English FAL · Grade 7

Memorandum · Term 3–4

TOTAL
87
MARKS

Marking guidelines

1. Award the full mark for a correct answer, even if the learner words it differently.
2. Accept answers written in full sentences or as single words, unless the question asks for a sentence.
3. Each item's own note says how its marks are split; follow it where it differs from this list.
4. Where a question tests spelling or punctuation, it must be correct for the mark to be awarded.
5. Where a question is marked against a rubric, mark against that rubric and not word by word.
6. Do not deduct marks for handwriting, provided the answer can be read.

Question	Answer	Marks	Marking note
QUESTION 1 · Language and conventions · 30 marks			
1.1	The hunters smoke out the bees, don't they?	**2**	*Capital, comma, apostrophe and question mark. 2 marks.*
1.2	A collective noun.	**1**	
1.3	patience	**1**	
1.4	hives	**1**	
1.5	children	**1**	
1.6	fastest	**1**	*Accept 'the fastest'.*
1.7	This is the most remarkable partnership.	**2**	*1 mark for 'most', 1 mark for 'the'.*
1.8	onto / to / above	**1**	*Any preposition that makes sense.*
1.9	slowly	**1**	
1.10	What does the honeyguide eat?	**1**	
1.11	The bird cannot open the hive.	**2**	*1 mark for 'cannot', 1 mark for the rest of the sentence unchanged.*

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1.12	The bird found the hive, and the hunters followed it. (accept: ..., so the hunters followed it.)	**2**	*1 mark for a suitable coordinating conjunction (and/so), 1 mark for a correct, complete sentence; the comma is optional.*
1.13	A complex sentence.	**1**	
1.14	extraordinary / astonishing / amazing	**1**	*Any correct synonym.*
1.15	The bird and the hunter help each other.	**2**	*1 mark for the verb, 1 mark for the rest unchanged.*
1.16	This	**1**	
1.17	Who	**1**	*Accept 'Which'.*
1.18	ante meridiem / before midday	**1**	
1.19	The hunter said that he heard the bird.	**1**	*Accept without 'that'. 'heard' is required.*
1.20	A metaphor.	**1**	
1.21	The hive is found by the bird.	**1**	*The verb must stay in the present tense.*
1.22	unhappy	**1**	
1.23	The team travelled to the tournament every winter.	**1**	
1.24	an	**1**	
1.25	The bird calls loudly.	**1**	
QUESTION 2 · Literature: folktale · 15 marks			
2.1	In a grass hut beside the river.	**1**	
2.2	Any two: greedy; sly or sneaky; sociable (he loved visitors). Evidence, e.g. he always ate the most.	**2**	*1 mark for the two traits together, 1 mark for evidence that fits one of them.*
2.3	He always ate the most (1), so there would be nothing left for the others (1).	**2**	
2.4	He carried his hut on his back (1) and walked all night (1).	**2**	
2.5	He must carry his house wherever he goes (1), so that he is never early and never late (1).	**2**	

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2.6	Any two: animals talk and act like people; it explains why something in nature is the way it is; it teaches a lesson; it begins "long ago".	**2**	
2.7	Greed is punished / we should share with others (2).	**2**	
2.8	Any opinion (1) with a sensible reason (1).	**2**	
QUESTION 3 · Literature: poem · 12 marks			
3.1	The electricity goes off (load-shedding).	**1**	
3.2	"hum" (1); the sound of the fridge (1).	**2**	
3.3	Simile (1); the street is very quiet, like an empty church (1).	**2**	
3.4	Any two: they find the candles; the brother tells a ghost story; they sit together in the dark.	**2**	
3.5	Lines 2 and 4 (hum / come) (1) and lines 6 and 8 (feet / sweet) (1). Accept: the second and fourth lines of each verse (2).	**2**	
3.6	You would expect the dark to be unpleasant (1); but the speaker enjoys it (1), and "strangely" shows he is surprised by his own feeling (1).	**3**	
QUESTION 4 · Transactional writing: e-mail · 16 marks			
4.1	Mark according to the rubric printed on the question paper. The e-mail must have a 'To' line (info@careerday.co.za), a short subject line (e.g. 'Thank you for the Career Day'), a greeting, three short paragraphs (thanks / most useful talk with a reason / one new career) and a closing with the learner's name.	**16**	*Do not deduct marks for a short piece if it is complete and correctly formatted.*
QUESTION 5 · Writing · 14 marks			
5.1	Mark according to the rubric printed on the question paper. There is no "correct" piece — marks are for content, language, structure and accuracy. All topics are equally valid.	**14**	*Do not deduct marks for a short piece if it is complete.*

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