

Smart Exam Resources
0500 IGCSE English- Paper 1
Topic: Comprehension
Expert Answer

Note:

- These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers.
- They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question.
- Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.
GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:
- Marks must be awarded in line with:
 - the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
 - the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
 - the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.**GENERIC**
- **MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:** Marks awarded are always whole marks (not half marks, or other fractions).
- **GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3: Marks must be awarded positively:**
 - marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
 - marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
 - marks are not deducted for errors
 - marks are not deducted for omissions
 - answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.
- **GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:** Rules must be applied consistently e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors
- **GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:** Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).
- **GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:** Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

(a) The purpose of National Doctors' Day is to bring attention to the service of all doctors, living or dead, and to appreciate their contribution to individual health and medical progress, as well as to reflect on the well-being of doctors themselves. [1]

(b) (i) 'Their contribution to individual health' refers to the efforts, input, and help that doctors provide to patients in order to help them stay healthy. [2]

(ii) 'To reflect on the well-being of doctors' means that National Doctors' Day is not only meant to celebrate the service of doctors, but also to encourage people to think about the wellbeing of doctors themselves. This includes their physical and mental health, as well as their overall welfare.. [2]

(c) Two ways in which the physical and emotional effects of burnout might affect doctors' attitudes to their work are feeling demotivated in work that once excited them, and becoming more detached from their work, which can negatively impact patients. [2]

(d) (i) Two ways hospitals could make things better for doctors are by reducing the number of patients in one day, or by providing them with more reasonable working hours and breaks .[2]

(ii) Doctors can find it hard to ask for help due to several reasons. Firstly, there is an image that being a doctor means being strong, which creates pressure to maintain a strong demeanour even in difficult situations. Secondly, there is a stigma attached to asking for help, which could damage their reputation or make them appear weak. Lastly, doctors often have insufficient time or opportunity to seek help due to their demanding work schedules, making it difficult to prioritize their own well-being. All of these factors can contribute to doctors feeling isolated and struggling with mental health issues, without seeking the help they need. [3]

(e) Some people might not see National Doctors' Day as worthwhile for a few reasons. Firstly, doctors do not necessarily get the day off work, so it may not make a practical difference to them. Secondly, the recognition they receive may not be seen as significant, such as just getting lunch with colleagues. Lastly, some people may feel that the day does not actually make

a difference and is just for show, with no real impact or expression of gratitude towards doctors. [3]