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Mark Scheme

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Sample Assessment

Reading

Marking Scheme

Resolutions

Marking scheme

Key

Any words in brackets are not essential for the answer, eg, good (news).

A slash indicates an alternative answer, eg, paragraphs / sections.

(Accept similar wording) allows for paraphrasing and alternative wording.

Reading	Maximum marks	Criteria
<p>1</p> <p>What are two organisational features that have been used to help the reader locate the four main pieces of advice on keeping resolutions?</p> <p>Two from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subheadings • Bold • Paragraphs / sections • Centre justification • Images / pictures / icons / clip art • Short snappy sentences <p>(1 mark for each correct answer – maximum 2 marks)</p> <p>(accept similar wording)</p>	2 marks	16
<p>2</p> <p>Find two things Suki Tanaka says that suggests she personally struggles to meet her resolution goals.</p> <p>Two from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (In news that surprises no one) least of all me • Much-needed light (on how to stick to resolutions) • Ok, this one is not as encouraging • No wonder I struggle to stay on target • I hope you all have better luck with them than I've had! <p>(1 mark for each correct answer – maximum 2 marks)</p> <p>(accept similar wording)</p>	2 marks	13
<p>3</p> <p>Give three words or phrases that are opinions from the first paragraph of Document 1.</p> <p>Three from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (In news that) surprises no one • Disappointing (statistic) • Good (news) • Much-needed (light) <p>(1 mark for each correct answer – maximum 3 marks)</p>	3 marks	18

4 Why does Professor Anya Flores think so many resolutions fail on January 2nd? b) It is not the right time to make a change	1 mark	18
5 Which one of the following people uses a formal tone throughout their quoted comment in Document 1? a) Professor Lucy Daniels from Leeds University	1 mark	19

<p>6</p> <p>Apart from formal language, identify two language techniques used in Document 1 to convince the reader the information and advice is trustworthy.</p> <p>For each technique, give an example from the document.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facts and figures E.g. One quarter / 1 in 10 • Citing research / citing experts E.g. Research from Leeds University found... / According to Ramesh Mahto, professor of social psychology... • Direct quotes E.g. "We studied 800 new goal setters..." • Question and answer E.g. So what's the reason for this disappointing statistic? Behavioural scientists have discovered that people tend to focus on what they are changing rather than why. • Personal experience/anecdotes E.g. No wonder I struggle to stay on target. • Direct address E.g. Now you just have to put it to good use • Inclusive language E.g. Like we all thought • Persuasive language E.g. The science behind sticking to your resolutions • Idioms E.g. Shed light on • Metaphor E.g. Pick concrete goals • Conversational / colloquial / chatty / familiar language E.g. Here's a nice one to begin with • Humour E.g. Oops! No wonder I struggle to stay on target • Self-deprecating language / contrasting expert with non-expert E.g. Those clever psychologists / Oops! No wonder I struggle to stay on target • Bias E.g. It's crucial not to set vague goals • Hyperbole E.g. In news that surprises no one • Sarcasm E.g. In news that surprises no one • Reassuring / encouraging tone E.g. But there's good news 	<p>4 marks</p>	<p>14</p>
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<p>Accept any other justifiable technique with/without linked example</p> <p>(accept similar wording) 1 mark for each correct identified technique, with or without example (maximum of 2 marks) 1 mark for correct linked example (maximum of 2 marks). An incorrect example invalidates the technique.</p>		
<p>7</p> <p>Which one of the following best summarises why the author of Document 2 thinks cycling makes a good New Year's resolution?</p> <p>a) Cycling offers benefits that help you stick to your goals</p>	1 mark	11
<p>8</p> <p>Give one fact about the author of Document 2 that suggests his recommendations may be biased.</p> <p>One from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional cyclist / cyclist for twelve years • He's writing for Greyhound Bicycles / he works for Greyhound Bicycles <p>(accept similar wording)</p>	1 mark	17

<p>9</p> <p>Give three examples of the author using a reassuring tone in Document 2.</p> <p>Answers may include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can keep your goals manageable • But that's the amazing thing about cycling – you can choose when you do it! • Gives you the flexibility and peace of mind • You can choose (to ride with friends, or alone) • We all achieve goals in different ways • Will give you the motivation you need to succeed • You can shake it up • It's perfect for beginners • You are sure to find a goal that suits you • Can become second nature in the blink of an eye • You will love your new bike • We don't think you will even notice these • You don't have to worry about punctures and other problems • And the more you learn about looking after your bike, the more confident you will feel riding it • Your amazing Greyhound bike • In a matter of weeks you'll create a lifestyle that will last forever <p>Accept any other justifiable answer</p> <p>(1 mark for each correct answer – maximum 3 marks)</p> <p>(accept similar wording)</p>	<p>3 marks</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>10</p> <p>The author of Document 2 is advising people to choose cycling as a New Year's resolution. What else is he trying to persuade the reader to do?</p> <p>b) Buy a Greyhound bike d) Cycle for charity</p>	<p>2 marks</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Using evidence from the section headed <i>You can keep your goals manageable</i>, why does the author of Document 2 think that cycling allows for manageable goals?</p> <p>One from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can choose when you do it • You have flexibility / you are not tied in to set hours • You can choose which days are best for you • You can change your plans because of bad weather • You can choose a distance per week instead of set days <p>(accept similar wording)</p>	<p>1 mark</p>	<p>18</p>

<p>12</p> <p>Which one of the following bicycles would be best for someone entering the Long Ride event?</p> <p>c) Milestar</p>	<p>1 mark</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Identify three biased phrases in the <i>You will love your new bike</i> section of Document 2.</p> <p>Three from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycling is hard work • We don't think you will even notice these • Soaring (on your new bike) • You don't have to worry about punctures • The more you learn about looking after your bike, the more confident you will feel riding it <p>(1 mark for each correct answer – maximum 3 marks)</p>	<p>3 marks</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Document 1 says <i>Don't expect lasting change for at least 3 months</i>. What are two things the author of Document 2 says that shows he disagrees with this?</p> <p>Two from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try it for just one month and watch as your resolution becomes an unshakeable habit • That's how what starts as a resolution can become second nature in the blink of an eye • In a matter of weeks you'll create a lifestyle that will last forever! <p>(1 mark for each correct answer – maximum 2 marks)</p> <p>(accept similar wording)</p>	<p>2 marks</p>	<p>12</p>

Total marks available for Reading assessment	30
Indicative pass mark	20

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