5. Mark schemes for the English reading test

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
1	According to the text, approximately how many giant pandas currently live in the wild?	1m
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	■ (around) 1600.	

2	According to some scientists, how does giant pandas' fur help them to survive in the wild?					
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction					
	Award 1 mark for reference to disguise / camouflage, e.g.					
	to hide them in snow and rocksto help them blend into the snowy mountains.					
	Do not accept answers relating to fur which do not recognise how it helps disguise or camouflage the panda, e.g.					
	• it keeps them warm.					

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
3	Look at page 4.	1m
	Pandas can grow up to 1.5 metres and weigh up to 150 kilograms.	
	What else in the text tells us that giant pandas could be dangerous animals?	
	Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text	
	Award 1 mark for reference to either of the following:	
	1. their razor-like claws, e.g.	
	their claws are sharp.	
	2. their powerful jaws, e.g.	
	they have strong jaws for crushing things.	
	Do not accept answers which refer simply to claws and jaws without some indication of threat, e.g.	
	it tells us about their claws and jaws.	
	Do not accept answers which swap the qualities of the claws and jaws, e.g.	
	they have powerful claws	
	• razor-like jaws.	

4	Look at page 4.	1m
	According to the text, what do pandas spend the majority of their time doing?	
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	
	Award 1 mark for reference to eating / feeding, e.g.	
	 most of the day they eat bamboo they mostly just feed they need to eat all day. 	
	Do not accept answers which refer to another activity in addition to eating / feeding, e.g. • eating bamboo and sleeping.	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark			
5	Number these facts about the life of the giant panda cub from 1-5 in the order in which they happen.				
	The first one has been done for you.				
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction				
	Award 1 mark for the correct sequence:				
	A cub eats bamboo for the first time.				
	A cub leaves its mother. 5				
	A cub develops black spots.				
	A cub weighs 31 to 36 kilograms.				
	A cub weighs about the same as an apple. 1				

6a	Look at page 4.	1m
	According to the text, give one way that giant pandas are	
	(a) similar to other bears.	
	Content domain: 2h - make comparisons within the text	
	Award 1 mark for reference to them having the same body shape as other bears, e.g.	
	 pandas have the same type of body they are shaped as bears are. 	
	Do not accept answers drawing on general knowledge of other bears which is not given as a direct comparison in the text, e.g.	
	they are both furrythey like honey.	

■ puzzling.

Qu.	Requirement	Mark					
6b	(b) different from other bears.	1m					
	Content domain: 2h - make comparisons within the text						
	Award 1 mark for reference to any of the following:						
	1. giant pandas can't / don't hibernate, e.g.						
	• panda bears aren't able to hibernate when it's cold.						
	2. giant pandas needing to eat every day.						
	Also accept answers which refer to their unusual appearance, e.g.						
	they have thick black and white fur.						
	Do not accept answers drawing on general knowledge of other bears which is not given as a direct comparison in the text, e.g.						
	 they live on mountain slopes in China but bears live in wild forests they don't eat meat that often. 						
7	Look at the section headed: <i>Other interesting facts</i> .	1m					
	Complete the sentence below.						
	Recent studies show that Tick one. Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction						
	Award 1 mark for:						
	giant pandas always spend most of their lives alone.						
	most giant pandas live in captivity.						
	giant pandas only live in the wild in China.						
	some giant pandas live in the same area.						
8	Look at the section headed: Why are people concerned about the giant panda?	1m					
	Find and copy one word which shows that there are lots of things we do not yet know about giant pandas.						
	Content domain: 2a – give / explain the meaning of words in context						
	Award 1 mark for:						

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9	cutting off a vital food supply.	1m
	What does the word vital mean in this sentence?	
	Tick one.	
	Content domain: 2a - give / explain the meaning of words in context	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	essential 🗸	
	available	
	useful	
	healthy	

