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#### **BUSINESS**

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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	•	mponents 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.
	Fro	m this it follows that we:
	а	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
	С	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 <i>n</i> 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.)
	е	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	Pre • •	esentation 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	Ca	culation 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.

#### PREPARATION FOR MARKING

- 1 Make sure that you have completed the relevant training and have access to the *RM Assessor Guide*.
- 2 Make sure that you have read and understand the question paper, which you can download from <u>https://support.rm.com/ca</u>
- 3 Log in to RM Assessor then mark and submit the required number of practice and standardisation scripts. You will need to mark the standardisation scripts to the required accuracy in order to be approved for marking live scripts. You may be asked to re-mark them, or to mark a second sample, if you do not meet the required accuracy on your first attempt.

### MARKING PROCESS

- 1 Mark strictly to the FINAL mark scheme, applying the criteria consistently and the general marking principles outlined on the previous page.
- 2 If you are in doubt about applying the mark scheme, consult your Team Leader.
- 3 Mark at a steady rate through the marking period. Do not rush, and do not leave too much until the end. If you anticipate a problem in meeting the deadline, contact your Team Leader immediately and the Examiners' Helpdesk.
- 4 Examiners will prepare a brief report on the performance of candidates to send to their Team Leader via email by the end of the marking period. The Examiner should note strengths seen in answers and common errors or weaknesses. Constructive comments on the question paper, mark scheme or procedures are also appreciated.

## MARKING SPECIFICS

#### Crossed out work

- 1 <u>All</u> of a candidate's answers, *crossed out* or not, *optional* or not, <u>must</u> be marked.
- 2 The only response not to be marked is one that has been crossed out and <u>replaced</u> by another response for that <u>exact same</u> question.
- 3 Consequently, if a candidate has crossed out their response to an <u>optional</u> question and gone on to answer a <u>different</u> optional question then <u>both</u> attempts must be marked. The higher mark will be awarded by the system according to the rubric.

## 0 (zero) marks or NR (no response)

- 1 Award **NR** if there is <u>nothing</u> at all written in answer to that question (often the case for optional questions).
- 2 Award **NR** if there is a <u>comment which is not an attempt</u> at the question (e.g. 'can't do it' or 'don't know' etc.)
- 3 Award **NR** if there is a <u>symbol</u> which is <u>not an attempt</u> at the question, such as a dash or question mark.
- 4 Award **0** (zero) if there is any <u>attempt</u> at the question which <u>does not score marks</u>. This includes copying the question onto an Answer Booklet.

#### Annotation

- 1 Every <u>question</u> must have <u>at least one</u> annotation e.g. <NAQ> if it is an NR and <X> or <seen> if 0 marks are awarded.
- 2 Every <u>page</u> of a script must have <u>at least one</u> annotation e.g. <BP> for a blank page.

Question		Answer		Marks			
1(a)(i)	Define the term 'Computer Aided Design (CAD)' (line 4).						
	Knowledge		Marks				
	A correct definition		2				
	A partial, vague or unfocused de	efinition	1				
	No credible content		0				
	<ul> <li>The use of technology/softwa</li> <li>To improve the design proce</li> </ul>	Marks					
	Exemplar The use of technology makes designing a product more flexible	Rationale         Both elements covered	Marks 2				
	Using technology to speed up the design process	Both elements covered	2				
	Using technology to design a product	An understanding of computer aided (no expansion)	1				
	Using computers to speed up the design process	Only one element of the flow identified	1				
	Using computers to design a product	A generic answer	0				

