

Example Candidate Responses – Paper 1

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How to use this booklet

This booklet goes through the paper one question at a time, showing you a high-, middle- and low-level response for each question. The candidate answers are set in a table. In the left-hand column are the candidate answers, and in the right-hand column are the examiner comments.

Example Candidate Response – high	Examiner comments
مثق نمبر تین میں او یمیا کون سے متعلق کچھ معلومات دی گئی ہیں۔	The candidate's main focus is on relevant points.
20 اب آپ او یمیاکون کے باسیوں کے مخصوص رہن سہن اور گاڈل میں حکومت کی جانب سے کیے جانے کہ	Mark for Content = 4 out of 4
والے اقدمات پر ایک خلاصہ کھیں۔ آپ مشق نمبر تین میں بنائے گئے اپنے نکات سے مدد کے سکتے ہیں۔ خلاصہ تقریباً 100 الفاظ پر مشتل ہو۔ جہاں تک ممکن ہوخلاصہ اپنے الفاظ میں کھیں۔	
خلاصے کے مواد کے 4 نمبر اور طرز تحریر اور صحیح زبان کے 6 نمبر دیے جائیں گے۔	Examiner comments explain where and why marks were awarded. These help to interpret
ادیمیا کون دنیا کا سرد ترین علاقہ ہے۔ یہاں کے محفوص رہن مہن کے بات میں کیٹی ہاتی بتاذی گئی ہیں۔ زمین پر برف یتن کی دور سے بیت العلاء گھروں سے باہر بنا بیا	the standard of Cambridge exams to help learners refine their exam technique.
conditions, demonstrating the types of answers for each level. These could be used to discuss and analyse the answers with learners in the classroom to improve their skills.	

How the candidate could improve the answer

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Common mistakes and guidance for candidates

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- Direct lifting of information from text affects the

This section explains how the candidate could improve each response. It helps learners to improve their exam technique.

This section lists common mistakes as well as helpful guidance from the examiner. This will help your learners to avoid these mistakes. You can use this alongside the relevant Examiner Report to guide your learners.

• Candidates who were careless regarding the spelling and grammatical structures lost marks for language. For this exercise, they reproduce the information from the given text after tailoring it to suit the demand of the topic. Spelling and grammatical errors can be avoided.

Introduction

The main aim of this booklet is to exemplify standards for those teaching Cambridge O Level Second Language Urdu.

This booklet contains responses to all questions from June 2024 Paper 1 Reading and Writing.

Exercises 1 to 3 responses have been written by a Cambridge examiner to demonstrate the correct answers and are accompanied by examiner comments highlighting common errors and misconceptions where they are relevant.

For Exercises 4 and 5 we have selected candidate responses to show how different levels of candidates' performance (high, middle and low) relate to the syllabus requirements. This document helps teachers to assess the standards required to achieve marks beyond the guidance of the mark scheme.

The questions and mark schemes are available on the School Support Hub

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Example response

Question	Answer
Question 1	مر زاغالب نے زندگی کے حقائق کو گہرائی میں جاکر سمجھاہے۔
Question 2	انہوں نے ایک عظیم سلطنت کو ختم ہوتے دیکھااور میر دنی قوت کواقتد ار پر چھاتے ہوئے دیکھا
Question 3	تیرہ سال کی عمر میں
Question 4	اشیبن مالی مشکلات کا سا متاکر ناپژا
Question 5	زندگی کی حقیقت کو شیختےاوراپنچاندراعلی صلاحیتوں کو پیداکرنے کی ہمت ملتی ہے
Question 6	خطا جواب لکھناضر ورکی سیجھتے تھے

Examiner comment

- In general, this exercise was very well understood by a large majority of candidates and many candidates scored full marks.
- Some candidates struggled with Question1, although there were multiple acceptable responses for this direct question.
- Question 2 and Question 5 were worth 2 marks each; some candidates only provided one detail worth 1 mark. Some limited ability candidates could not comprehend the questions properly and gave ambiguous answers. Especially for the second part of Question 2 responses like یرونی کر تردیک ور تی کر تردیک و بر معالی م معالی معالی
- Some candidates also misunderstood Question 6 and gave ambiguous answers. It enquired the reason for Mirza Ghalib spending a lot of time writing letters. The required answer was that he considered it his duty to <u>reply</u> to all the letters he received from his friends. Candidates who could not comprehend the question either repeated the information given in the question or wrote that he thought writing letters was his duty.

