



General Certificate of Education

Polish 6686 *Specification*

POL2 Culture and Society

Mark Scheme

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Unit 2

The assessment objectives will be allocated in the following way.

		% of A2	Marks
A02	Response to written language	45	45
A03	Knowledge of grammar	25	25
A04	Knowledge of society	30	30
	TOTAL	100	100

The marks will be allocated in the following way.

	A02	A03	A04
Section 1a	10		
Section 1b	5	5	
Section 2	30	20	30

Section 1

Question	Accept	Marks
(i)	Dzisiejsze młode pokolenie odsunęło się od starych ludzi, nie pasują im oni do koncepcji świata prostych ocen i łatwych rozwiązań. Kiedyś było inaczej, starsi cieszyli się szacunkiem, przykładem może być oddawanie honorów starym powstańcom.	3
(ii)	Żyjemy w czasach gwałtownych przemian, niezwykłego rozwoju technologicznego i czasach kultu przedłużanej w nieskończoność młodości. Ginie i odchodzi starsze pokolenie, które przeżyło wojnę i pamięta czasy bez komputera i telewizji.	3
(iii)	Młode pokolenie, zdaniem autora, powinno zmienić swój stosunek do pokolenia starszych, bo właśnie ono jest najlepszą lekcją historii. Pokolenie to najlepiej rozumiało klimat życia pod okupacją i pamięta jak wyglądało życie bez komputera czy telewizora./ Każdy z nich ma swoją opowieść, ma subiektywną pamięć tamtych czasów./Ludzie tamtego pokolenia tak szybko odchodzą. Zdanie kandydata na ten temat.	4
	Total	10

Answers should indicate that:

- candidates are able to identify the relevant information in the passage;
- candidates are able to convey this information in their own words.

(b) Passage for translation.

Total = 10 marks
(See grids below)

For section 1b the following criteria will be used for response to written language (A02)

	Response to Written Language (A02)
0-1	Passage inaccurately translated; overall meaning not conveyed successfully; the sentences are mainly a 'word for word' translation, poor spelling.
2-3	Many contain a number of errors, 3-4 substantial ones, but central meaning is conveyed. The sentences reveal some fluency and some awareness of appropriate style.
4-5	May contain a few errors in style, but central meaning is substantially conveyed; good to excellent command of the main areas of awareness of appropriate style.

For section 1b the following criteria will be used for knowledge of grammar (A03)

	Knowledge of Grammar (A03)
0-1	Errors are elementary and so numerous as to impede comprehension.
2	Evidence of gaps in basic grammar. Common structures are not sound and some irregular verbs are suspect.
3	The grammatical structures are known but success in applying them is inconsistent, especially in less common structures.
4	Grammar is sound. Tenses and agreements are reliable and errors occur only in the most difficult areas.
5	The grammatical structures in the specification are used accurately. There are a few errors and these are of a minor nature.

Total for Section 1 = 20 marks

Section 2

Topics/Essays

Only **two** questions/essays to be selected, **each** to be marked according to the following criteria.

(i)	Knowledge of Society	=	15 marks	(AO4)
(ii)	Reaction/Response	=	15 marks	(AO2)
(iii)	Knowledge of Grammar	=	10 marks	(AO3)

	Knowledge of Society (A04)
0-1	The answer shows no relevance to the topics/texts/question. A zero score will automatically result in a zero score for the answer as a whole.
2-4	Demonstrates only limited knowledge and understanding of the topics/texts. Limited range of sources and evidence. Superficial examples.
5-7	Demonstrates some knowledge and understanding of the topics/texts. Source material and evidence is not always well used.
8-11	Demonstrates sound overall knowledge and understanding of the topics/texts. A good range of sources and guidance is used and the answer is generally relevant to the topics/question.
12-15	Demonstrates a thorough knowledge and understanding of the topics/texts with a wide range of sources and evidence used. The answer is relevant and is wide-ranging in its treatment of the topics/texts/question.

	Reaction / Response (A02)
0-1	Little or no reaction. No real illustration or justification.
2-4	Little relevant reaction / opinion / evaluation, generally factual or descriptive, lacks structure and order.
5-7	Some evaluation evident, but relies on received ideas with little personal opinion. Some attempts at structure. Ideas generally not well supported.
8-11	Some attempt at evaluation and some personal reaction, not always convincingly justified. Clear structure and logical progression.
12-15	A good range of points evaluated with conclusions. Clear evidence of personal reaction, well illustrated / justified. Well balanced and coherent.

	Knowledge of Grammar (A03)
0-2	Errors are elementary and so numerous as to impede comprehension.
3-4	Evidence of gaps in basic grammar. Common structures are not sound and some irregular verbs are suspect.
5-6	The grammatical structures are known but success in applying them is inconsistent, especially in less common structures.
7-8	Grammar is sound. Tenses and agreements are reliable and errors occur only in the most difficult areas.
9-10	The grammatical structures in the specification are used accurately. There are a few errors and these are of a minor nature.

Total for Section 2 = 40 marks x 2 = 80 marks

Total for Unit 2 = 100 marks