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Finalised Marking Instructions

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General Marking Principles for ESOL Listening Higher

This information is provided to help you understand the general principles you must apply when marking candidate responses to questions in this Paper. These principles must be read in conjunction with the detailed marking instructions, which identify the key features required in candidate responses.

- (a) Marks for each candidate response must always be assigned in line with these General Marking Principles and the Detailed Marking Instructions for this assessment.
- (b) Marking should always be positive. This means that, for each candidate response, marks are accumulated for the demonstration of relevant skills, knowledge and understanding: they are not deducted from a maximum on the basis of errors or omissions.
- (c) If a specific candidate response does not seem to be covered by either the principles or detailed Marking Instructions, and you are uncertain how to assess it, you must seek guidance from your Team Leader.
- (d) Markers should use their professional judgement, subject knowledge and experience, and understanding to award marks to candidate responses.
- (e) The Marking Instructions indicate the essential idea that a candidate should provide for each answer and there may be variation in candidate responses. Credit should be given according to the accuracy and relevance of a candidate's answers.
- (f) The answers for each question must come from the original recording. Candidates may be awarded marks where the answer is accurate and expressed in their own words.
- (g) Where questions require a response of eg 'no more than three words', candidates should not be penalised if they use an additional word, provided that the essential idea required by the question is correct.
- (h) Candidates should not be penalised for making spelling mistakes where the meaning of the word has clearly been understood.
- (i) Where there is a multiple choice question and the candidate ticks more boxes than required: award 0 marks where a candidate ticks all boxes. If **two** answers are required and the candidate ticks three boxes with two correct answers, award 1 mark. If two answers are required and a candidate ticks three boxes with one correct answer, award 0 marks.
- (j) Question 10 in Recording 1 and Question 19 in Recording 2 are the overall purpose questions. For this type of question, candidates must draw meaning from their overall understanding of the recording.

Detailed Marking Instructions for each question

Recording 1

Question			Expected Answer(s)	Max Mark	Additional Guidance
1.			A	1	
2.			C	1	
3.			C	1	
4.			B	1	
5.			the protest boycott	1	
6.			food miles	1	Not 'foot miles'
7.			social media	1	
8.			(dead) animals	1	
9.			B	1	
10.			B	1	

Recording 2

Question			Expected Answer(s)	Max Mark	Additional Guidance
11.			C	1	
12.			A	1	
13.			like you write/as you write/how you write	1	
14.			respond (quickly)	1	
15.			capitals/punctuation	1	Not 'grammar'
16.			new constructions/form/structures	1	Not 'new language(s)'
17.			D	2	
			E		
18.			B	1	
19.			D	1	

[END OF MARKING INSTRUCTIONS]