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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.

**Social Science-Specific Marking Principles
(for point-based marking)****1 Components using point-based marking:**

- Point marking is often used to reward knowledge, understanding and application of skills. We give credit where the candidate's answer shows relevant knowledge, understanding and application of skills in answering the question. We do not give credit where the answer shows confusion.

From this it follows that we:

- a** DO credit answers which are worded differently from the mark scheme if they clearly convey the same meaning (unless the mark scheme requires a specific term)
- b** DO credit alternative answers/examples which are not written in the mark scheme if they are correct
- c** DO credit answers where candidates give more than one correct answer in one prompt/numbered/scaffolded space where extended writing is required rather than list-type answers. For example, questions that require *n* reasons (e.g. State two reasons ...).
- d** DO NOT credit answers simply for using a 'key term' unless that is all that is required. (Check for evidence it is understood and not used wrongly.)
- e** DO NOT credit answers which are obviously self-contradicting or trying to cover all possibilities
- f** DO NOT give further credit for what is effectively repetition of a correct point already credited unless the language itself is being tested. This applies equally to 'mirror statements' (i.e. polluted/not polluted).
- g** DO NOT require spellings to be correct, unless this is part of the test. However spellings of syllabus terms must allow for clear and unambiguous separation from other syllabus terms with which they may be confused (e.g. Corrasion/Corrosion)

2 Presentation of mark scheme:

- Slashes (/) or the word 'or' separate alternative ways of making the same point.
- Semi colons (;) bullet points (•) or figures in brackets (1) separate different points.
- Content in the answer column in brackets is for examiner information/context to clarify the marking but is not required to earn the mark (except Accounting syllabuses where they indicate negative numbers).

3 Calculation questions:

- The mark scheme will show the steps in the most likely correct method(s), the mark for each step, the correct answer(s) and the mark for each answer
- If working/explanation is considered essential for full credit, this will be indicated in the question paper and in the mark scheme. In all other instances, the correct answer to a calculation should be given full credit, even if no supporting working is shown.
- Where the candidate uses a valid method which is not covered by the mark scheme, award equivalent marks for reaching equivalent stages.
- Where an answer makes use of a candidate's own incorrect figure from previous working, the 'own figure rule' applies: full marks will be given if a correct and complete method is used. Further guidance will be included in the mark scheme where necessary and any exceptions to this general principle will be noted.

4 Annotation:

- For point marking, ticks can be used to indicate correct answers and crosses can be used to indicate wrong answers. There is no direct relationship between ticks and marks. Ticks have no defined meaning for levels of response marking.
- For levels of response marking, the level awarded should be annotated on the script.
- Other annotations will be used by examiners as agreed during standardisation, and the meaning will be understood by all examiners who marked that paper.

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Annotation	Description	Use
Tick	Tick	Indicates a point which is relevant and rewardable (used in part (a) questions).
Cross	Cross	Indicates a point which is inaccurate/irrelevant and not rewardable.
BOD	Benefit of doubt	Used when the benefit of the doubt is given in order to reward a response.
TV	Too vague	Used when parts of the answer are considered to be too vague.
REP	Repetition	Indicates where content has been repeated.
NAQ	Not answered question	Used when the answer or parts of the answer are not answering the question asked.
APP	Application	Indicates appropriate reference to the information in the context.
OFR	Own figure rule	If a mistake is made in a calculation, and the incorrect figure that results from the mistake is used for subsequent calculations.
SEEN	Noted but no credit given	Indicates that content has been recognised but not rewarded.
L1	Level 1	Used in part (b) questions to indicate where a response includes limited knowledge and understanding.
L2	Level 2	Used in part (b) questions to indicate where a response has a more detailed discussion and contains some evidence of justification.
L3	Level 3	Used in part (b) questions to indicate where a response includes a well-justified recommendation.

