



ST NICHOLAS COLLEGE
HALF YEARLY PRIMARY EXAMINATIONS

February 2017

YEAR 6

ENGLISH
(Writing)

TIME: 50 mins

Marking Scheme

Short Writing Task - Write about 50 or 60 words. (10 marks)

Choose either 1 or 2.

The student is expected to write an advertisement, to encourage people to come to the local library or to encourage children to prepare a healthy lunch. The space provided should be used creatively to fit the genre.

Excellent 9-10 marks	Fully coherent writing to encourage people to come to the local library, or to encourage children to prepare a healthy lunch. Completely/Almost completely accurate structures, spelling and punctuation. An excellent range of vocabulary effectively conveying the task.
Very Good 7-8 marks	Almost fully coherent writing to encourage people to come to the local library, or to encourage children to prepare a healthy lunch. Very few errors in structures, spelling and punctuation. A very good range of vocabulary effectively conveying the task.
Good 5-6 marks	Generally coherent writing to encourage people to come to the local library, or to encourage children to prepare a healthy lunch. Some errors in structures, spelling and punctuation A good range of vocabulary effectively conveying the task.

Poor 3-4 marks	Poor coherence in writing. Several mistakes in structures, spelling, and punctuation. Basic range of vocabulary that does not adequately convey the task.
Very Poor 0-2 marks	No coherence in writing. Inaccurate spelling and punctuation. Very simple vocabulary that fails to render the task intended.

Mark the writing out of the total and then deduct 2 marks for totally irrelevant writing and 1 mark for partially irrelevant writing. Deduct 1 mark if the writing is longer than 60 words. Deduct 1 mark if the writing is shorter than 50 words.

Long Writing Task

Planning

Do not deduct marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar errors in the plan.

Very Good 4 marks	Detailed planning Relevant details
Satisfactory 2-3 marks	Planning with some details. Most of the details are relevant.
Poor 0-1 mark	Planning with very few details. Most of the details are irrelevant/ No planning is evident.

<p>Excellent</p> <p>14-16 marks</p>	<p>Fully coherent and cohesive writing characterized by syntactically complex sentences. Completely / Almost completely accurate structures, spelling and punctuation An excellent range of vocabulary and idiomatic language effectively conveying the intended meaning. Excellent paragraphing skills and use of linking words. Task fully achieved.</p>
<p>Very Good</p> <p>11-13 marks</p>	<p>Generally coherent and cohesive writing using compound sentences. Very few errors in structures, spelling and punctuation. A very good range of vocabulary effectively conveying the intended meaning. Good knowledge of paragraph building and use of linking words/phrases. Task almost fully achieved.</p>
<p>Good</p> <p>8-10 marks</p>	<p>Generally coherent and cohesive writing using grammatically correct sentences. Some errors in structures, spelling and punctuation. A good range of vocabulary effectively conveying the intended meaning. Quite good knowledge of paragraph building and use of linking words/phrases. Task adequately achieved.</p>
<p>Poor</p> <p>5-7 marks</p>	<p>Writing marked by breakdown in coherence in parts and poor or mistaken use of cohesive devices. Several mistakes in structures, spelling, and punctuation. Basic range of vocabulary that does not adequately convey the intended meaning. Poor paragraph construction, no use or repeated use of same linking words/phrases. Task only partly achieved.</p>

Very Poor 0-4 marks	Limited writing skills characterized by disjointed short sentences. Inaccurate spelling and punctuation. Very simple range of vocabulary that fails to render the intended meaning. Task not achieved.
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Mark the writing out of the total and then deduct 6 marks for totally irrelevant writing and 4 marks for partially irrelevant writing. Note that excellent stories that are shorter than 140 words should not be scored higher than the "Very Good" band; and very good stories that are shorter than 120 words should not be scored higher than the "Pass" band.

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