

English Reading

Mark Scheme



Content Domain Coverage

Table 1: Content domain coverage for the Reading Paper

	2a	2b	2c	2d	2e	2f	2g	2h
	Give/explain the of words in context.	Retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non- fiction.	Summarise main ideas meaning from more than one paragraph.	Make inferences from the text/explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text.	Predict what might happen from details stated and implied.	Identify/explain how information/narrative content is related and contributes to meaning as a whole.	Identify/explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases.	Make comparisons within the text.
Qu.	Section 1	: Letters t	o Navy Isl	and				
1		1						
2				2				
3	1							
4	1							
5							1	
6				2				
7				1				
8						1		
9		1						
10		2						
11								1
12	1							
13				3				
14					2			
15		1						
16			1					



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	Section 2	: Lightning	g War					
17				1				
18	1							
19				1				
20							1	
21		1						
22a						1		
22b								1
23	1							
24			1					
25		2						
	Section 3	: Feeding	Britain					
26	1							
27		1						
28				1				
29a		1						
29b		1						
30		1						
31							1	
32		3						
33				1				
34				3				
35								1
36						1		
37					1			
Total	6	15	2	15	3	3	3	3

50 marks



Section 1: Letters to Navy Island

Qu.	Answer	Mark	Notes
1	Circle the correct option to complete the sen the Post Office	tence be	elow. The text begins with Nora returning from
2			 Content Domain: 2b To retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non-fiction. Award one mark for: along the shoreline. there within this paragraph which shows
	 that the weather is hot during Nora's journey' Award two marks for reference to any three of the following acceptable points. Award one mark for reference to any two of the following acceptable points: Nora wiped the sweat from her brow. The cool breeze of last week's storm had long since passed. The sun was back to its sweltering best. The sun was shining brightly from a cloudless sky. 	2 Give th	 Content Domain: 2d To make inferences from the text/explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text. Secondary Content Domain: 2b To retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non-fiction. Award two marks for three correct answers. Award one mark for two correct answers.
3	 Nora's mouth was becoming drier. <i>it wound its way through a small thicket of</i> Which phrase is closest in meaning to the work 	-	
	a dense group ✓ a sparse patch a vacant plot an enclosure	1	Content Domain: 2a To give/explain the meaning of words in context. Award one mark for: a dense group
4	Look at the paragraph beginning, Nora ran b e Find and copy one word from this paragraph		closest in meaning to burnt .
	scorched	1	Content Domain: 2a To give/explain the meaning of words in context.Award one mark for: scorched



5	She whizzed past a group of fishermen, then sprinted up a narrow channel of fresh water that led to her home.				
5	What impression do the author's choice of ve	rbs give	you about Nora's speed?		
	 Award one mark for reference to any of the following acceptable points: Whizzed and sprinted show that Nora was moving quickly. They show that Nora was determined to get home very quickly. 	1	 Content Domain: 2g To identify/explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases. Award one mark for any acceptable point. 		
6	Look at the paragraph beginning, Nora ran b How is the reader given the impression that the Discuss two ways.		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
	Award up to two marks for reference to any two of the following acceptable points:	Up to 2	Content Domain: 2d To make inferences from the text/explain and justify inferences		
	• She held the envelope high above her head to stop it becoming wet.		with evidence from the text. Award up to two marks only for appropriate		
	• She was racing home with the letter knowing the importance of its contents.		reference to any two of the given points.		
	 Nora was sprinting home to show her Grandma the contents of the envelope. 				
7	<i>"Grandmother!" Nora wheezed, bending ov</i> Tick one .	er to ca	tch her breath. Why was Nora out of breath?		
	The weather was exceptionally warm.	1	Content Domain: 2d To make inferences from the text/explain and justify inferences		
	She had tired herself out by rushing home. √		with evidence from the text.		
	Nora was unwell and had a cough.		Award one mark for: She had tired herself out by rushing home.		
	She did not like the smell of the plantation.				
8	Draw lines to match each part of the story wi	th the co			
	setting "Grandmother! It's finally here!"	Ι	Content Domain: 2f To identify/explain how information/narrative content is related and contributes to meaning as a whole.		
	past events it had left Nora feeling worried		Award one mark for all lines drawn correctly.		
	action racing along the white stretch of coastline				
	emotion fre-read the letter over and again				



