

Education Bureau
Territory-wide English Assessment 2020
Secondary 3 English Language
Writing – Marking Scheme

Gainful Use of TSA 2020 Materials/Other Assessment Resources Originally Designed for TSA 2020

Score Level	Content	Language	Organisation	Features
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All relevant content Ideas expressed effectively/ clearly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses a good range of vocabulary and language patterns Very few or no errors in grammar, spelling, punctuation and capitalisation 		
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most or all relevant content Ideas related to the topic with details 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses a range of vocabulary and language patterns A few minor errors in grammar, spelling, punctuation and capitalisation 		
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some relevant content Some ideas expressed with details 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses familiar vocabulary and simple language patterns Some errors in grammar, spelling, punctuation and capitalization which do not affect meaning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paragraphs developed with supporting details/description Coherent links within/between paragraphs and effective use of connectives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Features generally used correctly (e.g. letter format, description and speech in narration)
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Content limited/some relevance to the topic Ideas lack details 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses a limited range of vocabulary and language patterns Many errors in grammar, spelling, punctuation and capitalization which affect meaning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paragraphs generally developed based on prompts Use of simple connectives and sequencers (and, but, first, then, etc) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some basic features used (e.g. appropriate greeting and ending in a letter)
0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Content undeveloped Irrelevant ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses few or no language patterns Numerous errors in grammar, spelling, punctuation and capitalization which affect meaning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paragraphs lack organization/details Scattered ideas with few connectives Incomprehensible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic features not evident

Remarks for Score Levels

Answers < 100 words	• ≤ 2	• ≤ 2	• ≤ 1	• ≤ 1
Off-topic scripts	• 0	• ≤ 2	• ≤ 2	• 0