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# Scoring Key for the English Exam

8th Grade | Internal | Row A | Row B



# **Guidelines for Marking the Exam**

This document contains the scoring key for the 8th grade internal Meitzav exam.

## All item types:

 If the student did not mark or write an answer, or wrote "don't know", drew a picture, copied instructions, did not write in English etc., leave the grade cell empty in the Meitzavit.

## Open-ended items:

- Do not deduct points for grammar or spelling mistakes unless indicated otherwise.
- When an answer contains more than the information required:
  - If the additional information is incorrect, consider the whole answer incorrect.
  - If the additional information is not wrong, do not deduct points unless indicated otherwise.
  - If the additional information is indiscriminately copied from the text (e.g., a whole paragraph, parts of the sentence before or after the answer), consider the whole answer incorrect. It is important that students give focused answers. Copying long sections from the text shows an inability to identify the answer.
- The handwriting font is used to show examples of students' answers.

## Multiple-choice items:

- The correct answer in Row A can be found on the left-hand side of the scoring key.
   The correct answer to the same item in Row B is written on the right-hand side.
- Evaluate the answer according to the scoring key and enter the appropriate grade.
- If the student marked two or more answers, give zero points.

# Task 1 – That's Funny!

**Access to Information from Written Texts** 

# **Question 1**

Objective: identifying a fact (literal)

4 pts laughing; making other people laugh

0 pts other

Ques	Question 2 Row B					
Objective: inferring implicit meaning from the text (inference)						
4 pts	1 pts (d) Different people are good at different things. answer (b					
0 pts	other					

## **Question 3**

Objective: identifying a fact (literal)

4 pts (b) for a vacation answer (c)

0 pts other

# **Question 4**

Objective: inferring implicit meaning from the text (inference)

**4 pts** The student copied one of these sentences: "Go on, your laugh is very funny"; "When you laugh, it makes other people laugh!"

# **Question 5**

Objective: identifying a fact (literal)

4 pts (a) she made many people laugh answer (d)

0 pts other

# **Question 6**

Objective: sequencing events in chronological order (inference)

**4 pts** All four sentences are sequenced correctly:

2 Jill heard people laughing. 3

\_4\_ Jill won the competition. \_\_1\_

3 Jill found out that there was a competition. 5

\_5\_ Jill traveled all over the world. \_\_4\_

\_1\_ Jill went to London. \_\_2\_

# Task 2 - EMOJIS

**Access to Information from Written Texts** 

# **Question 7**

Objective: identifying a fact (literal)

**3 pts** (c) symbols on weather programs

answer (a)

0 pts other

## **Question 8**

Objective: identifying a fact (literal)

3 pts (a) understand emojis

answer (c)

0 pts other

## **Question 9**

Objective: infer implicit meaning from the text (inference)

3 pts (b) stop writing correctly

answer (d)

0 pts other

## **Question 10**

**Objective: identifying a fact (literal)** 

3 pts (c) what the words 'e' and 'moji' are in English

answer (b)

0 pts other

## **Question 11**

Objective: identifying main ideas (inference)

**3 pts** The student circled the two correct answers in the sentence:

Paragraph 2 (lines 12-16) gives the disadvantages and

paragraph 3 (lines 17-22) gives the advantages of using emojis.

## **Question 12**

**Objective: inferring from a reference (inference)** 

3 pts (d) emojis answer (b)

0 pts other

# **Question 13**

Objective: justifying a preference (personal response)

**4 pts** The student specifies a preference AND justifies it logically.

E.g.,

- (I think it is better to use) emojis (because) it's shorter and everyone can understand them.
- (I think it is better to use) words (because) if we will keep using emojis, in a few years we will forget how to write correctly.
- (I think it is better to use) emojis and words (because) they both add meaning to the messages.
- (I think it is better to use) both of them (because) sometimes you want to send a short message and sometimes you want to give more information.

<u>Note</u>: If the student chooses "both", also accept explanations that only relate to emojis. It is implicit that emojis are an addition to a written text.

E.g.,

- (I think it is better to use) both (because) it adds expressions to the message we wrote.
- **0 pts** Answers that contradict the text; other.

