English Reading

Mark Scheme



Content Domain Coverage

Table 1: Content domain coverage for the Reading Paper

	2 a	2b	2c	2d	2 e	2f	2g	2h
	Give/explain the of words in context.	Retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and nonfiction.	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	: Three Mi	stakes					
1				1				
2				1				
3		1						
4	1							
5		1						
6	2							
7				3				
8		1						
9		1		-				
10				2				
11		2		1				
12		3		1				
13				1	3			
15			1		3			
16			'			2		1
	Se	ction 2: Th	ne Gods			_		
17			.5 0000					2
18				1				
19				1				
20	1							





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21				1				
22		1						
23				2				
	S	ection 3: F	act or Fic	tion? The	Pharaoh's	Curse		
24		1						
25	1							
26							2	
27				2				
28		3						
29	1							
30	1							
31		2						
32						1		
33			1					
Total	7	14	2	16	3	3	2	3

50 marks

Content domain reference	Suggested percentage	Number of marks	Percentage of total marks
2a To give/explain the meaning of words in context.	10 - 20%	7	14%
2b To retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction.	16 – 50%	14	28%
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%	16	32%
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%	2	4%
2h To make comparisons within the text.	0 - 6%	3	6%





Qu.	Answer	Mark	Notes
1	Why did Kef creep out of the cave?		
	He was hiding from somebody. He was unsure what he might see outside. ✓	1	Content Domain: 2d To make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text.
	He was trying not to make a noise. He did not want to disturb the others.		Award one mark for: He was unsure what he might see outside.
2	 Why do you think that the author has compared Award one mark for reference to any of the following acceptable points: because it is long and thin like a snake; because it looked curved against the ground like a snake's body does; 	red the N	Content Domain: 2d To make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text. Secondary Content Domain: 2g To identify/ explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases.
	because it looked as though it was slithering along like a snake would.		Award one mark for any acceptable point.
3	Who did Kef pray to for forgiveness?		
	Award one mark for reference to any of the following acceptable points: • Shu; • the god of wind.	1	Content Domain: 2b To retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction. Award one mark for any acceptable point.
4	What impression does the author's description	n give yo	ou about the landscape?
	Award one mark for reference to any of the following acceptable points: • the landscape looked as if it was glowing because of the sun's light; • the whole landscape looked red in colour; • the landscape was lit up with a dark red tone; • the landscape was picturesque and looked like a painting.	1	Content Domain: 2a To give/explain the meaning of words in context. Secondary Content Domain: 2g To identify/explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases. Award one mark for any acceptable point.





5	Why was Kef carrying two wooden pails?		
	Award one mark for reference to any of the following acceptable points: • because his job was to collect the water;	1	Content Domain: 2b To retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction.
	so that he could carry water back to the village;		Award one mark for any acceptable point.
	• so he could fill them with water;		
	so he had something to put the water in.		
6	Choose the best words to match the description		
	Award one mark for each correct answer, up to a total of two marks:	Up to 2	Content Domain: 2a To give/explain the meaning of words in context.
	The water was		Award two marks for both correct answers.
	choppy glistening muted saturated		Award one mark for one correct answer.
	as Kef		
	swiftly guzzled handfuls of it. guzzled became immersed endlessly beside it.		
7	Discuss three ways that the author implies a	sense o	f danger.
	Award one mark for each acceptable point, up to a total of three marks: Acceptable points: • use of powerful verbs: pulling; dragging; tossing; thrashed; snapped; chomped. • use of powerful adjectives: strong; desperate.	Up to 3	Content Domain: 2d To make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text. Secondary Content Domain: 2g To identify/ explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases. Award 3 marks for three different acceptable points.
	• use of powerful adverbs: incredibly; wildly; forcefully.		Award 2 marks for two different acceptable points.
	creates a sense of sinister mystery: half-submerged; dark figure.		Award 1 mark for one acceptable point.
	• shows the character's lack of clarity: water in his eyes; dark figure; the creature.		
	• using vocabulary with negative connotations: released him from its clutches; dark figure; white froth bubbled forcefully.		
	• using a notoriously dangerous animal, the crocodile.		





