Grade Descriptors for GCSEs Graded 9-1: MFL (Writing)

To achieve a Grade 9 candidates will be able to:

- • Have an excellent knowledge of language
- • Have an excellent knowledge of different topics
- • An excellent wide range of vocabulary and complex grammatical structures
- • Use a wide range of tenses
- • Be able to narrate events
- • Write without ambiguity
- • High level of flow
- • Use different idiomatic phrases
- • Have clarity of phrases
- • Write very fluently
- • Write very accurately

To achieve a Grade 8 candidates will be able to:

- • Have an excellent knowledge of language
- • Have an excellent knowledge of different topics
- • An excellent wide range of vocabulary and complex grammatical structures
- • Use a wide range of tenses
- • Be able to narrate events
- • Write without ambiguity
- • High level of flow
- • Use some idiomatic phrases
- • Have clarity of phrases
- • Write very fluently
- • Write very accurately

To achieve a Grade 7 candidates will be able to:

- • Have a very good knowledge of language
- • Have a very good knowledge of different topics
- • An excellent range of vocabulary and some complex grammatical structures
- • Use a range of tenses
- • Write without ambiguity
- • High level of flow
- • Narrate events
- • Use some idiomatic phrases
- • Have clarity of phrases
- • Write very fluently
- • Write very accurately

To achieve a Grade 6 candidates will be able to:

- • Have a very good knowledge of language
- • Have a very good knowledge of different topics
- • An excellent range of vocabulary and some complex grammatical structures
- • Use a range of tenses
- • Good level of spontaneity
- • Narrate events
- • Write without ambiguity though minor errors may occur the message is still clear.
- • Good level of flow
- • Write with a good level of accuracy

To achieve a Grade 5 candidates will be able to:

- • Have a very good knowledge of language
- • Have a very good knowledge of different topics
- • A range of vocabulary and use of different connectives
- • Use of opinions and reasons
- • Evidence of more than one tense
- • Write without ambiguity but with some minor errors although the message is still clear
- • Good level of flow
- • Good level of accuracy although some errors occur, many minor but the occasional major error

To achieve a Grade 4 candidates will be able to:

- Have a good knowledge of language
- Have a good knowledge of different topics
- A range of vocabulary and use of different connectives
- Use of opinions and reasons
- Evidence of more than one tense
- Write reasonably clearly though with more frequent minor errors although the message is mainly clear, though at times there may be ambiguity

- Some level of flow
- More accurate than inaccurate although some simple errors occur more frequently and some major errors may occur

To achieve a Grade 3 candidates will be able to:

- • Have some knowledge of language
- • Have some knowledge of different topics
- • Use some vocabulary and some connectives
- • Use some opinions and reasons
- • Evidence of only one tense – present tense
- • Some level of accuracy although errors, both major and minor may occur frequently.

To achieve a Grade 2 candidates will be able to:

- • Have a limited knowledge of language
- • Have a limited knowledge of different topics
- • Use limited vocabulary and some connectives
- • Use limited opinions and reasons
- • Evidence of only one tense – present tense
- • Limited answers with more minor errors and some major errors though the message is often clear
- • A limited level of accuracy, both major and minor occur more and more frequently.

To achieve a Grade 1 candidates will be able to:

- Have little knowledge of language
- Have little knowledge of different topics
- Use little vocabulary / connectives
- Use simple opinions
- Evidence of only one tense – present tense
- Very short answers with lots of major errors, message is difficult to understand
- No spontaneity and only very short pre learnt answers