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Grade 7 English HL · Language Practice · Paper 2 — Marking Memorandum

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Total Marks: 47

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Award marks for correct meaning. Half marks (½) may be awarded for partial answers.

Q	Answer / Marking Points	Marks
1	✓ If plastic waste continues to enter our oceans, marine ecosystems will be severely damaged. (or similar formal alternative)	
2	✓ Informal register. Reason: The word "reckons" is colloquial/conversational language inappropriate for formal writing. (Accept: contractions, casual tone, or similar vocabulary markers)	
3	✓ The semicolon creates a strong pause and shows a direct cause-and-effect relationship between the two ideas. It signals to the reader that the second clause directly explains the first, making the connection emphatic and logical.	
4	✓ Furthermore / Additionally / However / Consequently / In addition (any appropriate transition word that shows addition or consequence)	
5	✓ Tinyiko and Rohan visited the beach in Sea Point yesterday, and they saw rubbish floating in the water. (Errors corrected: "sea point" ? "Sea Point" [proper noun]; "seen" ? "saw" [past tense]; comma added before coordinating conjunction)	
6	✓ Plastic bags pose a significant threat to marine life and represent an urgent environmental injustice. (or similar formal version avoiding "literally" and "super")	
7	✓ (b)	
8	✓ Furthermore/Additionally/Similarly and Therefore/Consequently/As a result (any two appropriate transition words; accept alternatives that show logical coherence)	

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9	✓ Register: Informal. Rewrite: The marine conservation specialist states that if current consumption patterns persist, fish populations will face critical decline. (or similar formal restructuring avoiding "dude," "basically," "gonna," "like")
10	✓ Mbuso told Samantha that she must reduce her plastic use or the oceans would die. (Reported speech error: subject "you" changed to "she"; verb tense "must" remains appropriate; reported clause restructured correctly)
11	✓ The colon introduces a list of explanatory examples that clarify the opening statement. It signals to the reader that specific details will follow, creating emphasis and helping to organize complex information logically.
12	✓ When Katlego visited Khayelitsha Beach, she observed significant plastic accumulation. Consequently, she was deeply concerned and attempted to collect the debris; however, the extent of pollution made the task impossible to complete. (Errors corrected: "seen" ? "observed"; informal register ? formal; compound-complex structure ? improved clarity; transition word added)
13	✓ Single-use plastics are convenient; however, they persist in the environment for centuries. Furthermore, governments worldwide are implementing bans. Therefore, South Africa must accelerate its action. (Accept: Similarly, In addition, Consequently, or other coherent transitions appropriate to argument flow)
14	✓ Marco and Tiago completed a project investigating the impact of plastic waste on ocean ecosystems. They discovered that fish are choking on plastic and seabirds are becoming entangled in nets. Their findings were significant and warrant immediate attention. (Errors corrected: "done" ? "completed"; "affect" ? "on"; subject-verb agreement "is" ? "are"; "was" ? "were"; formal register applied throughout)
15	✓ The semicolon joins two independent clauses that are closely related in meaning. The transition word "however" introduces a contrasting idea after the semicolon. Together, they signal to the reader that the second clause presents an opposing or qualifying point that complicates the first statement.
16	✓ Dear Aisha, I am writing to request your assistance in drafting a formal letter to the municipality regarding the accumulation of waste at our local beach. We must urge them to take immediate remedial action. (or similar formal transactional letter opening)

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17	✓ We respectfully request that the City of Cape Town implement immediate measures to address plastic pollution at Clifton Beach; furthermore, we urge the establishment of comprehensive waste management protocols to protect this vital coastal ecosystem. (Must include: formal register ✓ ; semicolon or colon ✓ ; transition word ✓ ; clear transactional purpose/request ✓)

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