A2 Key: Plans and Messages

Paper 1 - Separate answers

Free original EWS skills practice | A2 | 20 practice marks

Short reading and email skills practice; not a full A2 Key examination.

Answers, explanations and marking guidance

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Accept equivalent correct answers. For personal responses, the learner must use truthful details. These short-paper marks are for practice and are not official exam scores.

A. Read and understand - 5 marks

1. Green Park. [1 mark]

Use the information in the passage.

2. The coast road is closed. [1 mark]

Use the information in the passage.

3. At the school gate. [1 mark]

Use the information in the passage.

4. 3 p.m. [1 mark]

Use the information in the passage.

5. By Thursday. [1 mark]

Use the information in the passage.

B. Language practice - 5 marks

1. on [1 mark]

Use on for days.

2. some [1 mark]

Water is uncountable here.

3. nearer [1 mark]

Use a comparative with than.

4. cannot [1 mark]

Cannot expresses inability.

5. me [1 mark]

Use the object pronoun after tell.

C. Write for a purpose - 10 marks

1. Model: Hi Sam, Thanks for your message. I can come to the picnic on Saturday. What games will we play? I can bring a football and some fruit. See you at the school gate! Alex [10 marks]

Award 4 for relevant task content, 3 for clear organisation and 3 for suitable vocabulary, grammar and punctuation. Accept equivalent correct responses.

A2 messages and one-word gaps

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Models are examples. Accept other accurate responses. Give feedback on task completion, clarity and suitable language. Extension tasks are unscored unless stated.

1. 1 A: before Friday means earlier than Friday. 2 B: half an hour after three is 3.30. 3 C: keep closed asks users to leave the door closed; it does not forbid entry.

2. 1 for; 2 on; 3 to; 4 too; 5 me. Standard phrases: thank you for; on Saturday; would like to; too = also; let me know.

3. Models: Could you send me the address, please? What time does the party start? Accept other accurate polite forms. No learner should put a real private address in a public answer.

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Write a useful email and talk about choices

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1. Model: Hi Alex, Let us visit the town library on Saturday. I can meet you at ten in the morning. Take the bus to the main stop and walk past the post office. The library is next to the park. See you soon! Mina. Feedback: include a place, meeting time and clear directions; accept other coherent invented details.

2. Model: I would choose the park because we can walk and play games there. It is also free to enter. What do you think? Accept other supported choices. Focus on relevant reasons, turn-taking and intelligibility.

3. Model: The museum sounds interesting too. Could we visit it in the morning and go to the park afterwards? Accept any polite response that acknowledges the other idea and proposes a workable compromise.