

Grade 8 English

Specification of items (Writing)

S. No.	Level of standards	Basic
		Description of standards
1	Level 1 Below Basic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One or two ideas are related to the topic (Does not meet the word limit) • Multiple grammatical errors which may impede meaning • No attempts made to use compound sentences • Frequent errors in punctuation and spelling • Limited range of vocabulary • No use of cohesive devices
2	Level 2 Basic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elaborates the topic with some ideas in considerable length. • Uses simple grammatical structures. • Some errors in punctuation and spelling • Attempts made to use a range of vocabulary with some errors though these do not impede meaning • Use of simple cohesive devices/ cohesion (and, but)
3	Level 3 Proficient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideas related to topic are elaborated in paragraphs • Writes in the range of word limit. • Attempts made to use some complex structures. • Very few errors in punctuation and spelling. • Attempts made to use a range of vocabulary with few errors though these do not impede meaning. • Uses appropriate format • Use of simple cohesive devices/ cohesion so links between ideas are often missing (more than and, but)
4.	Level 4 Advance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content fully covered in a range of word limit. • Answer is original, creative and to the topic. • Good control of simple grammatical structures with an attempt to use complex grammatical structures with negligible errors. • Negligible errors in punctuation and spelling. • Uses a wide range of vocabulary. • Use of cohesive devices/ cohesion as required

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uses appropriate format |
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**Scoring guidelines
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1. Award 1 mark for each correct answer.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. There's a room for one more piece of luggage.b. A grocery sells food and other things used in the home.c. Can I write you a cheque? |
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Award full mark 1 if there are up to two mistakes that do not impede meaning.

2. This is a reading test. The correct answers are given below:

- 2.1 more than 600
- 2.2 jumping jacks
- 2.3 1980
- 2.4 a. wasn't good at sports
- 2.5 c. anything is possible
- 2.6 b. doing something better than anyone has done before
- 2.7 d. He didn't like the pogo stick record

Rubrics for scoring writing: Award 1 to 4. This shows the level of students