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9	Which two things did Nora associate with the smell of her father? Tick two .			
	 herbs spices √ 	1	Content Domain: 2b To retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non-fiction.	
	• coconut 🗸		Award one mark for: spices and coconut.	
	flowers			
10	Give three things that you learn about Fathe			
	Award two marks for reference to any three acceptable points. Award one mark for reference to any two of the following acceptable points:	Up to 2	Content Domain: 2b To retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non-fiction.	
	 It has been a while since he has written to her. 		Secondary Content Domain: 2d To make inferences from the text/explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text.	
	• He is in the Royal Navy.		Award two marks for three correct answers.	
	• He must write using standard English.		Award one mark for two correct answers.	
	• He is finding it tricky to find a post office.			
	 He spends his days looking for mines. 			
	• He helps ships which have been torpedoed.			
	• He travels across the Atlantic Ocean.			
	 He is worried about the threat of German submarines. 			
	• He wants to know what is going on in Nora's life.			
	• He is far away from Nora.			
	• He misses Nora.			
	• He loves Nora.			
11	Give one way that the text shows that Nora a	and her t	father are similar.	
	Award one mark for reference to any of the following:	1	Content Domain: 2h To make comparisons within the text.	
	 They both call Banana Island home. 		Award one mark for appropriate reference	
	 They both enjoy writing to each other. 		to any of the given points.	
	• They both enjoy receiving letters from each other.			
	 They love each other greatly. 			
	 They both have a smile as wide as the Caribbean Sea. 			



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12	The sun warmed her arms and back and she scent. What does familiar mean?	e closed	l her eyes, breathing in her father's familiar
	Award one mark for reference to any of the following:	1	Content Domain: 2a To give/explain the meaning of words in context.
	• well-known		Award one mark for appropriate reference
	 experienced often 		to any of the given points.
	 something you have a good knowledge of 		
13	Reflect on the text as a whole. What impress Discuss two points, using evidence from the t		he reader given about the character of Nora?
	Acceptable points: 1. Nora is physically fit. 2. Nora felt emotional about her father's	Up to 3	Content Domain: 2d To make inferences from the text/explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text.
	absence. 3. She admires her father.		Secondary Content Domain: 2b To retrieve and record information/identify key details
	4. Nora works hard to support her grandmother.		from fiction and non-fiction.
	 5. Nora is religious. 6. She is sentimental about the letters she receives from her father. 		Award 3 marks for two acceptable points, with at least one supported with evidence.
	receives from her father. 7. She loves her father.		Award 2 marks for either two acceptable
	Award 3 marks for two acceptable points, with		points, or one acceptable point supported with evidence.
	at least one supported with evidence, e.g.		Award 1 mark for one acceptable point.
	• The reader is given the impression that Nora works hard to support her grandmother because the text says that she had been working on the banana plantation a lot more recently. We are also given the impression that Nora is very fit and healthy. [AP4 + evidence and AP1]		
	Award 2 marks for either two acceptable points, or one acceptable point supported with evidence, e.g.		
	 The reader is given the impression that Nora is religious because she says that she said a prayer for her father. [AP5 + evidence] 		
	 The reader is given the impression that Nora loves her father and that she feels emotional about him being away from home. [AP2 + AP7] 		
	Award 1 mark for one acceptable point, e.g.		
	• The reader is given the impression that Nora admires her father. [AP3]		



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14	Based on what you have read, do you think the more letters in the future? Use evidence from		
	Acceptable points (yes):	Up to	Content Domain: 2e To predict what might
	1. Nora's father is in the RAF.	2	happen from details stated and implied.
	2. There could be another war in future.		Award 2 marks for one acceptable points supported with evidence.
	Acceptable points (no):		Award 1 mark for one acceptable point.
	3. The war is over.		
	4. He says that his final mission was to return home.		
	Award two marks for one acceptable point supported with evidence from the text, e.g.		
	• Yes, I think that they will send letters in the future because it says in his letters that Nora's father is in the RAF. This means that he could be recalled to serve at any moment. [AP1 + evidence]		
	 No, I do not think they will send letters to each other in the future because her father has now returned home for good. I know this because it says the war is over in the text. [AP3 + evidence] 		
	Award one mark for one acceptable point, e.g.		
	• Yes, I think they will write again in the future because there may be another war.		
	 No, I don't think they will write in future because Nora's father is now home. 		
	Do not accept answers that speculate about Nora and her father's future behaviour without reference to what has happened in the text.		
15	Tick one box in each row to show whether ea	ch state	ment is true or false .
	Award one mark for all 4 boxes correctly ticked. Sentence True False Part of Nora's work is delivering fruit to ships. √	1	Content Domain: 2b To retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non-fiction. Award one mark for all four boxes ticked
	Nora lives with her mother whilst her father is at war. ✓ Nora named her Christmas doll after her grandmother. ✓ Nora was upset to see her father on the veranda. ✓		correctly.