E.g.,

- (I think it is better to use) emojis (because) with emojis we will not remember how to write. (The student chooses emojis and explains words).
- (I think it is better to use) words (because) it's easier to use it. (The answer contradicts the text).

# Task 3 - Too much noise!

**Access to Information from Written Texts** 

## **Question 14**

Objective: making connections with prior knowledge (inference)

**3 pts** (a) the level of noise in your environment

answer (c)

0 pts other

# **Question 15**

Objective: inferring implicit meaning from the text (inference)

**3 pts** (d) people can't sleep when there are loud noises

answer (b)

0 pts other

## **Question 16**

**Objective:** inferring from a reference (inference)

3 pts (b) our neighbors make

answer (a)

## **Question 17a**

**Objective: finding a fact (literal)** 

**3 pts** Any answer that refers to using microphones.

E.g.,

- with microphones
- They put microphones around the city.
- They collect information from microphones.
- Scientists put microphones in the street and connect them to computers.

0 pts other

# **Question 17b**

Objective: identifying a fact (literal)

**3 pts** Any answer that explains that they (the scientists) get information about the levels of noise in different areas.

E.g.,

- They can know where the noise comes from and which area is the noisiest.
- They can see the places that have the highest levels of noise.
- Where there is more noise and where there is more quiet.

OR

Any answer that discusses their (the scientists') ability to take action according to the noise map results.

E.g.,

- In places where they see the high level of noise they can try to make it quieter.
- It shows where to put the special material to make the noisy roads quieter.
- They can tell people in which places to live.

# **Question 18**

Objective: using an analogy to clarify understanding (inference)

3 pts (c) it shows how materials on the ground can stop noise

answer (a)

0 pts other

## **Question 19a**

Objective: identifying a causal fact (literal)

**3 pts** Any answer that refers to using different types of engines / quieter engines.

E.g.,

- Change engine
- Use engines that are much quieter than the regular ones.
- Cars, buses and trucks should be made from a different type of engine.

0 pts other

# **Question 19b**

Objective: inferring an effect from the text (inference)

**3 pts** Any answer that refers to a positive change in peoples' lives or in the environment.

E.g.,

- health
- More people will be healthy.
- People will sleep well.
- Improved life for everyone.
- Quiet environment.

Note: also accept answers that relate to the high cost of these suggestions.

E.g.,

Spend more money.

# Task 4 - New Student

#### Written Presentation

# **Question 20**

Objective: expressing ideas

Assess students' writing according to the guidelines below and the criteria on the following pages.

Grades are given for the following criteria:

Content – Relevance (0,2,4) and Cohesion (0,2,4)

Vocabulary (0,3,5)

Language Accuracy (0,2,4)

Mechanics (0,2,4)

Text Length (0,3,9)

with no intermediate scores other than those given.

#### **Guidelines**

- The grade given within each criterion should be based on a global assessment of the text: strong, intermediate, weak.
- If the content is not relevant to the instruction, give 0 points for all criteria in the Meitzavit.
- Very short answers should not be assessed. If the student wrote fewer than 15 words give 0 points for all criteria in the Meitzavit.
- Words that are not in English should be ignored.

## Content

Two criteria are assessed for content: Relevance and Cohesion

#### Relevance

In relevance the marker is looking for a text that is on topic.

- **4 pts Strong** (the text is completely on topic)
- **2 pts Intermediate** (the text is partially on topic)
- **0 pts** Weak (the text is not at all on topic or the student only copies instructions) If you give 0 points for relevance, give 0 points for all other criteria.

#### Cohesion

In cohesion the marker is looking for a text that is written in a logical order.

