A Marking Scale for Letters

	Task Completion (TC)	Language (L)	
4	Responds to all aspects of the	Lexically and grammatically correct.	
	prompt. Ideas presented and	Complex structures. Correct spelling.	
	supported. Clear organisation (uses	Appropriate tone.	
	paragraphs, logical). Correct		
	format.		
3	Responds to most aspects of the	Lexically and grammatically mostly	
	prompt. May lack support. Clear	correct, with few unsystematic spelling	
	but does not have paragraphs.	mistakes. Some complex structures used.	
	Mostly correct format.	Tone inappropriate at times.	
2	Important parts of the prompt not	Basic vocabulary and grammar well	
	mentioned. May require re-reading	controlled. Mostly simple sentences.	
	because of poor organisation.	Frequent grammar and spelling mistakes.	
	Faulty format.	Inappropriate tone	
1	Attempts to write a letter but most	The text abounds in grammar and spelling	
	aspects of the prompt have not	mistakes but can still be comprehended.	
	been addressed. Hard to follow	Writer has minimum control of the lexis	
	due to lack of organisation.	and grammar.	
0	Does not write a letter. The prompt	Errors in grammar and spelling	
	has been ignored. Fewer than 50	predominate to the extent that the text	
	words.	cannot be understood.	

A Marking Scale for Essays and Reports

	Task Completion	Organisation	Vocabulary	Grammar
3	Addresses all	The message can	Appropriate, wide	A wide range of
	aspects of the	be followed	vocabulary. Error-	grammatical
	prompt. Ideas are	without an effort.	free word-	structures.
	presented and	All required	formation. Formal	Complex
	supported by	elements present.	register. Correct	structures
	examples.	Clear paragraphs.	spelling.	predominate.
		Each paragraph has		Punctuation well
		one central topic,		managed.
		which is		
		developed. Linking		
		devices used		
		within and between		
		paragraphs.		
2	Addresses the	Organisation is	Good general	Mostly error-
	prompt partially.	evident but may	control of	free grammar.
	Does not always	not always be	vocabulary. Mostly	Simple
	support.	logical. Some	correct usage.	sentences
		required elements	Inconsistent	predominate.
		missing. No	register. Word-	Some
		paragraphs, but	formation problems.	punctuation
		logical. Problems	Some spelling	errors.
		with linking	mistakes.	
ļ		devices.		
1	The content is	No apparent	Vocabulary quite	Limited range of
	barely related to	organisation.	limited. Frequent	grammar with
	the prompt.	Random, illogical	incorrect usage.	frequent errors.
	Mentions or	paragraphs.	Inappropriate	Frequent
	copies the prompt	Relations between	register. Spelling	punctuation
	without	ideas unclear.	mistakes make	errors.
	developing.	Linking devices	comprehension	
		mostly not used.	problematic.	
0	Ignores the task.	The writing does	Misspelling	No ratable
	Plagiarised work.	not communicate.	prevents	language.
		Plagiarised work.	understanding.	Plagiarised
			Plagiarised work.	work.