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|  | **AO5 Communication and organisation***24 marks* | **AO6 Vocabulary, sentence structure, spelling****and punctuation***16 marks* |
| **Band****5** | **20-24 marks**∙ the writing is fully coherent and controlled (plot and characterisation are developed with detail, originality and imagination)∙ the writing is clearly and imaginatively organised (narrative is sophisticated and fullyengages the reader’s interest)∙ structure and grammatical features are used ambitiously to give the writing cohesion and coherence∙ communication is ambitious and consistently conveys precise meaning | **14-16 marks**∙ there is appropriate and effective variation of sentence structures∙ virtually all sentence construction is controlled and accurate∙ a range of punctuation is used confidently and accurately∙ virtually all spelling, including that of complex irregular words, is correct∙ control of tense and agreement is totally secure∙ a wide range of appropriate, ambitious vocabulary is used to create effect orconvey precise meaning |
| **Band****4** | **15-19 marks**∙ the writing is clearly controlled and coherent (plot and characterisation show convincing detail and some originality and imagination )∙ the writing is clearly organised (narrative is purposefully shaped and developed)∙ structure and grammatical features are used accurately to support cohesion and coherence∙ communication shows some ambition and conveys precise meaning | **11-13 marks**∙ sentence structure is varied to achieve particular effects∙ control of sentence construction is secure∙ a range of punctuation is used accurately∙ spelling, including that of irregular words, is secure∙ control of tense and agreement is secure∙ vocabulary is ambitious and used with precision |
| **Band****3** | **10-14 marks**∙ the writing is mostly controlled and coherent (plot and characterisation show some detail and development)∙ the writing is organised (narrative has shape and direction)∙ structure and grammatical features are used with some accuracy to convey meaning∙ communication is clear but limited in ambition | **7-10 marks**∙ there is variety in sentence structure∙ control of sentence construction is mostly secure∙ a range of punctuation is used, mostly accurately∙ most spelling, including that of irregular words, is correct∙ control of tense and agreement is mostly secure∙ vocabulary is beginning to develop and is used with some precision |
| **Band****2** | **5-9 marks**∙ there is some control and coherence (some control of plot and characterisation)∙ there is some organisation (narrative is beginning to have some shape anddevelopment)∙ structure and grammatical features are used to convey meaning∙ communication is limited but clear | **4-6 marks**∙ some variety of sentence structure∙ there is some control of sentence construction∙ some control of a range of punctuation∙ the spelling is usually accurate∙ control of tense and agreement is generally secure∙ there is some range of vocabulary |
| **Band****1** | **1-4 marks**∙ there is basic control and coherence (a basic sense of plot and characterisation)∙ there is basic organisation (paragraphs may be used to show obvious divisions)∙ there is some use of structure and grammatical features to convey meaning∙ communication is limited but some meaning is conveyed | **1-3 marks**∙ limited range of sentence structure∙ control of sentence construction is limited∙ there is some attempt to use punctuation∙ some spelling is accurate∙ control of tense and agreement is limited∙ limited range of vocabulary |
|  | 0 marks: nothing worthy of credit | 0 marks: nothing worthy of credit |

* **45 min exam (worth 20% of overall GCSE)**
* **Q TYPES**- Students given choice of 4 titles e.g. ‘Write about a time when/ write a story entitled…’