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MARK SCHEME

Maximum Mark: 50

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Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

LEVEL DESCRIPTOR TABLE

Level	Level Descriptor	Mark
6	• Demonstrates knowledge by skilfully integrating well-selected textual reference (AO1) • Sustains a critical understanding of the text (AO2) • Responds sensitively and in detail to the ways the writer achieves effects (AO3) • Sustains a perceptive and evaluative personal response (AO4)	22–25
5	• Demonstrates knowledge by using much well-selected textual reference (AO1) • Shows a clear understanding of the text and some of the deeper meanings (AO2) • Makes a developed response to the ways the writer achieves effects (AO3) • Makes a well-developed personal response (AO4)	18–21
4	• Demonstrates knowledge by using supporting textual reference (AO1) • Shows overall understanding of the text (AO2) • Makes some response to the ways the writer uses language, structure and form (AO3) • Makes a reasonably developed personal response (AO4)	13–17
3	• Demonstrates knowledge by using some supporting textual reference (AO1) • Shows some understanding of the text (AO2) • Makes straightforward comments about language, structure and form (AO3) • Begins to develop a personal response (AO4)	9–12
2	• Demonstrates knowledge by using basic supporting textual reference (AO1) • Shows a basic understanding of surface meaning of the text (AO2) • Shows a basic awareness of language, structure and form (AO3) • Attempts to communicate a basic personal response (AO4)	5–8
1	• Demonstrates knowledge by using a little textual reference (AO1) • Shows a little understanding of the literal meaning of the text (AO2) • Shows a little awareness of language, structure and form (AO3) • Shows a little evidence of a personal response (AO4)	1–4
0	<i>No answer/Insufficient to meet the criteria for Level 1.</i>	0