Candidate A

Section A

The picture for this is enclosed. It is actually taken from a coursebook and shouldn’t really be chosen! However there is plenty going on in the picture and for that reason is a good choice.

The introduction by the candidate is good. The word order is quite accurate, there is a use of tenses and more complex sentences. It is also the correct length.

His description of the old lady is ok although not particularly ambitious.

The examiner correctly continues to focus on the picture, although not all the time. From this point he doesn’t particularly take the initiative and his opinions are only quite simple.

He responds quite well to the question about the problems of old people which is quite abstract and at this level not easy.

He has some difficulty with the question about what the boys are now going to do.

He does convey quite a lot of information about the picture and his thoughts on the questions put by the examiner, and he does hesitate a little as well as struggling with some questions.

For this section he achieves the following marks:

*Presentation and Discussion:*

Adequate information on the stimulus, simple ideas and opinions, not always developed. 6

*Knowledge and Application of Language:*

At least adequate with some tenses 4

*Accuracy:*

Generally quite accurate with fairly good pronunciation 4

Section B

This and the following sections are quite a lot better. He responds well and takes the initiative in the question about his town, giving quite a lot of additional information. This also applies to his response about the question on the weather and he goes on successfully without prompting to tell us about the weather tomorrow.

He has plenty to say comparing the weather in Britain and in Germany which includes opinions.

He uses the past tense when discussing holidays although he doesn’t use it consistently accurately. There is also a good use of the conditional.

The examiner shows a good technique by asking questions with warum.

Section C

This is a similarly good section compared to B. He shows initiative and an impressive range of adjectives.

He describes his school uniform well with accurate adjectival endings, although he does get in a mess when trying to explain why the uniform is a good idea.

Past tenses are used, together with a conditional and some good opinions. There are however some significant errors, ich würde in die Küche hilfen. This was nevertheless a much more confident performance than earlier on.

For Sections B and C he achieves the following marks:

*Presentation and Discussion:*

Communicates with quite a lot of detail and little prompting required. Good ideas and opinions quite well developed. 8

*Knowledge and Application of Language:*

At least adequate with some tenses 4

*Accuracy:*

Generally quite accurate with fairly good pronunciation 4

Total 30