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16	Number the following events 1–5 to show the order in which they happened. The first one has been done for you.			
	Award one mark only for all of the poir numbered correctly.	nts	1	Content Domain: 2c To summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph.
	Father explained that he was about to be sent on a secret mission.	4		Award one mark only for the correct sequence.
	Nora rushed home with the first white envelope.	2		
	Father explained that he would be writing using standard English.	1		
	Nora saw a tall man standing on the edge of the veranda.	5		
	Nora's grandmother handed a letter to Nora.	2		



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Section 2: Lightning War

Qu.	Answer	Mark	Notes
17	Confusion reigns as he opens his eyes to a Explain why confusion reigns .	a darken	ed world of panic.
	Award one mark for reference to any of the following acceptable points:	1	Content Domain: 2d To make inferences from the text/explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text.
	 because confusion is the only thing his mind is able to experience 		Award one mark for any acceptable point.
	 because the character's confusion takes precedence over every other emotion 		
	 because the confusion the character experiences is what is driving all of his actions 		
18	Find and copy two different words from the s made by the main character.	econd ve	erse of the poem which explain the movements
	Award one mark for any two of these words taken directly from the text:	1	Content Domain: 2a To give/explain the meaning of words in context.
	• stumbles		Award one mark only for any two correct
	fumbling		answers.
	• shaking		
	• feeling		
19	<i>feeling his way through unlit passages</i> Explain why it would be necessary for the ma	in chara	cter to feel his way .
	Award one mark for reference to any of the following acceptable points:	1	Content Domain: 2d To make inferences from the text/explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text.
	 because the character could not put the lights on and reveal his location to the planes 		Award one mark for any acceptable point.
	 because the house was so dimly lit that it would be impossible to find your way out by sight 		
	 because people were not allowed to use lights within their home during blackout hours 		
	 because the urgency to leave was so great that he did not have time to source a light 		



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20	<i>their wings outstretched like a flock of pal</i> Why do you think that the poet chose to use		
	 Award one mark for reference to any of the following acceptable points: Because a group of flying birds is called a flock and the planes look like birds flying in the night sky To show how similar the group of planes look to a group of birds As a collective term for the plane which plays on their similarity to birds Because both planes and birds have wings and both can fly in groups across the sky 	1	Content Domain: 2g To identify/explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases. Award one mark for appropriate reference to any of the given points.
21	List three examples of buildings destroyed by	j bombin	ig in the poem.
	 Award one mark for any three of the following acceptable answers: houses shops schools churches Do not accept spires. 	1	 Content Domain: 2b To retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non-fiction. Secondary Content Domain: 2d To make inferences from the text/explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text. Award one mark for any three correct answers.
22a	The main character's wellbeing changes throu	•	
	 Find and copy a phrase from the poem where Award one mark for any one of these phrases taken directly from the text: he falls into a tangle of rubble and iron bars pain surging sounds suddenly muted from his ears smoke stings his eyes staggering over fallen spires his legs give way he regains his senses his hearing returns for now, he is safe 	1	Content Domain: 2f To identify/explain how information/narrative content is related and contributes to meaning as a whole. Award one mark for any acceptable point.



