**EoI Marks**

EoI marks are there for subject-relevant qualities beyond those specified by the marking points for a question. The candidate who (even perfectly) replicates the list of marking points, but does no more than that, should get zero for EoI.

Use of bullet points does not necessarily detract from the qualities looked for in EoI.

EoI marks should not be dependent on linguistic skill, or the number of marking points gained.

EoI qualities can only be credited insofar as they serve to address the question asked. i.e. they represent credit for the manner & approach in which the question is ***answered***, not just the manner and approach of the candidate’s writing skills in isolation.

EoI marks should be awarded for responses that go beyond the marking points themselves and show evidence of some of the following qualities:

* Appropriate rational links between marking points, organising them into a coherent line of argument/narrative;
* Linking of points explicitly to the terms of the question;
* Locating points within a relevant context (of the wider syllabus, or an underlying principle, or significant theme);
* Attributing some sense of relative significance to different points (possibly in a brief conclusion);
* Providing not just egs (these will already be credited on the MS if appropriate) but egs with real detail, pertinence and possibly, some originality;

The EoI marks should be gained holistically from the overall Q response, not just from specific parts (although parts with more marking points to handle may provide more opportunity to demonstrate these qualities). Their award is bound to involve some subjectivity, but the following guidelines may help:

**0 marks** – if a question response shows minimal, or isolated examples, or no evidence at all, of the qualities above, response should gain zero.

**1 mark** – if there is something ***more*** than just one or two isolated examples of the qualities above, candidate should gain 1 mark.

**2 marks** – if such qualities seem to characterise the whole question response, giving it a sense of confident familiarity with the subject, its concepts and terminology, response should gain the full 2 marks.