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Pass	 To be awarded a pass, the Learner – gives some relevant information in generally short responses. conveys simple thoughts and opinions. asks some straightforward questions. gives responses to questions that are understood. occasionally adapts language for different purposes. demonstrates some level of interaction 	 To be awarded a pass, the Learner – uses mostly simple grammatical structures. uses a limited range of familiar vocabulary and expressions. makes reference to present and past and/or future events with occasional success. 	 To be awarded a pass, the Learner – is mainly correct when using familiar vocabulary and simple grammatical structures. is likely to make errors, which sometimes impede communication. 	 To be awarded a pass, the Learner – uses pronunciation that is mostly understandable. makes errors that sometimes impede communication. there may be frequent native language interference.
Merit	 To be awarded a merit, the Learner – conveys mainly relevant information with some longer responses. expresses opinions with some simple justification. asks some varied questions to obtain information. responds to questions and develops some answers. adapts language for different purposes with some success. demonstrates generally good interaction. 	 To be awarded a merit, the Learner – manipulates straightforward grammatical structures with some variation and occasional complex structures. uses relevant and some varied vocabulary and expressions. is generally successful in making reference to past and future, as well as present ,events. 	 To be awarded a merit, the Learner – demonstrates a generally good level of accuracy when using straightforward vocabulary and grammatical structures. will make errors, particularly when more complex language is attempted. They sometimes hinder clarity of communication. 	 To be awarded a merit, the Learner – demonstrates generally good pronunciation and intonation but with some inconsistency. makes some errors that sometimes hinder clarity of communication. there may be some native language interference.

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Distinction	 To be awarded a distinction, the Learner – communicates detailed and relevant information, including some extended responses. expresses a variety of opinions with justification. asks a variety of questions using a range of question forms. responds to a variety of questions, often developing their answers. •effectively adapts language for different purposes. •demonstrates mostly natural interaction. 	 To be awarded a distinction, the Learner – manipulates a variety of grammatical structures including some complex structures. •uses a range of relevant vocabulary and a variety of expressions. •is mostly successful in making references to past and future as well as present, events. 	To be awarded a distinction, the Learner – •produces predominantly accurate language using a range of relevant vocabulary and some complex grammatical structures. •will make errors that are usually minor or occur when complex structures and/or less familiar vocabulary are attempted. They rarely hinder clarity of communication.	To be awarded a distinction, the Learner – •uses pronunciation and intonation that are overall accurate and intelligible. •makes occasional errors which rarely hinder clarity of communication. •there may be occasional native language interference.