8	What had the crocodile been chewing on?		
	Award one mark for reference to any of the following acceptable points: • a wooden pail;	1	Content Domain: 2b To retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction.
	• a water pail;		
	one of Kef's buckets.		Award one mark for any acceptable point.
9	Why did Kef pray to Khnum?		
-	Award one mark for reference to any of the following acceptable points:	1	Content Domain: 2b To retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction.
	• to thank him for saving his life;		
	to show gratitude for not being injured by the crocodile.		Award one mark for any acceptable point.
10	Why might Kef have felt defeated? Why migh	t Kef ha	ve felt relieved?
	Award up to a total of two marks for reference to any one acceptable point from both of the following sections:	Up to 2	Content Domain: 2d To make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text.
	 Defeated - Acceptable Points: Kef could have felt defeated because he lost one of his water pails and that's what he was there to do. Kef may have felt defeated because he will no longer be able to provide water for his family with only one water pail. Relieved - Acceptable Points: Kef might have felt relieved because he wasn't killed by the crocodile. He may have felt relieved that the water pail stopped him from being injured. Kef was relieved that the water pail had saved his life. 		Award two marks for two acceptable points, one from each section. Award one mark for one acceptable point from either section.
	Do not accept two acceptable points from the same section.		





11	Why did Kef rub his head?		
	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.
	• he was confused;		
	• he was trying to aid his memory;		Award one mark for any acceptable point.
	• he didn't understand what had happened.		
	Do not accept answers which relate to Kef being injured.		
12	List three things that you are told about Kef'	s father.	
	Award one mark for each acceptable point, up to a total of three marks:	Up to 3	Content Domain: 2b To retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction
	Acceptable points:		and non-fiction.
	he worked in the darkness of the great tombs;		Award 3 marks for three
	he had been at work for over a week;		Award 2 marks for two different acceptable
	he was returning home that day;		points.
	he would be home by sunset;		Award 1 mark for one acceptable point.
	he would probably have told Kef off for swimming in the Nile river alone;		
	• he sat beside Kef on the bed;		
	• he was grateful for the water Kef retrieved;		
	• he brought a cup of water for Kef;		
	• he was proud of Kef's achievement;		
	• he kissed Kef on the forehead.		
13	What does this sentence imply about Kef?		
	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
	• it implies that Kef was extremely thirsty;		with evidence from the text.
	it implies that Kef hadn't had a drink for a while;		Award one mark for any acceptable point.
	• it implies that Kef really needed the water he was given.		





Based on what you have read, do you think that Kef will swim alone in the Nile river in the future? Fully explain your choice, using evidence from the text to support your answer.

Acceptable points (yes):

- 1. It is Kef's favourite place to be.
- 2. He felt like a pharaoh bathing in the Field of Reeds.
- 3. He found the crisp, cool water welcoming.
- 4. The cold water soothed his sore skin and feet.

Acceptable points (no):

- 5. He was attacked by a crocodile.
- 6. He knew that he was lucky to survive this time and would not risk it again.
- 7. He is already questioning his choice.
- 8. He has already lost one water pail.
- 9. He feared what his father might say.

Award 3 marks for **two** acceptable points, with at least **one** supported with evidence, e.g.

• I think that Kef will swim in the Nile river again because the text says that is Kef's favourite place to be. Kef enjoyed feeling like a pharaoh bathing in the Field of Reeds. [AP1 + evidence and AP2]

Award **2 marks** for either **two** acceptable points, or **one** acceptable point supported with evidence, e.g.

 I think that Kef won't swim in the Nile river alone because he is already wondering why he did it in the first place. I know this because the text says 'What was he thinking swimming alone?' [AP7 + evidence] Up to Content Domain: 2e To predict what might happen from details stated and implied.

Secondary Content Domain: 2b To retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction.

Award 3 marks for **two** acceptable points, with at least **one** supported with evidence.

Award **2 marks** for either **two** acceptable points, or one acceptable point supported with evidence.

Award 1 mark for one acceptable point.





