

Qualifying Exam for SLSE FEB 2025 Marking Scheme

If candidates write 1-5 words more or less = deduct ½ mark
 If candidates write 6-10 words more or less = deduct 1 mark
 If candidates write 11-15 words more or less = deduct 1½ mark
 If candidates write 16-20 words more or less = deduct 2 marks

Long Writing	Candidates characteristically	Candidates characteristically	Candidates characteristically	Candidates characteristically	Candidates characteristically
40 marks	5	4	3	2	1 - 0
Task achievement (content, relevance, text type features) (5 marks)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Task is achieved in full Content is completely relevant Text type features are entirely appropriate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Task is achieved quite well Content is mostly relevant Text type features are mostly appropriate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Task is achieved in part Content is not always relevant Text type features are not always appropriate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Task is hardly achieved Content is under-developed Text type features are minimally appropriate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Task is not achieved Content is irrelevant Text type features are not appropriate
	5	4	3	2	1 - 0
Organisation and Linking (Coherence and Cohesion) (5 marks)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structure and organise their writing in a cogent manner Cohesive devices are varied and link together well 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structure and organise their writing into a coherent prose Cohesive devices are quite varied and generally correct 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paragraph and sentence structure are fairly correct though unambitious Cohesive devices are rather limited 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paragraph and sentence structure show lack of control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No attempt to structure and organise their writing
	10 - 9	8 - 7	6 - 5	4 - 3	2 - 0
Grammar and accuracy (10 marks)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Varied and accurate grammatical structures and syntax Excellent choice of expression 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mostly accurate grammatical structures and syntax Quite varied grammatical structures Good choice of expression 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grammatical structures and syntax are rather basic and sometimes inaccurate Adequate choice of expression but with some inaccuracies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grammatical structures and syntax are limited and mostly inaccurate Limited choice of expression and with some inaccuracies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grammatical structures and syntax are inaccurate Very poor choice of expression and inaccurate
	10 - 9	8 - 7	6 - 5	4 - 3	2 - 0
Vocabulary and Register (10 marks)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wide-ranging and appropriate vocabulary Good use of register 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good range and appropriate vocabulary Appropriate use of register 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choice of vocabulary is unambitious and sometimes inaccurate Adequate use of register but with some inaccuracies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited vocabulary, possibly seen in the repetition of words Not sensitive to the choice of register 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very limited and inappropriate choice of vocabulary Register is ignored
	5	4	3	2	1 - 0
Punctuation (5 marks)	Accurate use of punctuation	Good use of punctuation	Adequate use of punctuation but some errors	Punctuation use is rather poor	Punctuation use is very poor
Spelling (5 marks)	Spelling is accurate. 0 mistakes = 5 marks	Spelling of low-frequency words mostly accurate. 1-2 mistakes = 4½ marks 3-4 mistakes = 4 marks	Spelling of low-frequency words fairly accurate. 5 mistakes = 3½ marks 6 mistakes = 3 marks	Spelling of low-frequency words fairly accurate. 7 mistakes = 2½ marks 8 mistakes = 2 marks	Spelling of low-frequency and high-frequency words mostly inaccurate. 9 mistakes = 1 mark • 10 mistakes = ½ mark • 10+ mistakes = 0 marks

Underline the correct answer in questions 1-3.

(1 x 4 = 4 marks)

1. In which section of an online newspaper would you find this article?
 - a. News
 - b. **Travel**
 - c. Earth

2. The main purpose of this article is to
 - a. **give information about different types of capsule hotels.**
 - b. give suggestions on where to stay while visiting cities.
 - c. persuade readers to stay in capsule hotels when travelling.

3. Which title would best fit this article?
 - a. The world's most extraordinary hotels
 - b. The rise and fall of capsule hotels
 - c. **The reinvention of capsule hotels**

4. People interested in this text might be
 - a. first-time buyers looking into different houses to buy
 - b. **youths searching for innovative holiday accommodation**
 - c. elderly searching for different health centres and resorts

5. Underline the correct word. The writer presents the original capsule hotel in a (positive / **negative** / neutral) light. Quote a part sentence of not more than 4 words to support your answer. (2 x 1 = 2 marks)
... looked like a morgue.