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22b	Comment on how their wellbeing changes throughout the text.				
	Award 1 mark for answers the his wellbeing at the beginning			1	Content Domain: 2h To make comparisons within the text.
	of the poem. • Beginning: Accept appropri for: confused / panic-stricke	-	-		Secondary Content Domain: 2d To make inferences from the text/explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text.
	 End: Accept appropriate sy recovering / safe / cared for 	•	r:		Award one mark for an explanation that refers to a change in the main character's wellbeing from the beginning to the end of the poem.
23	He feels himself being hau Which word is closest in mea	-	wled?	Tick one	
	bellowed	Thing to Ha		1	Content Domain: 2a To give/explain the
	dragged 🗸				meaning of words in context.
	confined				Award one mark for: dragged
	halted				
24		be the mo	ost suit	able sun	nmary of how the poet feels about life during
	The poet has done a lot of re life during the war.	esearch ab	out	1	Content Domain: 2c To summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph.
	The poet highlights the dar ordinary people during the	-			Award one mark for: The poet highlights the dangers for ordinary people during the war.
	The poet reflects on staying wartime bombing.	safe durin	g		
	The poet retells a nightmare about the war.				
25	Using information from the p true or false .	ooem, put a	a tick i	n the co	rrect box to show whether each statement is
	Award one mark for 3 boxes correctly ticked and award two marks for all 4 boxes correctly ticked.			Up to 2	Content Domain: 2b To retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non-fiction.
	Sentence	True Fa	lse		Award two marks for all boxes ticked
	The once distant engines begin to get closer. Individuals shelter from the bombs within their	\checkmark			correctly.
	own homes.		✓		Award one mark for three boxes ticked correctly.
	The main character rescues a warden from within the rubble.		\checkmark		concerty.
	The shock of the explosion leaves the warden unable to speak.		\checkmark		



Qu.	Answer		Mark	Notes			
26	During the 1940s, Britain imported a lot of its food from around the globe. What does imported						
	mean in this sentence? Tick one.						
	to bring from abroad 🗸 to send away			Content Domain: 2a To give/explain the meaning of words in context.			
				Award one mark for: to bring from abroad.			
	to consume						
	to greatly value						
27	Fill in the missing information from this table.						
	Award one mark for all 4 boxes correctly completed.		1	Content Domain: 2b To retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction			
	Food Type	Percentage Imported		and non-fiction.			
	Cheese	70%		Award one mark for all four correct answers.			
	Sugar	70%					
	Fruit	80%					
	Cereals	70%					
	Fats	70%					
28	the German Navy purposely targeted and torpedoed ships bound for UK shores Why did they do this? Tick one.						
	to conserve supplies for German troops		1	Content Domain: 2d To make inferences			
	to force Britain to surrender \checkmark			from the text/explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text.			
	to boost morale within the country			Secondary Content Domain: 2b To retrieve			
	to directly affect those living near British shores			and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction.			
				Award one mark for: to force Britain to			
				surrender.			
29a	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	tion to complete each ser		elow.			
	As rewer supplies re	ached Britain's shores, pe	1	Content Domain: 2b To retrieve and record			
	spent more money on food.	began to starve.		information/identify key details from fiction			
				and non-fiction.			
	enjoyed different types of food.	were forced to ration.		Award one mark for: were forced to ration.			
204	Circle the correct op	tion to complete each ser	ntence b				
29b		e given a ration book					
			1	Content Domain: 2b To retrieve and record			
	which had to last for months. which came from a library.			information/identify key details from fiction and non-fiction.			
	which contained coupons.	in order to raise money.					
	which contained coupoits.			Award one mark for: which contained			
				coupons.			





30	Who forced citizens to register themselves with specially-chosen shops?					
	(the) Ministry of Food	1	Content Domain: 2b To retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non-fiction.			
			Award one mark for: the Ministry of Food			
31	Can you imagine going to prison for not finishing your meal? What affect does the author's use of a rhetorical question have on the reader?					
	 Award one mark for reference to any of the following acceptable points: It emphasises how serious Britain was about its food shortage. It gets the audience thinking about how ludicrous such an idea would be today and how times must have changed. It engages the reader and makes them think. It forces the reader to put themselves into the position of those who were forced to ration. 	1	 Content Domain: 2g To identify/explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases. Award one mark for appropriate reference to any of the given points. 			
32	Write down three different non-food items w	hich wer	e rationed during the Second World War.			
	Award one mark for reference to any of the following (whether given as acceptable point or quotation), up to a maximum of 3 marks:		Content Domain: 2b To retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non-fiction.			
	 clothing soaps		Award three marks for three different acceptable points.			
	• fuel • paper		Award two marks for two different acceptable points.			
	Christmas trees		Award one mark for one acceptable point.			
	Accept quotations that meet an acceptable point.		Do not accept more than one reference to the same item.			
33	Explain why the campaign which helped Britai	n to gro	w its own food was entitled 'Dig for Victory'.			
	 Award one mark for reference to any of the following acceptable points: Because by digging to grow their own food in the soil, Britain was working towards being victorious and winning the war. Britain had more chance of winning the war if its citizens dug in their gardens to grow their own food. The word dig refers to the act of gardening, which is what citizens were asked to do to support the war effort. 	1	 Content Domain: 2d To make inferences from the text/explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text. Award one mark for appropriate reference to any of the given points. 			