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10	According to the text, why are giant pandas under threat of extinction?	Up to
	Give two reasons.	2m
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	
	Award 1 mark for reference to any of the following, up to a maximum of 2 marks:	
	1. very few being born each year, e.g.	
	very few giant pandas are born	
	only a few are born in the wild.	
	2. not all the baby giant pandas born in the wild surviving, e.g.	
	pandas often die young	
	some baby pandas don't survive.	
	3. giant pandas' food supplies diminishing or being cut off, e.g.	
	bamboo is harder to find	
	• not enough food.	
	 humans moving into giant pandas' territory / destruction of the pandas' habitat, e.g. 	
	people come into their space	
	their habitat is being destroyed.	
	5. humans killing / hunting giant pandas, e.g.	
	• humans are killing them	
	• poaching.	
	6. there being very few giant pandas in captivity, e.g.	
	 there are very few giant pandas in zoos to keep up the number. 	
	7. there being only around 1600 pandas in the wild, e.g.	
	 it is thought that only around 1600 giant pandas still survive in the wild 	
	 because there were only 1600 left in the wild. 	
	Do not accept answers that rephrase or define extinction without specifying why pandas are under threat, e.g.	
	 because their numbers are going down and there will not be any left 	
	• there is not a large number of them.	

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11	According to the text, how are people trying to help giant pandas survive?	1m
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction.	
	Award 1 mark for reference to any of the following:	
	1. joining the 'adopt a panda' project, e.g.	
	there are projects where people are invited to adopt them	
	by adopting them.	
	2. the creation of panda reserves, e.g.	
	 panda reserves have been built to help the pandas 	
	by creating 50 panda reserves.	
	3. breeding programmes, e.g.	
	 in zoos people are trying to raise how many pandas there are 	
	they are trying to make giant pandas breed.	
	4. people donating money towards supporting them in the wild / researching / protecting / monitoring, e.g.	
	 lots of people are giving money to help protect giant pandas 	
	putting money in to give to researching.	
	Do not accept reference to people trying to return them to the wild.	

12	Look at the section headed: What about the future?	1m
	Find and copy one word that shows that helping the giant panda is not easy.	
	Content domain: 2a - give / explain the meaning of words in context	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	■ challenge.	

Qu.	Requirement				Mark		
13	Look at page 5.						
	What is one name that pandas have been called in the past because of their fur?						
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction						
	Award 1 mark for either of the following:						
	1. spotted bear						
	2. black and white bear.						
14	Which statement is the best summary for the whole	of page 5?			1m		
	Tick one .						
	Content domain: 2c - summarise main ideas from r	more than or	ne paragraph	า			
	Award 1 mark for:						
	How the giant panda first got its name.						
	How charities raise money for giant pandas.						
	How people are working to save giant pandas.						
	How giant pandas' territory is changing.						
15	Using information from the text, tick one box in each statement is a fact or an opinion .	row to sho	w whether e	ach	1m		
	Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text						
	Award 1 mark for all three correct:						
		Fact	Opinion				
	Giant pandas are fascinating animals.		1				
	Giant pandas' main food in the wild is bamboo.	1					
	Giant panda cubs weigh about 150g when born.	√					

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
16	Find and copy one word from the first verse that shows that the poet's grannie made him feel safe when he was a boy.	1m
	Content domain: 2a - give / explain the meaning of words in context	
	Award 1 mark for any of the following:	
	1. protective	
	2. enfold	
	3. warm	
	4. smile.	

17	How did the poet's grannie react when he behaved badly?	1m
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	
	Award 1 mark for reference to not punishing him, e.g.	
	 she did not scold him she didn't tell him off 	
	but never punished me when I was bad.	
	Do not accept answers which focus on grannie's seeming acceptance of his behaviour without reference to her not punishing him, e.g.	
	 she behaved like it was no big deal she stayed the same. 	

