COMPONENT 1: SPECIMEN MARKING SCHEME (WRITING)

	AO5 Communication and organisation *24 marks*	AO6 Vocabulary, sentence structure, spelling and punctuation *16 marks*
Band 5	**20-24 marks** • the writing is fully coherent and controlled (plot and characterisation are developed with detail, originality and imagination) • the writing is clearly and imaginatively organised (narrative is sophisticated and fully engages the reader's interest) • structure and grammatical features are used ambitiously to give the writing cohesion and coherence • communication is ambitious and consistently conveys precise meaning	**14-16 marks** • there is appropriate and effective variation of sentence structures • virtually all sentence construction is controlled and accurate • a range of punctuation is used confidently and accurately • virtually all spelling, including that of complex irregular words, is correct • control of tense and agreement is totally secure • a wide range of appropriate, ambitious vocabulary is used to create effect or convey precise meaning
Band 4	**15-19 marks** • the writing is clearly controlled and coherent (plot and characterisation show convincing detail and some originality and imagination) • the writing is clearly organised (narrative is purposefully shaped and developed) • structure and grammatical features are used accurately to support cohesion and coherence • communication shows some ambition and conveys precise meaning	**11-13 marks** • sentence structure is varied to achieve particular effects • control of sentence construction is secure • a range of punctuation is used accurately • spelling, including that of irregular words, is secure • control of tense and agreement is secure • vocabulary is ambitious and used with precision
Band 3	**10-14 marks** • the writing is mostly controlled and coherent (plot and characterisation show some detail and development) • the writing is organised (narrative has shape and direction) • structure and grammatical features are used with some accuracy to convey meaning • communication is clear but limited in ambition	**7-10 marks** • there is variety in sentence structure • control of sentence construction is mostly secure • a range of punctuation is used, mostly accurately • most spelling, including that of irregular words, is correct • control of tense and agreement is mostly secure • vocabulary is beginning to develop and is used with some precision
Band 2	**5-9 marks** • there is some control and coherence (some control of plot and characterisation) • there is some organisation (narrative is beginning to have some shape and development) • structure and grammatical features are used to convey meaning • communication is limited but clear	**4-6 marks** • some variety of sentence structure • there is some control of sentence construction • some control of a range of punctuation • the spelling is usually accurate • control of tense and agreement is generally secure • there is some range of vocabulary
Band 1	**1-4 marks** • there is basic control and coherence (a basic sense of plot and characterisation) • there is basic organisation (paragraphs may be used to show obvious divisions) • there is some use of structure and grammatical features to convey meaning • communication is limited but some meaning is conveyed	**1-3 marks** • limited range of sentence structure • control of sentence construction is limited • there is some attempt to use punctuation • some spelling is accurate • control of tense and agreement is limited • limited range of vocabulary
	0 marks: nothing worthy of credit	0 marks: nothing worthy of credit