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G3 English • Sec 2

Answer Key

Mark scheme • Papers 1 & 2

SILVER TIER

Indicative answers and mark scheme for the Silver-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	collect	collects (singular subject: rock collects)
2	a	an (before the vowel sound in 'explosion')
3	— (no error)	Write a tick (✔) — this line is correct.
4	bury	buried (simple past — 'long ago')
5	in	on ('keep a watch on')
6	quick	quickly (an adverb is needed to describe 'warn')
7	— (no error)	Write a tick (✔) — this line is correct.
8	but	so (ash is dangerous, so people must stay alert — a consequence)
9	preparing	prepare (after 'to', use the base form)
10	day	days (plural after 'a few')

Paper 2 — Comprehension

Q1. That there will be a huge amount of food / the stalls will be piled high / overflowing with cakes.

Q2. to persuade people to come to the sale.

Q3. Any one: a question ('Got a sweet tooth and a good heart?'); exclamations ('this Friday!', 'your appetite!'); contractions ('It's'); lively, playful wording ('groaning with').

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

Q5. Cold / hurt / upset, because Mei was laughing with other girls, had not saved her a seat, and did not look up.

Q6. That it was 'a small, mean thing to do', and that she knew it was mean even as she did it (but pride stopped her).

Q7. 'We passed each other in the corridors like strangers' (or 'our eyes sliding away at the last moment').

Q8. To make Mei think she did not care / to hide how hurt she really was (when in fact she 'cared about nothing else').

Q9. 'Mei has been looking for the writer' AND 'Mei was planning a birthday surprise'.

Q10. canteen = HURT; after Priya explains = ASHAMED; after they laugh = RELIEVED. (Distractors: bored, jealous, proud.)

Q11. That her feelings changed almost instantly — her anger disappeared at once the moment she understood the truth.

Q12. how she felt: 'a hot wave of shame' / 'ashamed'; Mei's plan: 'organising a surprise for your birthday' (the birthday surprise).

Q13. Because she was nervous/embarrassed and afraid she would lose her nerve — she wanted to apologise before fear stopped her.

Q14. That we should not build a whole story or judgement out of one small moment, and should give the people we love the kinder explanation before assuming the worst.

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

Q16. That the stars still exist exactly as before; the reason we cannot see them is that our own artificial light has blotted them out / hidden them from view.

Q17. Any two (own words): out of habit we assume brighter is always better and rarely ask if a light is needed; poor design means lamps spill light everywhere and signs are left on when no one is around.

Q18. That light pollution is easy to fix / reversible — unlike other pollution, it disappears immediately once the lights are turned off.

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

- Harm: hatchling turtles head for lights instead of the sea
- Harm: migrating birds fly off course or hit buildings
- Harm: insects die around lamps, harming birds and bats
- Harm: bright light at night disturbs people's sleep / health
- Harm: people (children) never see the stars / Milky Way
- Reason: habit — we think brighter is always safer/better
- Reason: poor design — lamps spill light in all directions
- Reason: signs/lights left on when no one needs them

Writing mark scheme

Secondary 2 · Silver. Same K300 format and marks. Situational (30): Task Fulfilment /10 (three points, correct email to Ms Tan, polite+persuasive tone, ideas from the webpage) + Language /20. Continuous (30): Content /10 + Language /20 — Q5 (argument) wants a clear stance plus the other side. Printed word counts 250-350 / 350-500.

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