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18	The poet describes his grannie as standing <i>mountainous between me and my fear</i> . This makes her sound big and powerful.	Up to 2m
	What other impressions do you get of his grannie in the same verse?	
	Give two impressions.	
	Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text	
	Award 1 mark for reference to any of the following, up to a maximum of 2 marks:	
	1. she is gentle / kind, e.g.	
	grannie is very caring to the poet.	
	2. she is protective, e.g.	
	• you're safe when you're near her.	
	3. she is understanding, e.g.	
	she is thoughtful because she knows how he feels.	
	4. she is tolerant, e.g.	
	• she is lenient.	

19	What was one effect of the poet getting injured in the war?	1m
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	
	Award 1 mark for reference to any of the following:	
	1. his grannie could visit / was nearby, e.g.	
	it meant his grannie could come and see him	
	the hospital was near where his granny lived.	
	2. he is <i>lame</i> , e.g.	
	he couldn't walk properly	
	his legs didn't work the way they should.	
	3. he can't fight anymore, e.g.	
	he couldn't fight in the war.	
	4. he is sent home / he is in hospital, e.g.	
	 he had to come back to England earlier than he expected. 	

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20	Look at the verse beginning: Years later	1m
	Find and copy a group of words that means the same as 'took the opportunity'.	
	Content domain: 2a - give / explain the meaning of words in context	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	■ (And so I) seized the chance (To write and ask if she could visit me).	

21	What does the poet ask his grannie to do?	1m
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	
	Award 1 mark for reference to coming to visit him, e.g.	
	 he asks his grannie to come and see him to visit. 	

22	She came. And I still vividly recall What do the words vividly recall mean?	Up to 2m
	Content domain: 2a – give / explain the meaning of words in context	
	Award 2 marks for responses referring to both remembrance and clarity, e.g.	
	 remember clearly remember strongly see it like it was happening now. 	
	Award 1 mark for responses that refer to one of the following:	
	1. remembrance, e.g.	
	he can remember it from a long time ago	
	remember vividly.	
	2. clarity, e.g.	
	• clearly recall.	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
23	Explain what the poet finds weird about his grannie in the last verse.	Up to
	Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text	2m
	Award 2 marks for either of the following:	
	1. how memory has changed his perception of his grannie, e.g.	
	grannie seemed smaller than he remembered	
	 he thought she was small compared to his memory of her, but she wasn't really, it was him that had grown bigger 	
	 he remembered her as strong and powerful like a mountain but now she looks frail and weak. 	
	2. how time has changed his perception of his grannie, e.g.	
	 when he was a child she was huge and now she's tiny 	
	she was so small and tiny now that he was older.	
	Award 1 mark for reference to the grannie being small / frail with no recognition that his perception of her has changed, e.g.	
	 that his grannie used to be big but now is small 	
	• a tiny frail old lady.	
	Do not accept reference to her age alone, e.g.	
	she has got much older.	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
24	She hobbled through the ward to where I lay And drew quite close and, hesitating, peered.	1m
	Why does she hesitate?	
	Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text	
	Award 1 mark for reference to either of the following:	
	1. a lack of recognition, e.g.	
	 she had not seen her grandson since he was a child and she was not sure if it was him 	
	she doesn't know if she'll recognise him.	
	2. his state of health, e.g.	
	she does not know how sick he is	
	she is nervous about seeing his injuries.	
	Do not accept reference only to not having seen him for a long time, e.g.	
	• she hasn't seen him for ages.	
	Do not accept reference to grannie's feelings without a reason why she feels that way, e.g.	
	she is worried about the poet.	

25	What is one thing that did not change about the grannie as she got older?	1m
	Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text	
	Award 1 mark for reference to any of the following:	
	1. her smile, e.g.	
	the way she smiled.	
	2. she can make him feel better / her love, e.g.	
	she still made the boy happy	
	she was loving	
	she still cares for him.	
	3. where she lives, e.g.	
	she still lives in the same town.	

