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Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level English Language

Unit 1 – WEN01

Language: Context and Identity

Exemplar scripts with examiner commentaries

Question 2 Section B

Introduction

This set of exemplar responses with examiner commentaries for Unit 1, Language: Context and Identity, has been produced to support teachers delivering and students studying the International Advanced Level English Language specification.

Section B of the examination is assessed against AO5: 'Demonstrate expertise and creativity in the use of English to communicate in different ways' with a total of 15 marks allocated for this component. As such the task assesses both the fluency and accuracy of written expression and the ability to generate an original and (hopefully) engaging text.

In June 2017 candidates were asked to write the text for a blog on the issue of climate change which incorporated an online petition to government demanding action be taken to address the issue. Its primary purpose was to provide information about climate change and its possible consequences - global, national or personal. The secondary purpose of persuasion was linked to the petition.

Candidates were expected to draw upon the at least one of the source materials provided in Section A but reshape them to meet the requirements of the context.

The scripts selected exemplify performance for this component of the examination.

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Script 1: Section B
Level 5: 15 marks

Just like traffic lights, Go for Green!

This week's blog is going to be quite different, ~~unless~~ and for all the right reasons. Unless you have been living under a rock, you will have taken notice of the 2013 Presidential election and the more sensible democratic nominations, Hillary Clinton ^{spelled out} ~~affirmed~~ her position on the issue of climate change and in an article in Times magazine ~~which very few people seem to have that it felt~~ ~~abridged~~ that was extremely moving to the point where I felt like it was necessary to share it with y'all.

Contrary to what ~~multi-million~~ ~~corp~~ TV personalities ~~may see~~, who suddenly take an interest in politics, might tell you, climate change is real, in every sense of the word, and it is here. A brief visit to the world wildlife fund website the other day made

we realize how out of touch ~~the~~ with reality us Privileged folk are. Entire ~~fa~~ families ~~in the first~~ on Indian Islands are having to seek refuge ~~in order as~~ as a result of floods turning their homes ~~is~~ into just another Atlantis.

Whether it's floods, coastal erosion, droughts or ~~sea~~ and decreasing soil fertility, it is the Poor getting affected the most. ~~How~~ But before you ~~go back~~ close this tab and return ~~to~~ to your Facebooking, let's get one thing clear, this affects you too.... Oh yes, The good ol' ~~climate change~~ Politicians who consider ~~climate change~~ climate change to be as real as Star wars are the threat here, their ~~refusal to~~ stifling of efforts to invest money in renewable resources means such as solar panels means greenhouse gases in the atmosphere and ~~car~~ air pollution is going to be on the rise. ~~■~~ Your right to clean breathable air is under a hostile attack.

But don't take it from me, go head on to

google and take a good look at ^{Pictures of} the melting traffic lights and cones in Kuwait, where temperatures ~~have~~ ^{are} said to have peaked 55°C , how long ~~before~~ do you think it will be before that number rounds up to 60°C ? In which case, any attempt to step outdoors will land us in a hospital or worse yet, in a graveyard.

~~Don't get lost so~~

Don't lose track of what matters though, ~~these~~ ^{the} combating climate change affects all of us ^{you}, the developed and the developing countries, it's time to hold your government accountable for its policies on climate change and hold them under scrutiny for their carbon emissions, ~~if~~ wherever ⁱⁿ the world you may be, put your activist persona on and ~~find~~ look for a ~~peti~~ petition to sign that that demands your government to take action to combat climate change, there isn't one? create it! We need to stand together on this guys, ~~when it comes~~ United we stand, divided we fall.

for those who live in the United Arab Emirates, here's a petition you can have the pleasure of signing.

www.petitionsforall.com/climatechange/

the traffic lights green, off you go.

Examiner comments

This is a very effective response to Q2 which fully addresses the task. Although there are some issues with punctuation, meaning is not impeded and expression, structure and sequence is sound and a viable blog is produced.

The metaphor of traffic lights achieves circularity and affords integration of the online petition. There is a clear and consistent sense of audience; the use of direct address, inclusive pronouns and shared cultural references (ref: Star Wars) and humour creates and develops a relationship and is appropriate for the genre. The selection of material from the source texts is discriminating and reshaped/integrated with fluency. There minimal evidence of paraphrasing.

