UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS GCE Ordinary Level

MARK SCHEME for the May/June 2012 question paper for the guidance of teachers

3248 SECOND LANGUAGE URDU

3248/01 Paper 1 (Composition and Translation),

maximum raw mark 55

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Part 1: Directed Writing (15 marks)

The syllabus specifies that the candidates are to write about 150 words in Urdu. Examiners are to read up to 200 words and ignore any further writing. If one bullet point is not covered at all, then the maximum mark for language is 7.

Language (out of 9)	Content (out of 6)
8–9 Very good Confident use of complex sentence patterns; generally accurate; extensive vocabulary; good sense of idiom.	5–6 Very good Detailed, clearly relevant and well illustrated; coherently argued and structured.
6–7 Good Generally sound grasp of grammar in spite of quite a few lapses; reads reasonably; some attempt at varied vocabulary and sentence patterns.	4 Good Sound knowledge and generally relevant; some ability to develop argument and draw conclusions.
4–5 Adequate A tendency to be simple, clumsy or laboured; some degree of accuracy; inappropriate use of idiom.	3 Adequate Some knowledge, but not always relevant; a more limited capacity to argue.
2–3 Poor Consistently simple or pedestrian sentence patterns (basic sentence structure) with persistent errors; limited vocabulary.	Poor Some attempt at argument, tends to be sketchy or unspecific; little attempt to structure an argument; major misunderstanding of question.
0–1 Very poor Only the simplest sentence patterns; little evidence of grammatical awareness; very limited vocabulary.	0–1 Very poor Vague and general; ideas presented at random.

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Part 2: Letter, Report, Dialogue or Speech (20 marks)

The syllabus specifies that the candidates are to write about 200 words in Urdu.

Language (out of 15)	Content (out of 5)
13–15 Very good Confident use of complex sentence patterns; generally accurate; extensive vocabulary; good sense of idiom.	5 Very good Detailed, clearly relevant and well illustrated; coherently argued and structured.
10–12 Good Generally sound grasp of grammar in spite of quite a few lapses; reads reasonably; some attempt at varied vocabulary and sentence patterns.	4 Good Sound knowledge and generally relevant; some ability to develop argument and draw conclusions.
7–9 Adequate A tendency to be simple, clumsy or laboured; some degree of accuracy; inappropriate use of idiom.	3 Adequate Some knowledge, but not always relevant; a more limited capacity to argue.
4–6 Poor Consistently simple or pedestrian sentence patterns (basic sentence structure) with persistent errors; limited vocabulary.	2 Poor Some attempt at argument, tends to be sketchy or unspecific; little attempt to structure an argument; major misunderstanding of question.
0–3 Very poor Only the simplest sentence patterns; little evidence of grammatical awareness; very limited vocabulary.	0–1 Very poor Vague and general; ideas presented at random.

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1	A few years ago	چند ۔ کئی ۔ پکھ سال ۔ برس پہلے
2	enjoy	لطف اندوز _ پيند _مزا
3	car	گاڑی ۔موثور کار۔ کار
4	family	خاندان _گھر والے _گھر کے افراد
5	beauty spot	خوب صورت ۔ احیجی ۔ بیاری ۔ دککش
6	or a restaurant	ریسٹورین ۔ ہوٹل؛ کھناے کی جگہ
7	in the evening	شام کے وقت
8	or at the weekend	یا ویک اینڈ۔ ہرفتے اتوار۔ ہفتے کے اختیام
10	vehicles	(plural) گاڑیاں۔
11	on the roads	(plural) سروکوں پر
12	that to get stuck in a traffic jam	جام میں پیس جانا
13	common experience	عام تجربه
15	I read	少な
16	last month	وكجليل مهيني
17	biggest	222
18	move	چل - بل عتی
20	on a main road	ایک بوی سوک پر۔ اہم سوک مرکزی سوک

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21	capital	دارالخلافه به دارا لحكومت
22	Most of the vehicles were lorries	لارياں _ٹرک _
24	queue	قطار _ لائن
25	repaired.	ٹھیک۔ صحیح۔ مرمت ۔
28	because China's economy	ميعشت _ ا كانوى
29	is growing so fast.	تیزی سے بڑھ رہی ہے۔ میں اضافہ
30	too weak	كمزور
31	too narrow	عک
32	to bear the load	بوجهد وزن الفانا سبنا/ برداشت
33	heavy modern lorries.	بھاری جدید
35	coal from the mines	کانوں سے کوئلہ
36	to the big factories in the area.	بیرو سے کارخانوں ۔ فیکٹریوں
39	it took two or three more days	دو تین دن مزید _ اور گھ_
40	to clear the road.	كرموك سے ريك مانے ميں -صاف كرنے ميں

As in any language translation there are different ways of translating to and from any language. This example here gives a good sense of the original English. Examiners will need to read candidates' work and judge how well the candidate had transferred the meaning of the original.

Mark each phrase out of 1 putting mark in the margin. Add up the marks (out of 40) then divide by 2 to get a final mark out of 20.

NB This is not marked for written accuracy but for meaning.