

# Essential English marking guide and response

Common internal assessment 2025 — Phase 1

## Short response

### Assessment objectives

This assessment instrument is used to determine student achievement in the following objectives:

3. explain representations of identities, places, events and concepts in response to stimulus texts
4. explain the ways cultural assumptions, attitudes, values and beliefs about community, local or global issues underpin texts and influence meaning
5. explain how language features and text structures shape perspectives on community, local or global issues in media texts and invite particular responses
6. select and use subject matter to support perspectives in response to stimulus texts
9. use language features to inform audiences.

**Note:** Objectives 1, 2, 7 and 8 are not assessed in this instrument.

## Purpose

This common internal assessment marking guide informs schools and students how marks are matched to characteristics in responses to the common internal assessment.

The marking guide provides:

- explicit statements about what is expected of students when they respond to a question
- sample responses that identify characteristics to assist the marker to make judgments
- where relevant, notes that provide further information to assist the marker in making a decision
- a tool for calibrating markers to ensure comparability of results.

## Mark allocation

Where no response to the assessment has been made, a mark of 'N' will be recorded.

## Common internal assessment marking guide

### Question 1

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Overall on-balance grade (circle): **A** | **B** | **C** | **D** | **E**



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