| | Coherence and discourse management | Accuracy | Range of lexis and structures | Fluency | Pronunciation |
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| 5 | Answers consistently fully developed and coherent. | Very good control of grammar and lexis. | Wide and appropriate range of lexis and structures | Speaks with very few pauses. | Very easy to understand. |
| 4 | Answers mostly developed mostly coherent. | Good control of grammar and lexis, with a few minor lapses. | Few gaps in lexis and structures. | Occasionally pauses, searching for words. | Easy to understand. |
| 3 | Answers frequently developed frequently coherent. | Good, but occasionally difficult to understand due to ineffective control of grammar and lexis. | Mostly adequate, but insufficient for slightly more abstract topics. | Pauses and hesitations sometimes demand patience of the listener. | Rarely difficult to understand. |
| 2 | Answers very limited often incoherent. | Very difficult to understand due to density of errors. | Insufficient, except for a few very familiar topics. | Frequent pauses and hesitations sometimes make answers unintelligible. | Often difficult to understand. |
| 1 | Very little communication possible. Very little assessable language produced except for a few memorised chunks. | | | | |