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Qu.	Requirement	Mark
26	Look at the last verse, beginning: She came.	1m
	Find and copy a group of words that shows that his grannie makes a difference to the poet during her visit.	
	Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	■ (And then she smiled: and) love lit up the day.	
27	The experience in the last line could best be described as	1m
	Tick one.	
	Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	amusing.	
	shocking.	
	puzzling.	
	comforting.	
28	Number the following sentences from 1-5 to show the order in which they happen in the poem.	1m
	The first one has been done for you.	
	Content domain: 2c - summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph	
	Award 1 mark for the correct sequence:	
	The poet arrives in France.	
	The poet lives with his grannie. 1	
	The poet is injured.	
	The poet's grannie visits him. 5	
	The poet writes to his grannie. 4	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
29	The poet describes different stages of his life.	1m
	Tick the two verses that are mainly about the poet's adult life .	
	Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text	
	Award 1 mark for both correct:	
	Verse 1	
	Verse 3 🗸 Verse 4 🗸	

Award 1 mark for:

It had always been a lifeless place. No one ever went there by choice.

The outside was better looked after than the inside.

It seemed stuck in the past.

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30	Look at the first paragraph.	1m
	What suggests that the inside of the old farmhouse was not very well looked after?	
	Give two things.	
	Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text	
	Award 1 mark for reference to any two of the following:	
	1. dusty, e.g.	
	the house had dust everywhere.	
	2. piles of candle wax, e.g.	
	no-one had bothered moving the candle wax that was in all the corners.	
	3. cracked basins, e.g.	
	there were basins that were cracked.	
	4. smells old / of the past	
	Also accept reference to untouched books, e.g.	
	books which hadn't been handled for a very long time.	
	Also accept reference to unused rooms, e.g.	
	there were rooms he never saw used.	
31	Look at the first two paragraphs	1m
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	Which sentence below best describes the farmhouse?	
	Tick one .	
	Content domain: 2c - summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph	

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32	Look at page 9.	1m
	Find and copy one word which shows that Em Sharp was in charge of the house.	
	Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	■ guardian.	
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33	Look at the second paragraph on page 9.	1m
	Left to my own devices	
	This means that Edward	
	Tick one .	
	Content domain: 2a – give the meaning of words in context	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	had lost something.	
	was confident with equipment.	
	had a good imagination. was free to do what he wanted. I	
	was free to do what he wanted.	
34	When Edward was exploring the bookcase, he noticed something in the dark recesses	1m
04	of the shelf.	
	Which of the following words is closest in meaning to recesses?	
	Tick one .	
	Content domain: 2a – give the meaning of words in context	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	wood	
	spaces 🗸	
	contents	
	design	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
35	it dawned on me that the dice ought to belong to a game	1m
	Which of the following is closest in meaning to dawned on me as it is used here?	
	Tick one.	
	Content domain: 2a - give the meaning of words in context	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	began to worry me	
	became clear to me	
	made me feel better	
	puzzled me	
00	Here do not be seen that the book and book here we would for a long time?	4

36	How do you know that the bookcase had not been moved for a long time?	1m
	Give two ways.	
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	
	Award 1 mark for reference to any two of the following:	
	1. cobwebs / dust, e.g.	
	the cobwebs were very thick	
	there was dust all over it.	
	2. old / assorted debris, e.g.	
	there was piles of stuff on the floor behind it.	
	3. the grimy box / things behind the bookcase being grimy, e.g.	
	the game from behind it was all grimy.	
	Also accept reference to the quotation old leather-lined bookcases with books that no one had handled for fifty years.	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
37	How can you tell that Edward was determined to find the game?	1m
	Give one piece of evidence that shows his determination.	
	Content domain: 2d - explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text	
	Award 1 mark for reference to any of the following:	
	1. conducting a thorough search / looking everywhere, e.g.	
	 he's searching in every nook and cranny 	
	 he looked behind every single book 	
	• it took me some time.	
	2. ignoring the dirt / cobwebs behind the bookcase, e.g.	
	 he even stuck his hand in all the dirt behind it 	
	 used my hand to sweep out the shallow gap. 	
	3. moving the bookcase, e.g.	
	 the bookcase was really heavy but he still tried to move it. 	
	Do not accept general definitions of determination without relevant reference to the text, e.g.	
	• he didn't give up.	