

AQA – GCSE – Break Down – revised 2019

Listening

25%

Foundation	3000 words minimum (capped at Grade 5 ≈ 65% of raw mark)
Higher	5000 words minimum (Grade 5 ≈ 40% of raw mark) (Grade 9 ≈ 80%)

Reading

25%

Foundation	3000 words minimum (capped at Grade 5 ≈ 75% of raw mark)
Higher	5000 words minimum (Grade 5 ≈ 50% of raw mark) (Grade 9 ≈ 85%)

Speaking

25%

Foundation (capped at Grade 5 ≈ 70% of raw mark)		
15 marks: Role Play 2mn	25%	6%
15 marks: Photo 5 questions on 1 theme (3+2) 2mn	25%	6%
30 marks: General conversation on 2 more themes 3-5mn	50%	13%
OR		
Higher (Grade 5 ≈ 60% of raw mark) (Grade 9 ≈ 90%)		
15 marks: Role Play 2mn	25%	6%
15 marks: Photo 5 questions on 1 theme (3+2) 3mn	25%	6%
30 marks: General conversation on 2 more themes 5-7mn	50%	13%

Writing

25%

Foundation (capped at Grade 5 ≈ 80% of raw mark)		
8 marks: Photo description	16%	4%
16 marks: 40 words across 4 bullet points in 1 tense	32%	8%
10 marks: Translation 35 words	20%	5%
16 marks: 90 words across 4 bullet points in 3 tenses	32%	8%
OR		
Higher (Grade 5 ≈ 60% of raw mark) (Grade 9 ≈ 90%)		
16 marks: 90 words across 4 bullet points in 3 tenses	27%	7%
32 marks: 150 words across 2 bullet points (PEEL)	53%	14%
12 marks: Translation 50 words	20%	4%

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