Example response

Question	Answer
Question 7	D
Question 8	A
Question 9	С
Question 10	В
Question 11	A
Question 12	С
Question 13	D
Question 14	В
Question 15	D

Examiner comment

- This multiple-choice exercise was based on a passage about facts related to Fast Food and its impacts on health. The passage contained four paragraphs (A–D). The candidates had to identify which paragraph contained the selected pieces of information for each question.
- This exercise was very well attempted by many candidates and a large majority successfully scored full marks on this task. However, Question 13 and Question 14 proved to be a bit challenging for some candidates who provided wrong answers.
- While attempting a multiple-choice question exercise, candidates must always be careful to clearly tick only one out of four given boxes. If they change their mind afterwards, they must cross out the previous answer before they tick their final answer. If more than one boxes are marked, the answer will be disqualified.

Example response

Question	Answer
Question 16	کم ہے کم درجہ حرارت منفی 71ڈ گری سینٹی گریڈاوراوسط درجہ حرارت منفی 50ڈ گری سینٹی گریڈ
Question 17	وہ پانی ہو کبھی جمتا نہیں اور وجہ رہے ہے کہ اس علاقے میں پانی کے ایسے څیشے ہیں جن کا پانی کبھی نہیں جمتا
Question 18	کیمرے کے مختلف جصے بھی اکثر جم جاتے تھے اور ہو نٹول کے در میان موجو د لعاب جم جاتا
Question 19	گھر میں بیت الخلاء بنانا ممکن مہیں
	گاؤں کے سارے مویشیوں کوایک ہی جگہ پر بند کیا جاتا ہے
	خوراک کے لیےریفر یجریٹرا ستعال نہیں کرتے

Examiner comment

- For Question 16, the annual average and lowest temperature in the village was asked, which is clearly mentioned in the text. Many candidates missed تنفي مريز or من in one or both parts of the answer and lost marks.
- Question 17 had two parts. In the first part, candidates had to state the meaning of the name given to the village and secondly, they had to describe the relevance of this name to the village. The first part was mostly answered accurately, while some candidates struggled with the second part and gave irrelevant or ambiguous responses.
- Question 18 was about two challenges faced by photographers in the area. It was attempted well by most candidates, who scored full marks for their answers.
- Question 19 was about three unique facts regarding the lifestyle of the inhabitants of this village. Although only three out of four acceptable points were required for 3 marks, many candidates misunderstood the question and gave partially or completely irrelevant answers. Some also gave correct responses, but missed out important details, like رالت کومویثیوں کوئی کر کے بند کیا ہاتا ہے۔ (مال معنی کوئی کر کے بند کیا ہاتا ہے۔ (تاک دور گی کی مویثیوں کوئی کر کے بند کیا ہاتا ہے۔ (تاک دور گی کی مال مویثیوں کوئی کے تمام مویثیوں کوئی کے تمام مویثیوں کوئی کے مال معنی اللہ معنی instead of معنین کی مولی کی کار مرد کی مال معنی instead of معنی کوئی کے مال مولی کا کار کے بند کیا ہاتا ہے۔ (تاک دور گرم دو گی کی مال مولی کوئی کے تمام مولیثیوں کوئی کے تمام مولی کوئی کے معنی اللہ معنی instead of معنی اللہ معنی اللہ معنی اللہ معنی اللہ معنی اللہ معنی مولی کوئی کے تمام مولی کوئی کے معنی کوئی کے تمام مولی کوئی کے معنی کوئی کوئی کے معنی کوئی کوئی کے معنی کوئی کوئی کوئی کوئی کوئی کے معنی کوئی کوئی کوئی کوئی کوئی کوئی کے معنی ک

Example Candidate Response – high Examine	er comments
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constructed 10 اب آپ ادیمیاکون کے باسیوں کے مخصوص رہن شہن اور گاؤں میں حکومت کی جانب سے کیے جانے	ndidate uses well- d, grammatically accurate with correct spellings.
manages to جہال تک شکن ہو خلاصہ اپنے الفاظ میں سیں۔ within the a خلاصے کے مواد کے 4 نمبر اور طرز تحریر اور صحیح زبان کے 6 نمبر دیے جائیں گے۔ giving all th	ndidate successfully b keep the response allowed word limit, while he required details.
effectively. بایربنایا جاتا <u>ب</u> اور گاڈن ک نوار مویشوں کو رات میں ایک ہی جگہ بند کیا جاتا <u>ب</u> تاکہ دہ گرم رہ سکیں - علادہ ازیں , باد مویشوں کو برف میں ڈھکی جمادیاں	ils are expressed There is no ambiguity in ation of information.
میں رکھتے ہیں اور اگر بالہر کھڑی ہوں تو اپنی کرتے ۔ [ابنتہ علومت کی Mark for La	ontent = 4 out of 4 anguage = 6 out of 6 a awarded = 10 out of 10

How the candidate could improve the answer

The candidate could improve the response by choosing to give equal importance to both parts of the topic. For the first part of the summary, more than two valid points are given; while the second part has very little information (although sufficient to convey the required information).