Script 2: Section B

Level 3: 7 Marks

CLIMATE CHANGE... A SILENT KILLER.

16:43 2nd ^{December} ~~January~~ 2016

Ice caps are melting, monsoons are delayed, summers are extended; our planet is being tortured by its own people.

Unfortunately, we as humans endure the flaw that is perceptive risk. Our minds close off to the possibility and need for action to combat climate change simply due to the selfish perspective that "it hasn't affected us." When in fact everyday ice caps are deteriorating, rising water levels and flooding whole communities, villages even extending to whole islands. ^{*For example,} In India's Sunderbans Delta people are "[losing] everything". Populations of 5 to 6 THOUSAND people were bombarded with the terror of a flood that destroyed their homes, abolished their

means of food and work, extinguished the ~~then~~ memory laden family house holds that now lay a silent city, ~~with~~ no air, submerged in the very same residue of the melted ice caps. This is a REALITY not a myth. Yes, it may not have effected us in the Western World yet climate change is silently creeping closer and closer ~~to~~ ~~over~~ burdening ourselves with the same tragedies of those individuals who lost everything. A permanent loss of their old lives. How would you feel if this was your reality?

Hope is not lost. "Over the past year, 164 countries accounting for 90 percent of global emissions announced national targets and measures to reduce Pollution." However, funding for the actual measures to combat this issue is being held back for the economic growth of ~~the~~ countries. This unacceptable prospect MUST be abolished. ~~We must reject~~ As appropriately said by Hillary Clinton "We must reject the false choice between combatting climate change and fostering strong economic growth". Don't leave it ^{only} in the hands of our elected leaders. Take action. YOU can make the difference leading to the ridding of this silent killer. Sign the petition. Govern the way funds are utilized. Combat and persecute Climate Change.

Examiner comments

This response was placed at the bottom of Level 3. The borderline mark of 7 indicates that it meets all of the descriptors for 'General understanding' that characterise a sound Level 2 response and, on occasion, evidences the 'Clear and relevant application' of a Level 3 response but these occasions are infrequent.

The opening shows promise with the inclusion of heading and time/date appropriate to the given genre. Both texts are used in relatively equal balance. There is some reshaping of the sources but this lacks fluency and the incorporation of direct quotes is rather awkward and disruptive. Expression is often laboured, sometimes flawed and register is not consistent.

Script: 3 Section B
Level 2 - 4 Marks

Good Morning ~~Guys~~ Guys
and welcome back on another
blog ~~today~~ today. Wow! The weather
is getting pretty humid everyday.

So today I just want to talk about
climate change and how this is
going to effect ~~at~~ our planet and
want to persuade you ~~gt~~ guys to
join. In five years ~~time~~ time
there wont be a zoo for your
children or ~~a~~ your grand-children
to see all the ~~for~~ animals there.
Our planet needs, our ~~G~~animals,
~~need~~ you endangered animals
facing extinction needs, the forest
needs.

Climate change is increasing
rapidly, we can only stop
this, by using the three 'Rs'

Recycle, Re-use and Re-distributi
Re-distribute. By cutting out
all carbon pollution and deploy
more clean energy this will sustain
out environment. And it's purposes
to meet meet the demands it's
facing.

For those who are Big supporters
for our (I hope) ~~electoral~~ future
electoral president Hillary Clinton
as Secretary of State "Fight against
Climate change will be long".

Examiner comments

This response was placed at the bottom of Level 2. The borderline mark of 4 indicates that it meets all of the descriptors Level 1 response and, on occasion, evidences the 'General understanding' of a Level 2 response but these occasions are infrequent.

There is a reasonable awareness of audience and purpose and register/tone is largely consistent although expression is sometimes flawed. Imperative structures are also employed to achieve a sense of persuasion. Coverage of source is limited and this significantly impacts of potential for reward. Reference to zoos sits awkwardly as does the focus of the final paragraph.

There is no reference to the online petition.