| Band E4                        | • Formulates a sophisticated argument  
|                              | • Sustains written and spoken argument with a high level of competence  
|                              | • Demonstrates a sophisticated and extensive knowledge of vocabulary and language structures  
|                              | • Uses complex and varied language to develop a range of ideas and opinions  
|                              | • Responds to and evaluates texts critically and sensitively  
| Band E3                      | • Formulates a detailed and well-developed argument  
|                              | • Sustains written and spoken argument with clarity  
|                              | • Demonstrates substantial knowledge of vocabulary and language structures  
|                              | • Expresses ideas and opinions effectively  
|                              | • Responds to and analyses texts effectively  
| Band E2                      | • Attempts to develop and sustain a coherent written and spoken argument  
|                              | • Demonstrates an adequate knowledge of vocabulary and language structures  
|                              | • Expresses a limited range of ideas and opinions  
|                              | • Responds to and comments on texts with some understanding of their meaning and purpose and the effects of language forms and features  
| Band E1                      |