6. What makes the capsule hotel different to other hotels? (1 x 1 = 1 mark)
Unlike normal hotels, capsule hotels are small and compact because the room is no bigger than its bed / capsule hotels are cheaper.

7. How did the original capsule hotel help its first occupants with their daily routine? (1 x 1 = 1 mark)
They can sleep without needing to commute in the early hours of the day.

8. Fill in the grid below about the three capsule hotels with information found in the text. The first one has been done for you. (½ x 8 = 4 marks)

	Hotel A	Hotel B	Hotel C

Name	Nine Hours	<u>Skylodge Adventure Suites</u>	<u>Capsule Hotel and Bookstore</u>
Country	<u>Japan</u>	Peru	<u>China</u>
Famous for	<u>Fit scan</u>	<u>Transparent pod in the mountains</u>	hostel, bookstore and community library
Room Amenity	Shower	<u>Mini fridge / private bathroom / terrace</u>	<u>Central heating</u>

7.

9. Are the following statements True or False? Underline the correct answer and give a reason from the text. (1 x 9 = 9 marks)

a. People can sleep in refurbished drainpipes in Colombia.

True / False because **upcycled sewer pipes**

b. Capsule hotels generate €327 million yearly.

True / **False** because **projected €327 million by 2031**

c. Nine Hours is the name of a number of hotels in Japan.

True / False because **a chain of 13 hotels.**

d. Nine Hours was the location of a film set.

True / **False** because **would not look out of place on the set of a science-fiction movie.**

e. You can stay at Nine Hours for less than nine hours.

True / False because **hourly rates are also available / you can stay for a nap.**

f. In the sleeping pod in Peru (Hotel B), travellers have a good view of the scenery.

True / False because **panoramic.**

g. You can get to the sleeping pod in Peru (Hotel B) by zip wire.

True / **False** because **descending thanks to a zip wire / climb of 400 metres.**

h. The rooms in the capsule hotel in Peru (Hotel B) have an outside area.

True / False because **each capsule includes a private deck.**

i. 20 people can sleep in a single bed in capsule hotel C.

True / **False** because **20 in tiny single bed-sized compartments.**

10. i. Underline the correct answer. As the capsule hotels became more modern, they (2 x 1 = 2 marks) (**attracted**, discouraged, inspired) other types of guests.
- ii. Give a reason why this happened.

Accept any of the following

outlandish forms / promising a unique experience / shareable stories for social media

11. List FOUR things the sleep report could include after sleeping in a pod in Hotel A.

Accept FOUR of the following: (½ x 4 = 2 marks)

- **Breathing**
- **Facial expressions**
- **Heart rate**
- **Sleep disorders**
- **Snoring**

12. What does the author mean by 'the white, minimalist décor continues this clinical theme' (lines 55-56)? (1 x 1 = 1 mark)

The colour and furnishings accentuate the idea of it being a clinic (medical).

13. In your own words, what type of travellers might be attracted to Hotel B? Quote the text to support your answer. (1 x 1 = 1 mark)

Award ½ mark for identifying the point. Award ½ mark for paraphrasing.

People who love excitement and adventure (i.e., adrenaline-lovers).

14. How did the surroundings influence the building of Hotel C? (1 x 1 = 1 mark)

Accept any of the following:

- **Bookshelves are made of local bamboo**
- **Stairways resemble the paths of the forests**

15. What do the following words in **bold** refer to in the passage? (½ x 8 = 4 marks)

- a. **this** (line 6) **efficient sleep**
- b. **its** (line 8) **of the room**
- c. **where** (line 12) **cities**
- d. **their** (line 26) **guests**
- e. **They** (line 29) **hybrid capsule hotels**
- f. **it** (line 40) **Nine Hours**
- g. **them** (line 52) **mountains**
- h. **you** (line 57) **reader**

16. Between lines 10 and 24, find ONE word which means: (½ x 8 = 4 marks)

- a. different **various**
- b. overpriced **exorbitant**
- c. travellers **holidaymakers**
- d. shared **communal**
- e. single **solo**
- f. improve **enhance**
- g. original **novel**
- h. attraction **draw**

17. Look at this photo. Underline the correct answer.

This photo shows Hotel (A, B, C). (1 mark)



18. Match Column 1 with Column 2 by writing the correct letter (b-e) in the middle column. (½ x 4 = 2 marks)
The first one has been done for you.