Typically, a cohesive text has:

- an introductory sentence
- a concluding sentence
- adverbs of sequence (e.g., first, second, then, later)
- conjunctions (e.g., although, because, therefore, but)
- **4 pts Strong** (the text has a high level of cohesion)
- **2 pts Intermediate** (the text has partial cohesion)
- **0 pts** Weak (the text has no cohesion)

## Vocabulary

In vocabulary the marker is looking for:

- correct and varied use of words
- appropriate use of lexical chunks and phrases, with their prepositions (e.g., phrasal verbs, collocations, idioms)
- **5 pts Strong** (appropriate and varied use of words)
- **3 pts** Intermediate (some words are not used appropriately AND / OR the vocabulary is not varied enough)
- **0 pts** Weak (many words are not used appropriately)

## **Language Accuracy**

In language accuracy the marker is looking for:

- correct sentence structure
- correct use of tenses, form of the verb, subject-verb agreement, modals
- correct use of parts of speech, articles, singular and plural words
- correct word order
- correct use of pronouns
- **4 pts Strong** (mainly good grammar)
- 2 pts Intermediate
- **0 pts** Weak (very poor grammar)

#### **Mechanics**

In mechanics the marker is looking for correct spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.

<u>Note</u>: If the student misspelled the same word more than once, consider as a single error.

- **4 pts Strong** (only a few mechanics errors)
- 2 pts Intermediate
- **0 pts** Weak (many mechanics errors)

# **Text Length**

In text length count all words (including a, the, etc.)

- 9 pts The student wrote at least 68 words
- 3 pts The student wrote between 50-67 words
- **0 pts** The student wrote **49 words or fewer**

If there are fewer than 15 words, give 0 points here and for all other criteria.

For scoring examples of the written presentation task see appendix.

## **Appendix**

# **Scoring Examples of the Written Presentation Task**

## Example 1

When a new student will come to class, I will ask him where does he come from?, what his name?, what does he like to do afternoon and more... After that I will try to be his new friend and help him to understand the school, where is the cafeteria, and all the places in school. I will be with him afternoon and maby he will feel better with his new place.

(72 words)

Criteria	Possible values	Value given	Reason
Relevance	0,2,4	4	The text is completely on topic.
Cohesion	0,2,4	4	The text is completely cohesive. There is an introductory sentence and a conclusion at the end.
Vocabulary	0,3,5	5	Appropriate and varied use of words.
Language Accuracy	0,2,4	4	Mostly correct.
Mechanics	0,2,4	4	Only a few mechanics errors.  Punctuation mistakes and misuse of commas.  One spelling mistake: maby
Text Length	0,3,9	9	The student wrote more than 68 words.

If a new student will be joining to my class I would try to make him feels like he's belongs here from first second.

I would talked to him and I will try to be his friend and I telled him that if he need something he always can tell me and I tried to help him.

I will try to know's him and let him know's me and make's him feel like he can trust me and let him feel like he did a good thing by coming to our school.

(93 words)

Criteria	Possible	Value	Reason
	values	given	
Relevance	0,2,4	4	The text is completely on topic.
Cohesion	0,2,4	4	The text is completely cohesive. It has an opening statement and the last part of the final sentence contains a conclusion.
Vocabulary	0,3,5	5	Appropriate and varied use of words and lexical chunks: belongs here; trust; from first second (not a perfect collocation but a good attempt to get the idea of instantly engaging with a new student).
Language Accuracy	0,2,4	0	There are many mistakes, e.g., If a new student will be joining to my class; I would try to make him feels like; I would talked to him; I telled him
Mechanics	0,2,4	4	There are only a few punctuation errors (apostrophes).
Text Length	0,3,9	9	The student wrote more than 68 words.

Hey my name is Yuli and if a new student will be joining my class that's the things I will do to make him feel welcome.

First, I ask him whats is his name, and than I interduce my self to him, I will try to know him by that I spent time with at break, work with him at lessons and ask him if he want to hang out after school, I try to meet my friends to him, and offer him to join the scout because there he can meet a lot of friends.

(96 words)

Criteria	Possible values	Value given	Reason
Relevance	0,2,4	4	The text is completely on topic.
Cohesion	0,2,4	4	The text is completely cohesive.
Vocabulary	0,3,5	5	Appropriate and varied use of words.  One mistake: I try to meet my friends to him
Language Accuracy	0,2,4	0	There are many mistakes: that's the things; whats is his name; I will try to know him by that I spent time with at break; at lessons; ask him if he want to
Mechanics	0,2,4	2	There are several punctuation mistakes.  There are three spelling mistakes: than, interduce; my self
Text Length	0,3,9	9	The student wrote more than 68 words.

