

Pearson Edexcel International GCSE English Language A - 4EA0/02

The purpose of this pack is to provide centres with marked exemplars of responses to the June 2016 examination.

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MARKS AND COMMENTARIES

Question 1

Mother lost her temper. "You let him sleep where he likes. You needn't risk his life again. ..." Father mumbled as he went in to change: "All right, molly-coddle and spoil him as much as you like. Only don't blame me afterwards. ..."

Swami, following the whole conversation from under the blanket, felt tremendously relieved to hear that his father was giving him up.

R. K. Narayan

How does the writer present the character of Swami?

In your answer, you should write about:

- Swami's thoughts and actions
- his relationships with his father, mother and grandmother
- the reactions to his heroic act
- the use of language.

You should refer closely to the text to support your answer. You may use **brief** quotations.

Commentary

SCRIPT 1:

- Almost totally narrative
- Makes one or two comments
- Limited development of ideas

Mark 2

SCRIPT 2:

- Some use of textual evidence
- Not much comment on language
- Ideas could be further developed

Mark 5

SCRIPT 3:

- Quite good on character
- Good overview
- Shows some insight
- Needs more on language, but sound overall understanding

Mark 8

SCRIPT 4:

- Thorough
- Uneven
- Some sections miss the opportunity for deeper analysis
- Some strong sections on language, especially towards the end

Mark 12

SCRIPT 5:

- Very good selection of points which support argument, from throughout passage
- Some very perceptive points
- Insight shown
- Some lapses in expression, which do not limit the mark awarded

Mark 14

Question 2

Write on **one** of the following:

EITHER

- (a) Your local community is raising funds for a new project and has asked for suggestions on how to do this.

Write a letter to the project leader, advising how you would fundraise, including the type of activity or activities required.

OR

- (b) You have been asked to give a talk to a group of young people on the importance of teamwork.

Write the text of your talk.

OR

- (c) Write a story with the title 'The Promise'.

Commentary

SCRIPT 1:

- Weak structure
- Weak punctuation
- Limited in scope

Mark 2

SCRIPT 2:

- Uneven
- Some lapses
- Some fairly good passages of writing
- Sense of intended effect

Mark 6

SCRIPT 3:

- Effective communication
- Well organized
- Good tone
- Strong sense of audience

Mark 11

SCRIPT 4:

- Purpose could be more focused
- Sentence structures could be more varied
- Organized, but could have greater variety in expression and punctuation

Mark 10

SCRIPT 5:

- Ambitious attempt
- Some effective passages of writing
- Not always as cohesive as it could be

Mark 11