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1(a)	Explain <u>four</u> business objectives Tokumbo could set for SA. Award 1 mark for each relevant objective (max 4). Award a maximum of 1 additional mark for each explanation of the business objective in context. Relevant business objectives might include: • Profit – so Tokumbo will have the funds to pay for the development of his website • Increase sales / number of customers – so revenue from safari tours increases • Return on investment for the owner – so Tokumbo can gain a return on his investment in SA as he is a sole trader • Growth / expansion of the business – so that the business can take advantage of the growth in the number of young people camping • Market share – increased publicity and awareness for tourists visiting the country • Survival – as SA is a new business and has only been operating for 2 years • Provide services to the community • Providing good customer service • Reducing environmental impact For example: Tokumbo will want to make a profit (1) as he has invested his own money into the sole trader business (app). Application might include: safari holidays; increase in tourists from other countries; high income tourists; luxury safari holidays; 5 employees; only been operating for 2 years; sole trader; game reserve; camping / tent; wild animals; 4 safari guides; 4 safari vehicles; accommodation in local / luxury hotels; fuel.	8

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1(b)	Conclusion	Justification might include: • E-commerce will provide more opportunities than threats as the target customers of SA are tourists from other countries and having a website is an easy way to promote SA safari holidays to these customers rather than using intermediaries that may sell holidays from several other holiday businesses. There are many competitors but as long as SA can keep attracting customers using the internet then revenue will increase, and the threats are less of a concern • E-commerce will provide more threats than opportunities as many competitors will also have websites and sell their safari holidays through online bookings. There is no guarantee that people searching for a holiday will find SA's website and they could easily find competitors' websites instead and hence not be aware of SA at all. Therefore, there is reduced revenue	

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2(a)	Explain <u>four</u> reasons why quality is important to a business. Award 1 mark for each reason (max 4). Award a maximum of 1 additional mark for each explanation of the reason. There are no application marks for this question. Answers might include: To establish a brand image – so that customers are encouraged to buy the product and new customers are attracted • To build brand loyalty / customer loyalty – so that customers will make repeat purchases and maintain sales • To maintain a good reputation / not to gain a bad reputation – friends and family tell others about the good or service which may lead to a good / bad reputation • To increase sales / attract more customers – due to customer needs being satisfied by the products supplied • So that faulty products do not have to be replaced – which would reduce waste / ensures customer safety / avoids legal action • Able to charge a high price – may lead to higher profits / as may increase added value For example: To maintain a good reputation (1) because if quality is not good then friends and family will tell others about the product which may lead to a bad reputation and sales will be lower (1).	8

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	Leasing	- Allows SA to use the vehicles without a large sum of capital required to purchase it - Payments are made each month so this spreads out the payments instead of one large sum at the start which can help management of cash flow - Maintenance of the vehicle will be paid for by the lease company – lower cost - May be able to purchase the vehicle at the end of the lease - Easier to replace the vehicles more regularly as new models are brought out	- Will be more expensive than buying the vehicle outright as total cost is likely to be higher - SA does not own the vehicle, so it is not an asset - May have to return the vehicle at the end of the lease and will have to start again to replace it or safari tours may have to be cancelled	
	Bank loan	- Usually quite quick to arrange compared to some other sources - Can be repaid over various periods of time – so if over a longer period then the repayments will be lower each month especially as interest rates are now only 2% - Paid back in instalments – usually monthly	- It has to be repaid with interest – increases costs - As SA is a small business then the interest rate on the loan may be quite high relative to the interest rate for a large business – it may be harder to be competitive with other holiday businesses - As a sole trader Tokumbo will have his personal assets at risk if he does not repay the loan - Security is often required	

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	Off-the-job training	- Provided by experts – more knowledge of the different animals seen in the game reserve – better techniques taught - The courses may be taught in the evening – so no tours are lost in the normal working day - Employee may be taught a range of new skills that current employees may not know about – improves productivity	- Costs are usually higher – as tourist guides will usually be sent away to college or other training institution - Employees are paid a wage, but no safari tours are being taken for the business whilst training - Qualification gained by employees may make it easier for them to leave – may be attracted by another tourist business that will not then need to pay for training	

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