34	Based on the text as a whole, what impression World War. Fully discuss two aspects, referrin		u given about life in Britain during the Second text in your answer.		
	Acceptable points:	Up to	Content Domain: 2d To make inferences		
	1. Citizens lived with the threat of attack.	3	from the text/explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text.		
	There was a shortage of food / food was rationed.		Award 3 marks for two acceptable points with at least one supported with evidence.		
	3. Regular commodities were in short supply.		Award 2 marks for either two acceptable		
	4. Food allocation was strictly controlled.		points, or one acceptable point suppor		
	5. Food wastage was taken very seriously.		with evidence.		
	6. Citizens became self-sufficient.		Award 1 mark for one acceptable point.		
	7. Citizens played a part in supporting the war effort.				
	8. The British economy was greatly impacted by the Second World War.				
	Award 3 marks for two acceptable points, with at least one supported with evidence, e.g.				
	• Life in Britain was tough because the citizens constantly lived with the threat of attack. Food was in short supply as much of the food British people ate was imported from across the globe. [AP1and AP2 + AP1]				
	Award 2 marks for either two acceptable points, or one acceptable point supported with evidence, e.g.				
	 Life would have been hard because lots of things we take for granted, such as clothes and soap, were in short supply during the war. [AP3 + evidence] 				
	 Life during the Second World War was short of food and people had to grow their own. [AP2 + AP6] 				
	Award 1 mark for one acceptable point, e.g.				
	 Food was rationed during the Second World War. [AP2] 				



35	Give one way that food shopping has changed in Britain since the Second World War.				
	Award one mark for reference to any of the following acceptable points:	1	Content Domain: 2h To make comparisons within the text.		
	 People no longer have a set allowance of food that they can buy. Citizens are no longer forced to shop at one specific place. Most people do not buy food using just coupons anymore. Citizens do not use a ration book. People can buy food as often as they want to. 		Award one mark for appropriate reference to any of the given points.		
	• There is no limit to what you can buy if you have the money to pay for it.				
36	Draw lines to match each section to its main content.				
	Award one mark for all correctly matched: Rationing Rationing Weekly Rations Beyond Food Digging for Victory	1	 Content Domain: 2f To identify/explain how information/narrative content is related and contributes to meaning as a whole. Secondary Content Domain: 2c To summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph. Award one mark for all lines drawn correctly. 		
37	Based on what you have read, what do you future?	think m	ight happen if Britain faces war again in the		
	 Award one mark for a prediction based on the fact that Britain rationed food during the Second World War, e.g. If Britain faced war again in the future, the government may give out ration books and begin to control food. 	1	 Content Domain: 2e To predict what might happen from details stated and implied. Award one mark for any acceptable prediction based on past events discussed in the text. 		



Table 2: Content domain breakdown for the Reading Paper

Content domain reference	Suggested percentage	Number of marks	Percentage of total marks
2a To give/explain the meaning of words in context.	10-20%	6	12%
2b To retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non-fiction.	16-50%	15	30%
2c To summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph.	2-12%	2	4%
2d To make inferences from the text/explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text.	16-50%	15	30%
2e To predict what might happen from details stated and implied.	0-6%	3	6%
2f To identify/explain how information/narrative content is related and contributes to meaning as a whole.	0-6%	3	6%
2g To identify/explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases.	0-6%	3	6%
2h To make comparisons within the text.	0-6%	3	6%