Example Candidate Response – middle

مثق نمبر: 4 مشق نمبرتین میں او پمیا کون سے متعلق کچھ معلومات دی گئی ہیں۔ summary. 20 اب آب او یماکون کے باسیوں کے مخصوص رہن سہن ادر گاؤں میں حکومت کی جانب سے کیے جانے والے اقدمات پر ایک خلاصہ لکھیں۔ آب مشق نمبر تین میں بنائے گئے اپنے نکات سے مدد کے سکتے ہیں۔ خلاصه تقريباً 100 الفاظ پر مشتمل ہو۔ جہاں تک ممکن ہوخلاصہ اپنے الفاظ میر control. خلاصے کے مواد کے 4 نمبر اور طرز تحریر اور صحیح زمان کے 6 نمبر دیے جائیں گے۔ با یہ دنیا کا وہ سرد ترین عط علاقہ سے جما ل نف 71 اور زیادہ سے the topic. ing (الال محلوم) < V () v / 102 communication. (·)/ [...] ا فرمير ال ہے سرد)() لم سار ا س

Examiner comments

Only the second part of the topic is addressed, while there is no valid point given for the first part of the summary.

2 The response is grammatically accurate, and sentences are reasonably well constructed, showing a good degree of language control.

3 The beginning and ending parts carry no valid information related to the topic.

4 There are a couple of spelling errors, but they do not impede communication.

5 The candidate has given two relevant points, which convey the required details adequately.

6 The response is well within the allowed word limit.

Mark for Content = 2 out of 4 Mark for Language = 5 out of 6 Total mark awarded = 7 out of 10

How the candidate could improve the answer

- The candidate needs to address the first part of the topic by adding two points related to the unique lifestyle of the people in the village.
- The candidate could have kept the introduction and closing sentences brief and concise.
- The candidate should avoid writing irrelevant details and focus more on the topic given for the summary.

Example Candidate Response – low

مثق نمبر: 4 مشق نمبر نین میں او پرما کون سے متعلق کچھ معلومات دی گئی ہیں۔ 20 اب آب او یمیاکون کے باسیوں کے مخصوص رہن سہن اور گاؤں میں حکومت کی جانب سے کیے جانے والے اقدمات پر ایک خلاصہ لکھیں۔ آب مشق نمبر نتین میں بنائے، گئے اپنے نکات سے مدد لے سکتے خلاصه تقريباً 100 الفاظ ير چہاں تک ممکن ہوخلاصہ اپنے الفاظ می نمبر اور طرز تحریر اور صحیح زمان کے 6 نمبر د۔ 69″

Examiner comments

1 The information conveyed in the beginning about temperature is irrelevant and inaccurate as the candidate does not handle the Urdu numerals properly.

2 The candidate gives only one point about the first part of topic with the wrong information, which is evident of the candidate's limited understanding.

3 The candidate attempts to write a very basic response. There is only one valid point which is worth one mark only.

4 The response shows spelling errors, although not impeding communication.

5 The third point about electricity does not convey the specific information required to qualify for one mark.

6 The maximum allowed word limit is carefully observed by the candidate.

Mark for Content = 1 out of 4 Mark for Language = 3 out of 6 Total mark awarded = 4 out of 10

How the candidate could improve the answer

- The candidate should avoid including any irrelevant details and carefully select the information relevant to the given topic for summary. It is important for candidates to read the text carefully, as the first point presented by the candidate was totally misunderstood. Instead of writing that all the villagers keep their cattle in one place at night to keep them warm, the candidate wrote that all the villagers stay in one place to keep themselves warm.
- This candidate could write the third point about providing electricity more accurately, with specific detail mentioned in the text. A general statement that 'the government has also provided electricity' does not qualify for a mark. The required information is that 'a dedicated power station has been set up by the government to generate electricity for the village'. The candidate should improve the quality of language with better organisation of ideas and accurate spelling.