If a new student will join to my class, first Im going to start a convisain with the new student. It could make the new student more confident that he have people to talk too. I want to make him feel that he isnt the "new student", that he just another student that join to our class. We can try to invite him after school to your house with another friends to let him feel that he have more friends and they can get to know each over more and be more that just friends.

We also can help him with the new subjects we just learnd about, and if he need any help we'll help him as much that we can. I think if we would do all this things they will help him so much. They are many things we can do but this 3 thing will help him the most.

(153 words)

Criteria	Possible	Value	Reason
	Values	Given	
Relevance	0,2,4	4	The text is completely on topic.
Cohesion	0,2,4	4	The text is completely cohesive.
Vocabulary	0,3,5	5	Varied and rich vocabulary.
Language	0,2,4	0	There are many mistakes, e.g.,
Accuracy			Missing verb 'to be': he just
			Subject-verb agreement: he have; if he need
			Singular-plural errors: this things; 3 thing;
			another friends
Mechanics	0,2,4	2	Spelling mistakes: convisain; too; learnd
			Punctuation errors (apostrophes: Im; isnt)
Text Length	0,3,9	9	The student wrote more than 68 words.

If a new child will arrive to my class I was say to him that if he needs some help I can help him, explain him about what we are learning, help him with the homework.

I will ask him if he wants to meet with me for to feel that he doesn't alone, and I am here for him. I was try to do all what I can for he will be not alone.

(75 words)

Criteria	Possible values	Value given	Reason
Relevance	0,2,4	4	The text is completely on topic.
Cohesion	0,2,4	4	The text is completely cohesive.
			The first paragraph deals with giving practical
			help with the material being studied.
			The second paragraph deals with the emotional
			needs of the new student.
Vocabulary	0,3,5	5	The vocabulary is varied and mostly appropriate.
			One mistake: explain him
Language	0,2,4	0	There are many mistakes.
Accuracy			Errors in basic tenses, e.g., I was say; he
			doesn't alone; I was try to do; all what I can
			for he will be not alone
Mechanics	0,2,4	4	No mechanics errors.
Text Length	0,3,9	9	The student wrote more than 68 words.

If a new student will be joining to my class, I will be very happy, because I like to meet new friend.

It is (ייאניה / מתאיק) that the boy / girl (ייאניה) I will be happy to hear that the student have fun at school and he doesn't fell like a "new" student, I want to hear that he fell regular like the other student.

I will be sad if the student doesn't like the school and the other students because allwayes the start is hard but with time everything can solve.

(91 words)

• The words written in Hebrew / Arabic are ignored as if they are not there.

Criteria	Possible Values	Value Given	Reason
Relevance	0,2,4	2	The text is partially on topic. It doesn't completely address the essay topic and explain what will be done to welcome a new student.
Cohesion	0,2,4	2	There is partial cohesion, with one sentence explaining about why this writer will feel happy and one sentence about why they will feel sad.
Vocabulary	0,3,5	3	Vocabulary is not varied enough.  Wrong word: regular (confusion with the Hebrew word)
Language Accuracy	0,2,4	2	Singular-plural error: meet new friend  Subject-verb agreement: the student have fun  The opening of the second paragraph is so muddled that it is hard to specify all the mistakes that are there.
Mechanics	0,2,4	4	Two spelling errors: allwayes; fell  Note: 'fell' (feel) is spelt wrongly twice, but should only be considered as a single mistake.
Text Length	0,3,9	9	The student wrote more than 68 words.

