English for Business Communications Level 2 Practice Paper 1

Mark scheme

#### Task 1 – Business letter

#### Layout:

Name and address of sender:	Natural Clothing Limited, Unit 5, Bramhall Industrial Estate,	
	DARLINGTON, DL1 5PW, UK	(1)
Date:	of exam	(1)
Appropriate reference:	eg/PA's initials or any reasonable reference	(1)
Name and address of recipient:	Ms C[ybil] Shum, The Bamboo Company, 54 Fengshou Road,	
	Shijiazhuang City, Hebei Province, China	(1)
Salutation:	Dear Ms Shum/Cybil	(1)
Heading:	Bamboo material [or similar]	(1)
Complimentary close:	Yours sincerely	(1)
Name and/or designation		
of signatory:	Barbara Williams/Managing Director	(1)

8 marks divided by 2 = 4 marks

#### Language Mechanics:

Grammar	(4)
Spelling and punctuation	(4)
Tone and fluency	(4)

#### 12 marks

## Content:

Do they supply dyed material [or similar]	(1)
Request prices, quantities they can supply, delivery	
charges and times [all]	(1)
Confirm material OK to wear in rain [or similar]	(1)
Ask for examples of clothing others already make	(1)

#### 4 marks



#### Task 2 – Memo

## Layout:

Heading:	Memorandum	(1)
To:	Geraint Jones	(1)
Designation:	Head of Sales and Marketing	(1)
From:	Name of candidate	(1)
Designation:	PA [to Barbara Williams/ Managing Director]	(1)
Date:	of exam	(1)
Reference:	Any appropriate reference	(1)
Suitable heading:	eg, Bamboo and hemp [or similar]	(1)

8 marks divided by 2 = 4 marks

# Language Mechanics:

Grammar	(4)
Spelling and punctuation	(4)
Tone and fluency (max 1 mark if wrong sender)	(4)

#### 12 marks

# Content:

Barbara Williams/MD wants to buy bamboo and hemp	
[or similar] <b>and</b> wants reply asap	(1)
Does Geraint think cotton will be replaced by bamboo	
and hemp?	(1)
Geraint to find out which chemicals we use for bleaching	3
and dyeing	(1)
What percentage of the cotton we use is organic?	(1)

#### 4 marks

#### Task 3 – Circular letter

Language Mechanics:

Grammar	(4)
Spelling and punctuation	(4)
Tone and fluency	(4)

#### 12 marks

#### Content:

Company address: Natural Clothing Limited, Unit 5,	
Bramhall Industrial Estate, DARLINGTON, DL1 5PW, UK	(1)
Reference: CT2437	(1)
Request emailed quotation to Ms Williams <b>and</b> email	
address: bwilliams@naturalclothing.co.uk	(1)
Request confirmation products organic	(1)
10 rolls plain dyed 100% cotton	(1)
10 rolls Poplin shirting 100% cotton Jacquard	(1)
Weight 40m/m, roll width 48cm, roll length 150m	
for both (all)	(1)
Could we have same price if only order 5 rolls?	(1)

#### 8 marks

#### Task 4 – Article/Press release/Circular letter/Mailshot

MAXIMUM 200 WORDS

## Language Mechanics:

Grammar	(4)
Spelling and punctuation	(4)
Tone and fluency	(4)

#### 12 marks

Content:

Name of company ie Natural Clothing Limited	(1)
NC already only use natural products	(1)
Want to increase range to include bamboo and hemp	(1)
Bamboo and hemp anti-bacterial, biodegradable and sc	oft
[or similar]	(1)
Bamboo and hemp breathe easier and are cooler than	
cotton in warm weather [or similar]	(1)
Most organic cotton products are remarkably soft	
[or similar]	(1)
No chemicals, harsh dyes or toxic bleaches applied to	
organic cotton – makes the clothes safer [or similar]	(1)
Contact details: Unit 5, Bramhall Industrial Estate,	
DARLINGTON, DL1 5PW [UK] and/or	
Tel: +44 (0)1325 38866, Fax: +44(0) 1325 378 08	(1)
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### 8 marks

# Task 5 – Informal, informational report

MAXIMUM 200 WORDS

## Language Mechanics:

Grammar	(4)
Spelling and punctuation	(4)
Tone and fluency	(4)

#### 12 marks

## Content:

Title/Introductory sentence mentioning sales	
and 12 month period and organic [all]	(1)
Baby clothes – increase	(1)
Children's clothes – increase	(1)
Teenage clothes – the same	(1)
Women's clothes – increase	(1)
Men's clothes – the same	(1)
Last year less organic than not	(1)
This year more organic than not	(1)

## 8 marks