Common mistakes and guidance

- There were plenty of opportunities for candidates to score maximum marks in this part. The points given for discussion were specific and clear and demanded exact information.
- Candidates not familiar with this style of summary writing tried to summarise the whole passage and gave lengthy irrelevant details, missing out the required information or neglecting the word limit.
- Direct lifting of information from text affects the language marks negatively.
- Candidates who were careless regarding the spelling and grammatical structures lost marks for language. For this exercise, they reproduce the information from the given text after tailoring it to suit the demand of the topic. Spelling and grammatical errors can be avoided.
- The topic for summary was clearly mentioned in the question

i.e. کی جانب سے کیے جانے والے اقدامات او یمیا کون کے باسیوں کا مخصوص رہن سہن اور حکومت (b.e. کی جانب سے کیے جان within the given text. Two points for each part were required, making four points for 4 content marks. Writing more than two details for any part does not gain marks as both parts of the topic must be addressed equally in order to gain 4 marks.

• The candidates should read the passage carefully and choose the specific information according to the topic given for summary. They should be able to extract the gist of the required information for their summary, separating the extended details in order to meet the requirement of the word limit (100 words). If they reproduce the information without properly cutting down on unnecessary details, they will exceed the allowed word limit. They must also be careful about the accuracy of the selected information in order to avoid losing marks.

Example Candidate Response – high Examiner comments مثق نمبر: 5 1 The response is well organised and coherent. 21 آپ نے ایک مقامی کالج میں داخلے کے لیے درخواست دی تھی جو منظور کر لی گئی ہے۔ اس کامیابی یر کالج کے پر نیل کا شکریہ ادا کرنے کے لیے ایک ای میل کھیں۔ 2 All the required points are addressed adequately. اینی ای میل میں مندرجہ ذیل نکات ضرور شامل کریں۔ 3 The ideas are effectively کالج میں آپ کے منتخب کردہ مضامین developed at appropriate length. اسکول میں آپ کی تعلیمی کار کردگی غیر نصابی سر گرمیوں کے بارے میں رائے آب کی ای میل تقریباً 150 الفاظ پر مشمل ہونی جا ہے۔ ای میل کے مواد کے لیے 6 نمبر اور صحیح زبان اور طرز تحریر کے 8 نمبر دیے جائیں گے۔ To: prin cipal Qgmail.com عددان؛ کانچ میں <u>داخلہ کے لیے شکر تی</mark>ار</u> محترم پر رئی<u>پ کی</u> السلل مر عليكم ، امید ب 7 آپ خبریت سے بیونگی میں نے 7 یک ای میل پر کی تھی اور میر ا دل توشىس باغ باغ يوركيا مين ٦ بكي ميت شكر تزار بيون حداي <u>تے چیسی ایٹ کا بچ میں داخلے کی در توامت کو منظور کیا اور میں بوری _</u> کو نش کروں تی کہ میں آ یک کالج کا نام دوش کروں اور آ لکو يشطايت کامو قبع بر دوري -مے بچین سے بی ڈاکٹر بننے کا بیت ننیوق بیے اِس لیئے میں ٹے ² من من میں کا سے جیناؤ کیا ہے۔ آریکا کالج ہود نے شہر میں سب سے بہترین اور اعلیٰ نغلبہ فرایم کرتا ہے۔ می شروع سے طب برج من کا بہت شوق میا کیوں کر میں جا بت ہوت کے میںڈاکٹرین کے لوکوں کی خدمت کروں۔ میں اسکول میں بھی ...

Example Candidate Response – high, continued	Examiner comments
اِس مصامین میں پورے ہمبر لاتی تھی اور میرے اسانڈی نے بھی میرے۔	4 The candidate has used well-
بیم تحو صلہ اور ایک کی تھی۔ میری ہے جم اعث میں تعلیق کالکر دکی بیم ت	constructed and linked paragraphs.
ا ہی۔ تھی اور اسکی وہ سے میں نے بہت سے انعامات بھی جیتے تھے۔ میں این ہما عت میں اقل آتی تھی اور دل لکا کر پڑ تھتی تھی اور اب 5 بھی محنت اور لگن سے پڑھوں تی ۔	5 The candidate has used well- constructed and linked paragraphs.
ید ہمائی سے سائٹ سائٹ میں غیر نمبابی سرتی میں میں بھی حصّہ لیت	Mark for Content = 6 out of 6
بیٹ میں کہ غیر نمبابی سرتی میوں سے طلباء میں تور اعترادی میں ۔۔۔	Mark for Language = 8 out of 8
اعماد بعد تا وہ این علمیں کہ اطہب کی اطہب کی بیسی تی اطراف میں بار کو	Total mark awarded = 14 out of 14

How the candidate could improve the answer

Although the candidate meets the minimum criteria for top level in content as well as in language, the candidate could improve the expression by choosing to write brief sentences that are complete with connectives, instead of constantly writing lengthy ones with little use of linking words. This would make the composition easier and more pleasant to read with more clarity in meaning.