In my opinion I was make here student will be happy Because, He was a new and I think It's very hard to start a new place and new school, and I Help Him to meet a new friend's and If He found so it's feel beeter. and after school we can go to many locasion: moel or park. Or I can Help Him with the Homework or with the name of the student's and teacher's. (76 words)

Criteria	Possible values	Value given	Reason
Relevance	0,2,4	4	The text is completely on topic.
Cohesion	0,2,4	2	The text is partially cohesive. There is a problem presented and suggested solutions, but it is difficult to follow.
Vocabulary	0,3,5	5	Appropriate and varied use of words:  very hard to start; go to many locasion
Language Accuracy	0,2,4	0	There are many mistakes: Incorrect use of basic tenses: He was a new; it's feel Incorrect use of article: a new friend's
Mechanics	0,2,4	0	Many mechanics errors:  Spelling: locasion, moel, beeter  Capital letters: He was a new; It's very hard; If  He found; Homework  Punctuation errors (including incorrect use of apostrophes: friend's; student's and teacher's)
Text Length	0,3,9	9	The student wrote more than 68 words.

I would first talk to him to know who is he. After that I would ask him if he needs something and tell him that he can tell me if he needs.

(32 words)

Criteria	Possible values	Value given	Reason
Relevance	0,2,4	4	The text is completely on topic.
Cohesion	0,2,4	2	The text has partial cohesion. It uses first and after which provide a timeline and thereby give cohesion to the writing, but there is no introductory sentence.
Vocabulary	0,3,5	3	Vocabulary is very basic but appropriate.
Language Accuracy	0,2,4	4	Error in word order: who is he
Mechanics	0,2,4	4	No mechanics errors.
Text Length	0,3,9	0	The student wrote fewer than 49 words.

Hi I am Doral and Today I go to Tel you what I can do to make the new student feel welcome.

We are can play in football Together and make home-work Together and we are can go to be a friands.

(42 words)

Criteria	Possible values	Value given	Reason
Relevance	0,2,4	4	The text is completely on topic.
Cohesion	0,2,4	2	The sentences show some relationship to each other. The first sentence introduces the idea that there will be an example of what can be done.  The second sentence gives two examples.
Vocabulary	0,3,5	3	Vocabulary is appropriate but not varied enough.  Incorrect collocations: can play in football; make home-work
Language Accuracy	0,2,4	2	Incorrect verb structures: We are can play in football; we are can go to be friands; I go to Tel  Wrong use of article: a friands
Mechanics	0,2,4	0	There are many mistakes:  Spelling: Tel; friands  Capital letters: Today; Tel; Together
Text Length	0,3,9	0	The student wrote fewer than 49 words.

If we want to the new peouple feel good in the class we need tell him all about wer'e school and I will say to him an if he want him can be together with me and my friends and help him in all what he need.

(47 words)

Criteria	Possible .	Value	Reason
	values	given	
Relevance	0,2,4	4	The text is completely on topic.
Cohesion	0,2,4	2	Parts of the text are not easy to understand, but it
			is partially cohesive.
Vocabulary	0,3,5	0	Vocabulary is not varied and is often
			inappropriate.
Language	0,2,4	0	Many mistakes: If we want to the; if he want
Accuracy			him; we want to the new peouple
			Complete confusion of pronouns: him (them)
			wer'e (our); him (he) can be together
Mechanics	0,2,4	0	The text has almost no punctuation.
			Spelling: peouple; an
Text Length	0,3,9	0	The student wrote fewer than 49 words.

I lik new student joni class I can help welcome

(10 words)

Criteria	Possible	Value	Reason
	Values	Given	
Relevance	0,2,4	0	If the student wrote fewer than 15 words give 0
Cohesion	0,2,4	0	points for all criteria.
Vocabulary	0,3,5	0	
Language	0,2,4	0	
Accuracy			
Mechanics	0,2,4	0	
Text Length	0,3,9	0	

When I was 9 I was a new kid in school. It was scary I didn't no anybody. One day a boy caled Liel talked to me. We then wer friend and we are friend now also. I feel good now in my school.

(44 words)

Criteria	Possible	Value	Reason
	Values	Given	
Relevance	0,2,4	0	The text is not on topic. It does not explain what
Cohesion	0,2,4	0	will be done to welcome a new student in class.  When 0 points are given for relevance, 0 points must be given for all other criteria.
Vocabulary	0,3,5	0	
Language	0,2,4	0	
Accuracy			
Mechanics	0,2,4	0	
Text Length	0,3,9	0	

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