we have worked so hard to escape.

The case for Chinese is overwhelming.

Facts:

One billion native speakers.

China is overtaking Germany as the third largest economy in the world behind America and Japan.

China exports \$180 billion of electronic goods each year/a third of the world's shoes/75% of the world's toys. [3]

- (b) Do you think Mr L is making a convincing argument for lessons in Chinese? Give reasons for your argument. You should:

- consider the claims he makes;
- consider possible consequences;
- use examples of words and phrases from his letter to support your point of view.

Mark according to levels of response.

Level 0: no creditworthy material.

Level 1: (1–4 marks) Basic Response

EITHER simple opinion followed by paraphrase of or (dis)agreement with the text OR an undeveloped point which hints at an evaluative point OR stock, pre-learned phrases which are not well applied to this particular argument.

e.g. Mr L is convincing because he tells us that they will not be able to take part in international business OR Mr L is very convincing. He has used statistics to support his view.

Level 2: (5–8 marks) Reasonable Response

EITHER justified agreement or disagreement with the argument OR some evaluative comment relating to the quality of this particular argument which might offer some support to a conclusion about how convincing it is.

e.g. Mr L is not very convincing. We do not know where his facts come from. We do not know that \$180 billion exports are significant in the world economy. He suggests unlikely consequences.

Level 3: (9–12 marks) Strong Response

A structured response which uses evaluation of the quality of this particular argument to support a conclusion about how convincing it is.

Mr L is not very convincing because he states possible consequences as certain. For example, it is not certain that children educated in English will not speak Chinese at all – they could learn Chinese as well as having lessons in English. [12]

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- 4 Consider the sources and your answers to previous questions. In your role as Head Teacher, write a letter to parents to explain what you have decided about which language the City School will use in lessons.**

In your letter you should:

- explain why you have reached the decision that you made;
- show that you have considered different points of view;
- explain why you disagreed with some of these points of view.

Assessment Objective B6

Mark according to levels of response.

Level 0: no creditworthy material.

Level 1: (1–5 marks) Basic Response

May be undeveloped and/or inconclusive. Tends to use statement and exaggeration rather than reasoning, and there is very little support for a conclusion/opinion if given. Mentions alternative perspectives only vaguely or in a confused way. May simply repeat much of the stimulus material without adaptation.

Level 2: (6–10 marks) Reasonable Response

Provides reasoning which gives some logical support to the clearly stated conclusion/opinion. There may be some exaggeration occasionally. Attempts to consider alternative opinions (although these may not be fully relevant) and explain why the candidate did not accept them (this may be a simple disagreement or only a partial answer).

Level 3: (11–15 marks) Strong Response

Clear and structured. Provides reasoning which gives strong logical support to the candidate's conclusion/opinion. Considers relevant alternative points of view and explains why the candidate did not accept them in a way which really answers the points raised.

- 5 There is often disagreement about whether a new dam should be built.**

- (a) Explain, using examples, why people want to build new dams.**
- (b) Explain, using examples, why people object to new dams being built.**

Assessment Objective B7

Mark according to levels of response. Five marks for **(a)** and five marks for **(b)**

Level 0: no creditworthy material.

Level 1: (1–2 marks) Basic Response

Re-use of stimulus material with little or no adaptation or explanation/the explanation is implied but not clarified.

Level 2: (3–4 marks) Reasonable Response

An explanation which makes use of examples from the source documents or less relevant examples.

Level 3: (5 marks) Strong Response

A convincing explanation which EITHER makes strong use of examples from the source documents OR introduces relevant new examples. [10]

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- 6 In your role with the World Bank, what further information would be useful to help you make your decision whether to fund this new dam?

In the spaces below:

- identify two things you need to know;
- say where you will find this information;
- explain how this information will help you make your decision.

Assessment Objective B5

What I need to know – how many people will be flooded and how they can be compensated/what effects the dam will have on people downstream.

Environmental impact – what the dam will do to the physical/chemical properties of the river OR what the dam will do to animals living around it.

Whether the impact of the dam can be minimised.

What the consequences for the region will be if the dam is not built.

What alternatives there are for water management in the region.

Where I will find this information – discuss with scientists, economists etc.

How this information will help me make a decision – if only a small number of people will be flooded, and if they can be compensated easily, I would be more likely to support/fund the dam.

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- 7 Read the conversation between the Government Worker and the Farmer again (Source 3).

Assessment Objective B4

- (a) Find and write down *two* facts and *one* value judgement in this source.

One mark for each fact. One mark for one value judgement.

Fact: I already store rain water.

Fact: Lakes and seas around the world are shrinking because people are damming rivers and taking the water for their crops.

Value judgement: It's not right, flooding people's homes.

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- (b) 'The dam will attract tourists. They will pay good money to visit the region.' Do you think this is a likely consequence of building a new dam in the region? Give reasons for your opinion.
- (c) The dam 'will mean that you have enough water to keep your crops growing.' Do you think this is a likely consequence of building a new dam in the region? Give reasons for your opinion.

Mark (b) and (c) according to levels of response.

Level 0: no creditworthy material.

Level 1: (1–2 marks) Basic Response

Candidate restate material from the stimulus passage or make weak evaluative points which might support a conclusion.

Level 2: (3–4 marks) Reasonable Response

A fair response which gives a clear statement of opinion supported by an attempt at reasoning which focus on the likelihood of the consequence following from the building of a dam.

Level 3: (5–6 marks) Strong Response

A structured response which gives clear and persuasive reasons which focus on the likelihood of the consequence following from the building of the dam and includes some awareness of ambiguity/the balance of probability/what if reasoning. [12]

- 8 Do you think that dams are a good way of managing water? In your answer you should:
- give reasons for your opinion;
 - show that you have considered other points of view;
 - explain why you disagreed with some of these points of view.

Assessment Objective B6

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