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GCE Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced Level

MARK SCHEME for the June 2005 question paper

9718/8684 PORTUGUESE

9718/03, 8684/03

Paper 3 (Essay), maximum raw mark 40

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| | maximum mark available | minimum mark required for grade: | | |
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| | | A | B | E |
| Component 3 | 40 | 32 | 28 | 17 |

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Boundaries for 8684 AS Language are lower than for the A level syllabus.

June 2005

GCE A/AS LEVEL

MARK SCHEME

MAXIMUM MARK: 40

SYLLABUS/COMPONENT: 9718/03, 8684/03

PORTUGUESE
Paper 3 (Essay)

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| Language (out of 24) | | Content (out of 16) | |
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| 21-24 | Very good Confident use of complex sentence patterns, generally accurate, extensive vocabulary, good sense of idiom. | 14-16 | Very good Detailed, clearly relevant and well illustrated; coherently argued and structured. |
| 16-20 | Good Generally sound grasp of grammar in spite of quite a few lapses; reads reasonably; some attempt at varied vocabulary. | 11-13 | Good Sound knowledge and generally relevant; some ability to develop argument and draw conclusions. |
| 10-15 | Adequate A tendency to be simple, clumsy or laboured; some degree of accuracy; inappropriate use of idiom. | 7-10 | Adequate Some knowledge, but not always relevant; a more limited capacity to argue. |
| 5-9 | Poor Consistently simple or pedestrian sentence patterns with persistent errors; limited vocabulary. | 3-6 | Poor Some attempt at argument, tends to be sketchy or unspecific; little attempt to structure an argument; major misunderstanding of question. |
| 1-4 | Very poor Only the simplest sentence patterns, little evidence of grammatical awareness, very limited vocabulary. | 1-2 | Very poor Vague and general, ideas presented at random. |