

GCSE

Persian

Unit **A823**: Reading

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Annotations

Annotation	Meaning
	Tick
	Incorrect
	Unclear
	Caret sign to show omission
	Benefit of doubt
	Harmless addition
	Invalidation
	Repeat
	First answer

Abbreviations and conventions used in the detailed Mark Scheme.

/	Alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point
()	Words which are not essential to gain the mark
—	Underlined words must be included to gain the mark

Subject-specific Marking Instructions**MULTIPLE CHOICE AND NON-VERBAL ANSWERS**

- If more than one box is ticked no mark is awarded.
- In some cases candidates are required to write a single word or name
if two answers are given, no mark should be awarded (even if one of these responses is correct) as it is not possible to determine which is the response first selected by the candidate.
correct spelling of the word or name is not required, as long as there is no ambiguity.
- When the response is a letter in a box, only consider and mark the letter in the box (as it is possible to identify that this is the intended response).

ANSWERS IN ENGLISH

- Answers are assessed from the standpoint of the “sympathetic English reader” with no knowledge of target language.
- Where an answer is ambiguous and could equally well be judged right or wrong, give benefit of doubt and mark it as correct.
- Answers do not need to be in the form of full sentences, nor in totally correct English.
- Answers given in a different language are marked wrong unless they are near-cognates. (e.g. in French “*novembre*”)
- Ignore correct but irrelevant / additional information (non-distorting material which does not contradict the correct answer) – Harmless Addition (HA).
- Where the candidate provides a contradictory response and does not understand the context of the questions, no mark should be awarded.
- If two answers are written one above the other, mark the one on or nearest to the line.
- If a candidate writes information in brackets, ignore the brackets, marking anything inside them in the usual way.
- Where the space for answers is set out as (a) and (b) answers are usually interchangeable. Award marks for correct answers wherever they appear.

Exercise 1: Hamid's School Party

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	A	1	
2	B	1	
3	A	1	
4	B	1	
5	C	1	
	Total	5	

Exercise 2: Kamran and Noushin visit their grandparents

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
6	G	1	
7	B	1	
8	K	1	
9	J	1	
10	A	1	
11	H	1	
12	E	1	
	Total	7	

Exercise 3: Shirin visits London

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
13	cousin	1	
14	travels	1	
15	short	1	
16	fluently	1	
17	go out	1	
18	enjoyable	1	
	Total	6	

Exercise 4: Ahmad and Sam talk about their daily life

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
19	Sam	1	
20	Neither	1	
21	Ahmad	1	
22	Sam	1	
23	Ahmad	1	
24	neither	1	
	Total	6	

Exercise 5: An invitation for Claire

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
25	go to Iran / visit her family	1	
26	take Claire with her	1	
27(a)	meet her at Heathrow/ the airport	1	
27(b)	Sit next to her on the plane	1	
28	practise her Persian	1	
29(a)	her close friend	1	
29(b)	give Claire Persian lessons/ prepare her for her exam	1	
	Total	7	

Exercise 6: Eating out Iranian style

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
30	easy	1	
31	other countries	1	
32	never	1	
33	first	1	
34	same	1	
35	thank you	1	
	Total	6	

Exercise 7: Javad goes to a sports camp

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
36	Played on the basketball team	1	The correct answer must include the word 'team'
37	It is the top/best/ champion/winning school team in England/ UK/ here/ Britain	1	The correct answer should mention they are the best in England
38	Paid/gave/offered/ agreed to give <u>half the cost</u> /50% of the money/ funding	1	
39	Raised money for the trip/the rest of the money/ sold cakes	1	
40	Train with /meet / get to know professional coaches/ receive advice about potential sportsmen	1	
41	7-8 hours training/ had special diet and routine/ lived like a sports professional	1	
42	(go to) university or sport	1	
	Total	7	

Exercise 8: An Iranian girl's experience of an English school

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
43	اولین / تنها دختر ایرانی مدرسه بود	1	She was the first/only Iranian girl in the school
44	مدارس ایرانی / سیستم آموزشی	1	Iranian schools / the educational system
45	شرایط زندگی دخترها در ایران / دخترها چگونه زندگی می کنند	1	How girls live in Iran / living conditions for girls
46	برای موفقیت تحصیلی فرزندان شان هر سختی را تحمل می کنند	1	They will accept lots of hardship for their children to do well in school
47	جوان ها قبل از ازدواج از خانواده شان جدا نمی شوند	1	Young people don't leave their families before getting married
48	تجربه ی فراموش نشدنی است	1	It is an unforgettable experience
	Total	6	
	Paper Total	50	

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