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G3 English • Sec 1

Answer Key

Mark scheme • Papers 1 & 2

GOLD TIER

Indicative answers and mark scheme for the Gold-tier G3 English practice papers. Comprehension answers accept any well-supported response; writing uses the G3 band descriptors.

Total: 120 marks

Time: —

Answer Key & Mark Scheme

For tutor use. Comprehension answers are indicative — accept any answer that is well supported by the text. Writing is marked on the G3 band descriptors (see notes at the end).

Paper 1 - Section A — Editing [10]

#	Incorrect	Correction & reason
1	became	become (present perfect: has become)
2	in	on ('rely on')
3	— (no error)	Write a tick (✓) — this line is correct.
4	a	an (before the vowel sound in 'area')
5	use	used (past tense — 'last month')
6	surprising	surprisingly (an adverb is needed to describe 'high')
7	— (no error)	Write a tick (✓) — this line is correct.
8	but	so (noisy and intrusive, so they must be used carefully — a consequence)
9	controlling	control (after 'to', use the base form)
10	part	parts (plural after 'many')

Paper 2 — Comprehension

Q1. Because a reporter's job is to ask questions / good news stories begin with curiosity — it shows what the club is really about and invites the reader to be curious too.

Q2. to persuade students to join the club.

Q3. Any one with effect: direct questions ('Curious?', 'What's yours?') draw the reader in and make it feel personal; short punchy sentences create energy; 'we want you' speaks straight to the reader and feels welcoming.

Q4. (a) Text 2; (b) Text 1.

Q5. Because she could not imagine her life without Mei / the news seemed impossible, so she assumed it must be a joke.

Q6. That the realisation was slow, heavy and unwelcome — it made her feel cold, dark and sad.

Q7. 'Neither of us spoke about the day that was coming' (or 'as though by not naming it we might keep it away').

Q8. That the mood was tense and sad, full of dread — they were quietly waiting for something they did not want to arrive.

Q9. 'a small parcel' AND 'a note saying 'Same sky, same stars''.

Q10. told the news = DISBELIEF; airport goodbye = SADNESS; after the video call = HOPE. (Distractors: boredom, jealousy, anger.)

Q11. Because she was overwhelmed by emotion / too upset and sad to speak — the feelings were too big for the clever words she had planned.

Q12. That she had not realised, while Mei was always there, how precious and lucky their friendship was — she had taken it for granted.

Q13. That even though they will be far apart, they share the same world / are still connected, and they will keep in touch — a message of comfort and hope.

Q14. Because the call showed her that their friendship was still strong despite the distance — they could still talk as before, so she felt reassured and hopeful.

Q15. Para2 = A; Para3 = B; Para4 = C; Para5 = D; Para6 = E. (Unused: F.)

Q16. That people only look after / care about things they have come to love, so helping people love animals makes them want to protect them.

Q17. Any two: big cats pace; elephants sway; animals develop strange, repeated habits rarely seen in the wild — signs of boredom and distress.

Q18. That not all zoos are the same — a bad old-fashioned cage is completely different from a good modern conservation zoo, so we should judge each kind separately.

Q19 Summary — content points (any 6–8, in own words; max 80 words):

- For: zoos breed rare animals and save species from extinction
- For: they teach people, especially children, to care about wildlife
- For: they are a refuge for injured or orphaned animals
- Against: enclosures are tiny compared with an animal's wild range
- Against: animals pace, sway or develop strange habits
- Against: these are signs of boredom and distress
- Against: keeping animals for entertainment may not be kind

Writing mark scheme

Secondary 1 · Gold (top of Sec 1). Same K300 format and marks. Situational (30): Task Fulfilment /10 (three points, correct email to Ms Lee, polite+persuasive tone, ideas from the webpage) + Language /20. Continuous (30): Content /10 + Language /20 — Q5 (argument) rewards a clear stance with a reason for the other side; Q6 (discursive) should weigh both sides. Printed word counts 250-350 / 350-500. Reward varied vocabulary and some complex sentences used accurately.