Example Candidate Response – middle **Examiner comments** مثق نمبر: 5 Adequate language is used confidently, showing a fairly good 21 آپ نے ایک مقامی کالج میں واضلے کے لیے در خواست دی تقی جو منظور کر کی گئی ہے approach. پر کان کے پر نیل کا شکریہ ادا کرنے کے لیے ایک ای میل 2 Some attempt at presenting the response in well-structured این ای میل میں مندرجہ ذیل نکات ضرور شامل کریں۔ paragraphs. کالج میں آب کے منتخب کردہ مضامین یکول میں آپ کی تعلیمی کار 3 The candidate responds reasonably well to most of the ر میوں کے مار required ideas with relevant points. تقريباً 150 الفاظ 4 Grammatical errors occur while using more ambitious language. فيح زيان اور 821 کیے 6 تمبر اور 5 Ideas are satisfactorily developed at appropriate length. آلا تعد .C. 1.0) پیسے پر

Example Candidate Response – middle, continued Examiner comments 6 Minor spelling errors are seen throughout, however they do not impede communication. B.C 7 Details for the last prompt do not contain any solid information worth scoring any marks. Mark for Content = 4 out of 6 Mark for Language = 6 out of 8 Total mark awarded = 10 out of 14

How the candidate could improve the answer

- The candidate could improve by giving more solid information related to the last prompt, i.e. any examples on advantages / disadvantages of extracurricular activities. The candidate could improve the answer by being more careful about the use of correct spelling as the errors in commonly used words and expressions show a careless approach. The candidate could have used more complex sentence structures correctly.
- Dividing ideas further into paragraphs would be a way to maintain clarity and improve the answer. The candidate could have developed their ideas in a more detailed way, at appropriate length, to gain more marks.

Example Candidate Response – low Examiner comments The candidate displays a very مشق نمبر: 5 ' basic response, with only one valid 21 آپ نے ایک مقامی کالج میں داخلے کے لیے درخواست دی تھی جو منظور کر لی گئی ہے۔ اس کامیابی point, i.e. about performance at school. یر کالج کے پر نیل کا شکریہ ادا کرنے کے لیے ایک ای میل کھیں۔ 2 Almost all the prompts given for the task are neglected and irrelevant این ای میل میں مندرجہ ذیل نکات ضرور شامل کریں۔ details are given. کالج میں آپ کے منتخب کردہ مضامین اسکول میں آپ کی تعلیمی کار کردگی 3 Language is quite accurate and غیر نصابی سر گرمیوں کے بارے میں رائے shows a good degree of control. Although, in the absence of sufficient content points, accuracy of language آپ کی ای میل تقریباً 150 الفاظ پر مشممل ہونی چاہے۔ cannot gain much credit. ای میل کے مواد کے لیے 6 نمبر اور صحیح زبان اور طرز تحریر کے 8 نمبر دیے جائیں گے۔ mailcom Mark for Content = 1 out of 6 Mark for Language = 2 out of 8 Total mark awarded = 3 out of 14

How the candidate could improve the answer

The candidate could improve the answer by reading the directions carefully and adding more relevant ideas to develop the answer to the appropriate length. The candidate needs to avoid adding unnecessary details which were irrelevant to the question.

Common mistakes and guidance for candidates

- This exercise consists of a directed writing task. There were three prompts given regarding the information they needed to include in their email, i.e. their selected subjects and reason for their choice, their academic performance at school and finally, their opinions about extracurricular activities. For each prompt, they need to include at least two points to gain full 6 marks for content.
- For this writing exercise, 8 marks are allocated for accuracy and style of language; therefore, candidates should be careful about their spelling and grammar. The ideas should be presented in appropriate language and register, showing a good degree of control in using complex structures and developed at appropriate length. To maintain clarity, the ideas should be grouped into paragraphs in an effective manner.
- Candidates who missed out one or more details lost marks. Some candidates lost marks for not writing the reason for their choice of specific subjects or not giving any solid points for the last prompt. They had to give one example and an advantage/disadvantage or two advantages/disadvantages or one advantage and one disadvantage to qualify for 2 marks for the last prompt.
- Quite a few candidates could not understand the expression غير نصابي سرگرميان (extra-curricular activities), thinking it meant illegal activities and responded accordingly.
- It is very important to tailor the response according to instructions given in the question.

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