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Task 1

Qu	Part	Marking Guidance	Total Marks
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Accept			
01	1	B (Dance club)	1

Accept			
01	2	C (Thursday evening)	1

Accept			
02	1	A (Her brother)	1

Accept			
02	2	B (A baseball cap)	1

Accept			
03	1	B (Room 36)	1

Accept			
03	2	C (The drama group)	1

Accept			
04	1	C (Two weeks)	1

Accept			
04	2	A (A night market)	1

Task 2

For all open response questions, accept reasonable spelling variations where the intended meaning from the transcript is not lost and, if said phonetically, would be understood.

Qu	Marking Guidance	Total Marks
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Accept any reasonable variation		
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05	Madalina: Animal(s) (welfare) Ramin: People in poverty/poor people	2
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Accept any one of the following		
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06	Advantage: (It's a) healthy (activity)/easy to organise Disadvantage: It might rain/some people don't like running	2
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Accept any two of the following		
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07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compete for a prize • Sing (a song) • Play a (musical) instrument • Tell (some) jokes • Read a story • Share/ Show a piece of art <p>Answers must include a verb</p>	2
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Accept the following		
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08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headteacher • Classmates 	2
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Task 3

For all open response questions, accept reasonable spelling variations where the intended meaning from the transcript is not lost and, if said phonetically, would be understood.

Qu	Marking Guidance	Total Marks
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Accept		
09	Options	1

Accept one mark for each of the following words which fill the gaps		
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus • Coursework 	2

Accept one mark for each of the following words which fill the gaps		
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lecture • Apartment • Explore 	3

Accept one mark for each of the following words which fill the gaps		
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision • Subjects 	2

Task 4

For all open response questions, accept reasonable spelling variations where the intended meaning from the transcript is not lost and, if said phonetically, would be understood.

Qu	Marking Guidance	Total Marks
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Accept the following or a valid equivalent		
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13	She wanted a new challenge.	1
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Accept the following or a valid equivalent		
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14	Ninety minutes/ Three sets	1
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Accept any three of the following or a valid equivalent		
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15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Usually) played indoors • Has different equipment/padel ball is smaller (than a tennis ball) • The court is smaller court/don't have to run as much/ the size of the court • Matches are (often) shorter (than tennis matches) 	3
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Accept any three of the following or a valid equivalent		
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16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy to learn/can learn the rules in (about) half an hour • You usually play padel with a partner • It's a social sport/(a good way to) get to know people • (Quite) a safe sport/unusual to get injured • It's (a lot of) fun 	3
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Task 5

For all open response questions, accept reasonable spelling variations where the intended meaning from the transcript is not lost and, if said phonetically, would be understood.

Qu	Marking Guidance	Total Marks
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Accept		
17	C (Travelling without harming the environment)	1

Award a maximum of two marks		
18	2 marks – Candidate explains both ideas of ‘do’ – look for/find out/prepare/research (other synonyms/explanations accepted) – and – ‘your homework’ – different ways to travel /how to travel responsibly/ eco-friendly places to stay (other synonyms/explanations accepted). 1 mark – Candidate explains one of these ideas or partially both. 0 marks – Nothing worthy of credit/nothing written.	2

Accept the following or a valid equivalent		
19	Travelling: Use public transport Shopping: Buy souvenirs from local artists	2

Award a maximum of two marks		
20	2 marks – Candidate explains both ideas of ‘a picture’ – a photograph/an image (other synonyms/explanations accepted) – and – ‘is worth a thousand words’ – says more than words can/sends a strong message/can inspire/teach others (other synonyms/explanations accepted). 1 mark – Candidate explains one of these ideas or partially both. 0 marks – Nothing worthy of credit/nothing written.	2

Accept		
21	A (It’s not difficult to travel more responsibly.)	1