	I don't think that Kef will swim alone again because he was attacked by a crocodile and he lost one of his water pails. [AP5 + AP8]					
	Award 1 mark for one acceptable point, e.g.					
	Kef would be worried what his dad would say about it. [AP9]					
	For answers which select 'maybe', one acceptable point should be taken from each section.					
15	Which of the following would be the most suit	able sun	nmary of the whole text?			
	Selfish Choices	1	Content Domain: 2c To summarise main			
	A Father's Forgiveness		ideas from more than one paragraph.			
	A Close Encounter ✓		Award one mark for: A Close Encounter			
	The Sandstorm					
16	Reflect on the text as a whole. Using evidence from the text to support your answer, give examples of why Kef feels shame. Discuss two points.					
	 Acceptable points: He felt ashamed that he had abandoned the others and hoped that they were alright. He thought about what his father might say about him swimming in the Nile river alone. He lost one of the two water pails needed to provide water for his family. 	Up to 3	Content Domains: 2f To identify/explain how information / narrative content is related and contributes to meaning as a whole and 2h To make comparisons within the text. Award 3 marks for two acceptable points, with at least one supported with evidence. Award 2 marks for either two acceptable points, or one acceptable point supported with evidence.			
	 Award 3 marks for two acceptable points, with at least one supported with evidence, e.g. Kef probably feels shame for losing one of his water pails. The text also says that Kef feels shame when he thinks about what his father might say about his decision to swim alone in the Nile river. [AP2 + evidence and AP3] 		Award 1 mark for one acceptable point.			





Award **2 marks** for either **two** acceptable points, or **one** acceptable point supported with evidence, e.g.

- The text says that Kef feels ashamed that he had abandoned the other water carriers in search of safety. [AP1 + evidence]
- Kef might feel shame for abandoning his friends and then losing one of his water pails. [AP1 + AP3]

Award 1 mark for one acceptable point, e.g.

• Kef might have felt ashamed for leaving the others behind. [AP1]

Section 2: The Gods

Qu.	Answer	Mark	Notes
17	Give two ways in which Sobek is similar to at	least on	e other ancient Egyptian deity.
	Award one mark for each acceptable point, up to a total of two marks:	Up to 2	Content Domain: 2h To make comparisons within the text.
	Acceptable points:		Award 2 marks for two different acceptable
	• he was fierce like Set;		points.
	 he did not have a human head, just like Thoth/Horus/Anubis; 		Award 1 mark for one acceptable point.
	 his sweat formed the water of the Nile and Geb's sweat formed the sea; 		
	• he loved fighting, just like Set.		
18	Explain why the ancient Egyptians may have	thought	that the sea was full of Geb's tears.
	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.
	 tears are salty and so is the sea so they may have thought that the sea was made from tears; 		Award one mark for any acceptable point.
	 because Geb was god of the Earth and must have created everything using parts of himself. 		



19	What does this phrase imply about Thoth?				
	Award one mark for refere	S:	ny of the	1	Content Domain: 2d To make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text.
	 that he looked like a babe that he had the head of a that he had a lot in comm 	a baboon;	oaboons		Secondary Content Domain: 2g To identify/ explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases.
					Award one mark for any acceptable point.
20	Which word is closest in m	neaning to	the word	slew?	
	transported			1	Content Domain: 2a To give/explain the meaning of words in context.
	vexed				Award one mark for: defeated.
	defeated ✓				
21	Explain why Osiris is refer	red to in	this way.		
	Award one mark for reference to any of the following acceptable points: • because he was slain by his brother Set; • due to him untimely death; because of the			1	Content Domain: 2d To make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text. Award one mark for any acceptable point.
	sad circumstances surrounding his death.				
22	According to the eighth verse of the poem, o			nto what	
	(on) papyrus			I	Content Domain: 2b To retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non-fiction.
					Award one mark for: (on) papyrus
23	statements is a fact or an	opinion.		¥	rect box to show whether each of the following
	Award one mark for 3 box and award two marks for a ticked.		•	Up to 2	Content Domain: 2d To make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text.
	Statement	Fact	Opinion		Award two marks for all boxes ticked
	Thoth was incredibly clever.		•		correctly.
	Isis was married to Osiris.	1			Award one mark for three boxes ticked correctly.
	Anubis had a terrifying face.		1		
	All ancient Egyptian gods deserved to be adored.		1		