	Column 1		Column 2
a.	The number of hours you have to sleep.	D	1979
b.	The number of hours for doing other things rather than sleeping.	A	7
c.	The date when a capsule hotel was renovated.	E	400
d.	The date when capsule hotels were established.	B	2
e.	The number of metres one has to travel to reach this hotel.	C	2019

19. Tick (✓) the correct answer. Which one of the following comments is about a hotel which is NOT described in the text? (1 mark)

😊 "Excellent stay at this hotel! The location was perfect, with easy access to shopping malls, metro rail, and taxis readily available. The food was delicious too! The hotel's proximity to key attractions and amenities made our stay very convenient and enjoyable. Highly recommended!"



20. In between 50 to 60 of your own words, summarise the advantages of capsule hotels found between lines 10-26. (10 marks)

SUMMARY: 10 MARKS			
Identification of SIX salient points*			
½ mark for each point mentioned (3 marks)			
½ mark for using own words (3 marks)			
	2	1	0
Accuracy 2 marks	Grammatical structures and syntax are accurate.	Grammatical structures and syntax are mostly accurate.	Grammatical structures are limited and mostly inaccurate.
	2	1	0
Organisation & Structure 2 marks	Writing is well organised and structured in a paragraph. A topic sentence is included. Good use of linking words.	Writing is adequately organised and structured in a paragraph. A topic sentence is included. Adequate use of linking words.	Writing is poorly organised and unstructured. No topic sentence is included. Few or no linking words.

Accept the following SIX salient points for this one-part summary. The following points are lifted from the text and so, these need to be paraphrased as much as possible:

Part 1: summarise the advantages of capsule holidays

1. **Affordability** is a key benefit of capsule hotels. In cities where hotel rates can be exorbitant, capsule hotels offer a budget-friendly alternative without compromising on essential comforts.
2. Another significant advantage is **privacy**. Unlike hostel dormitories, capsule hotels provide individual sleeping spaces, ensuring personal space and a degree of solitude.
3. Despite their compact size, capsule hotels **do not skimp on comfort**. Many capsules are equipped with modern amenities such as Wi-Fi, and even entertainment systems. This ensures that guests can stay connected and entertained during their stay.
4. **Security** is also a major consideration, especially for solo travellers. Secure entry systems enhance safety, providing peace of mind for guests.
5. Staying in a capsule hotel offers a **distinctive experience** that is both novel and memorable.
6. Lastly, the **location** of capsule hotels is typically a major draw. They are often situated in central areas, making it easy for guests to access attractions whilst ensuring that they can make the most of their time.

1 mark is to be deducted from the total if the summary is shorter than 50 or longer than 60 words. No marks are to be awarded for organisation and structure unless at least 3 of the salient points are included.

For example:

Capsule hotels are **economical**, providing cost-effective choices in pricey cities. They ensure **privacy** with personal sleeping pods, unlike hostel dormitories. Despite their small size, they feature **contemporary amenities**. **Safety** is boosted with secure access systems, perfect for people travelling on their own. They deliver a **unique** and different **experience** and are usually **centrally situated** for convenient access to attractions. *(59 words)*

Section C: Short Writing Task (10 marks)

You are Pat Harrison. You are organising a team-building activity, and the proceeds will be donated to charity. However, you had to make several changes to these plans. In between 50 and 60 words, write an email to your colleagues to inform them about these changes and describe your new plans.

Short writing task				
Opens / Closes	the email appropriately	1	1/2	0
Informs	About the changes to the plan	1	1/2	0
Describes	the new plans	1	1/2	0
Uses	appropriate semi-formal email text type features and register	1	1/2	0
Uses	a range of appropriate vocabulary	1	1/2	0
Uses	accurate grammatical structures	2	1	0
Uses	devices to make writing coherent and cohesive	1	1/2	0
Punctuation		1	1/2	0
Spelling		1	1/2	0
10 MARKS				

1 mark is to be deducted from the total if the writing task is 5 words shorter than 50 or longer than 60 words. 2 marks is to be deducted from the total if the writing task is 6 words (or more) shorter than 50 or longer than 60 words.