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## G3 English • Sec 2

### 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	produces	produce (plural subject: these panels produce)
2	in	on ('rely on')
3	— (no error)	Write a tick (&#10003;) — this line is correct.
4	a	an (before the vowel sound in 'expensive')
5	have	has (singular subject: the cost has fallen)
6	rapid	rapidly (an adverb is needed to describe 'spreading')
7	— (no error)	Write a tick (&#10003;) — this line is correct.
8	but	so (sunlight is free, so more people choose it — a consequence)
9	making	make (after 'to', use the base form)
10	need	needs (plural after 'a huge share of all our')

### Paper 2 — Comprehension

**Q1.** That anyone can join / no special skill is needed — if you can chat, you can host a podcast.

**Q2.** to persuade students to join the club.

**Q3.** Any one with effect: short, punchy commands ('Got a voice? Use it.') push the reader to act; direct address ('you') makes it personal; a hopeful closing line ('closer than you think') makes joining feel easy and exciting.

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

**Q5.** Relaxed / carefree / lazy. Evidence: 'half asleep behind my sunglasses' (or 'the most perfect kind of boredom').

**Q6.** Because it means no one was keeping the boy safe, so when he fell in, the writer was the only one who noticed — setting up the danger.

**Q7.** To show how easily a drowning can go unnoticed — there was no dramatic splash or cry to alert anyone, which made the danger greater.

**Q8.** His mother was looking at her phone, and the lifeguard was turned toward the shallow end (twenty metres away).

**Q9.** 'she shouted for the lifeguard' AND 'she lay flat and reached into the water'.

**Q10.** by the pool = RELAXED; seeing him slip under = ALARMED; after he is safe = RELIEVED.  
(Distractors: bored, jealous, angry.)

**Q11.** That she acted instantly, on instinct, without stopping to think — her reaction was automatic rather than planned.

**Q12.** Because the coughing meant the boy was alive and breathing — after the terror of seeing him go under, that ordinary sound was proof he was safe.

**Q13.** Accept either view if supported. Likely: it is not really true — she reacted instantly, raised the alarm and pulled the boy out, which was brave; but she modestly feels she only happened to be watching and acted on instinct.

**Q14.** That important moments often come suddenly, without warning, and force us to act and show our true character before we have any time to think or prepare.

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

**Q16.** That because cheap clothes wear out quickly, the buyer soon has to come back and buy another — which is exactly what the shops want.

**Q17.** That the low price is only possible because the workers who make the clothes are paid very little and work in poor conditions — they bear part of the real cost.

**Q18.** Any two: choose clothes that last; wear them longer; repair them instead of replacing; pass them on instead of throwing them away.

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

- Harm: uses huge amounts of water to grow cotton
- Harm: dyes pollute / poison rivers
- Harm: most old clothing is burned or buried as waste
- Harm: workers are paid very little
- Harm: workers labour long hours in unsafe, cramped factories
- Reason: clothes are cheap enough to buy on a whim
- Reason: new styles make older clothes feel out of date
- Reason: advertising and social media drive a hunger for the next look

### Writing mark scheme

Secondary 2 · Gold (top of Sec 2). Same K300 format and marks. Situational (30): Task Fulfilment /10 (three points, correct email to Mrs Ng, polite+persuasive tone, ideas from the webpage) + Language /20. Continuous (30): Content /10 + Language /20 — Q5 (argument) rewards a clear stance with a fair counter-point; Q6 (discursive) should weigh both sides then choose. Printed word counts 250-350 / 350-500.