Fact or Fiction? The Pharaoh's Curse

Qu.	Answer	Mark	Notes
24	In which year was Tutankhamun's tomb disco	vered by	Howard Carter?
	1922	1	Content Domain: 2b To retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction.
			Award one mark for: 1922
25	Which word is closest in meaning to the word	astonish	ning?
	ancient	1	Content Domain: 2c To summarise main
	arduous		ideas from more than one paragraph.
	shocking 🗸		Award one mark for: The poet is very concerned about environmental issues in the
	expensive		Arctic and the future of the narwhal species.
26	Look at the section of text entitled Something this section which suggest that the facts men	•	e. Find and copy three words or phrases from re not known for certain.
	Award two marks for reference to any three of the following acceptable points. Award one mark for reference to any two of the	Up to 2	Content Domain: 2g To identify/explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases.
	following acceptable points:		Award 2 marks for three different acceptable
	Acceptable points:		points.
	• reportedly;		Award 1 mark for two different acceptable
	• local rumours;		points.
	some people believed;		
	supposed curse.		
27	Why might people have found the curse fr fascinating?	ightenin	g? Why might people have found the curse
	Award up to a total of two marks for reference to any one acceptable point from both of the following sections:	Up to 2	Content Domain: 2d To make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text.
	Frightening - Acceptable Points:		
	they were scared of who the next victim might be;		Award two marks for two acceptable points, one from each section.
	it made them believe that supernatural powers were real and may hurt them;		Award one mark for one acceptable point from either section.
	they worried for the wellbeing of the others involved in the expedition;		
	they wondered if the same thing could happen with a discovery where they live.		



Section 3: Fact or Fiction? The Pharaoh's Curse

Qu.	Answer	Mark	Notes
	Fascinating - Acceptable Points:		
	they had never heard of anything like it before;		
	it was associated with a culture they had never experienced before;		
	• it was unlikely to affect them so they were able to enjoy the hype surrounding it.		
	Do not accept two acceptable points from the same section.		
28	List three things that you know about the gif	t that w	as given to Sir Bruce Ingram.
	Award one mark for each acceptable point, up to a total of three marks:	Up to 3	Content Domain: 2b To retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction
	Acceptable points:		and non-fiction.
	• it was an ancient Egyptian paperweight;		Award 3 marks for three different acceptable points.
	• it was shaped like a mummy's hand;		Award 2 marks for two different acceptable
	• it was adorned with a scarab bracelet;		points.
	the bracelet was carved with the words 'Cursed be he who moves my body. To him shall come fire, water and pestilence';		Award 1 mark for one acceptable point.
	it was believed to have been cursed and resulted in his house catching fire and flooding.		
29	What do you think is meant by the word pest	ilence ir	n this quotation?
	Award one mark for reference to any of the following acceptable points or any reasonable	1	Content Domain: 2a To give/explain the meaning of words in context.
	inference regarding the meaning of pestilence given the context of the quote:		Secondary Content Domain: 2d To make inferences from the text / explain and justify
	• disease;		inferences with evidence from the text.
	• plague;		Award one mark for any acceptable point.
	hardship;		
	• strife;		
	• war.		





Section 3: Fact or Fiction? The Pharaoh's Curse

Qu.	Answer			Mark	Notes		
30	What does the world sinister	mean ir	this se				
	menacing 🗸			1	Content Domain: 2a To give/explain the meaning of words in context.		
	manipulative				Award one mark for: menacing		
	auspicious						
	benevolent			I to the			
31	Using the information from the text, put a tick in the correct box to show whether each statement is true or false.						
	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.		
	Statement	True	False		Award two marks for all boxes ticked correctly.		
	Tutankhamun's tomb was discovered by Lord Carnarvon.		•		Award one mark for three boxes ticked correctly.		
	The cobra was the ancient Egyptian symbol of mysteries.		•		correctig.		
	Global rumours arose as a result of unusual events.	•					
	Arthur Weigall blamed Lord Carnarvon's death on ghostly 'elementals'.		•				
32	Draw lines to match each part	of the	story wi	th the co	orrect quotation from the text.		
	Award one mark for all lines o	Irawn CC ences began t intruders aw	orrectly:	1	Content Domain: 2f To identify/explain how information / narrative content is related and contributes to meaning as a whole.		
	intention the 3000)-year-old tor	mb		Award one mark for all lines drawn correctly.		





Section 3: Fact or Fiction? The Pharaoh's Curse

33	Below are some summaries of different paragraphs from the text. Number them 1-6 to show the order in which they appear in the text. The first one has been done for you.							
	Award one mark only for all of the points numbered correctly.	1	Content Domain: 2c To summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph.					
	5 Sir Bruce Ingram experiences a series of unfortunate events.		Award one mark only for the correct sequence.					
	2 Rumours started due to a series of strange events.							
	6 Rumours of untimely deaths are quashed by statistics.							
	4 An Egyptologist recounts a historic conversation.							
	1 An astonishing discovery sparked global interest.							
	3 A popular Victorian author speculated on the rumours.							