Question		Answer			Mai		
1(a)(ii)	-	the term 'primary research' (line 15)					
	Award o	one mark for each point of explanation					
	Point	Explanation		Marks			
	С	Example or some other way of showir understanding – e.g., questionnaires, marketing etc. Contrasts with seconda	focus groups, test	1			
	В	Carried out to produce information dire business.	ectly related to the	1			
	A Gathering new / first hand data / field research about 1 markets (size, trends, competitors, customers, likely sales etc.).						
		t research is research conducted by the		<u> </u>			
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Question	Answer							
1(b)(i)	Refer to Table 1.1. Calculate the total percentage of consumers who stated that 'ease of use' is either important or quite important.							
	Rationale			Mark				
	Correct answer (with	n or with	out working and/or %)	3				
	Correct answer for in	nportant	only or quite important only	2				
	Correct formula/iden	tifies corr	rect figures (ie 20 and 30)	1				
	No credible content			0				
	Number stated ease of	of use imp	portant + quite important = 20					
	Total = $\frac{20}{30} \times 100$ = 66.67% (0r 66.6 or 6 Note: full marks if two important' (6.67% (0r <u>Common answers</u>							
	Answer	Mark	Rationale					
	66.67%							
	67 3 Correct answer without the %							
	60% 2 Important only							
	6.67%	6.67% 2 Quite important' only						
	Unimportant/total respondents × 100							
	20/30	1	Correct figures identified					

Question			Answer			Mark		
1(b)(ii)	Explain <u>one</u> possible limitation of the Marketing Director's primary research							
	Level	Knowledge and Appli	cation		Marks			
	2 (APP)	Explanation of <b>one</b> limit	itation <i>in</i> (	context	3			
	1b (KK)	Explanation of <b>one</b> limit	itation		2			
	1a (K)	Identification of <b>one</b> limitation 1						
	0	No creditable content 0						
	<ul> <li>Does</li> <li>How to Could</li> <li>Does</li> </ul>	graphs or does it have v n't say who was asked – the research was conduc d bias answers dependin n't consider existing com re can DD compete in th	are they cted e.g. g on this petition i	a sample from the targ				
			e market		•			
	Exempla	ar	e market Mark		•			
	-	mple size of 30	1	?	•			
	Small sa unreliabl Sample d	mple size of 30	Mark	Rationale	mportant			
	Small sa unreliabl Sample knowled	mple size of 30 e chosen may not have ge of drones look at competition in	Mark 3	Rationale Limitation in context Limitation explained k context (referring to d	mportant			

Question			An	swei	r			Marks	
1(c)	Analyse <u>two</u> factors that could influence the leadership style used as DD moves into the production of Robodz.								
	Level	Knowledge and Application (4 marks)	Marks		Analysis (4 marks)	Marks			
	2b	Shows knowledge of <b>two</b> factors influencing leadership style <i>in</i> <i>context</i>	4	АРР + АРР	Developed analysis of <b>two</b> factors influencing leadership style <i>in</i> <i>context</i>	4	DEV + DEV		
	2a	Shows knowledge of <b>one</b> factor influencing leadership style <i>in</i> <i>context</i>	3	АРР	Developed analysis of <b>one</b> factor influencing leadership style <i>in</i> <i>context</i>	3	DEV		
	1b	Shows knowledge of <b>two</b> factors influencing leadership style	2	× + ×	Limited analysis of <b>two</b> factors influencing leadership style	2	AN + AN		
	1a	Shows knowledge of <b>one</b> factor influencing leadership style	1	¥	Limited analysis of <b>one</b> factor influencing leadership style	1	AN		
	0 No creditable content								
	Indicative content AO1 Knowledge and understanding Depends on skills required Organisation Situation Individual leader/preference of the leader The team Environment AO2 Application Current style laissez faire Highly skilled workforce Already very motivated Greater cooperation between departments required								
	• Les	s opportunity for indivi- e automation							

Question	Answer	Marks
1(c)	<ul> <li>AO3 Analysis</li> <li>New situation requires new skill. Less scope for individuality. Therefore, more direction/control needed?</li> <li>Currently laissez faire. OK since workforce is highly skilled and motivated and will lead to better motivation</li> <li>Greater integration of different areas required (drones/photography) which means that needs more direct control</li> <li>To ensure smooth workflow between departments.</li> <li>Some kind of democratic management would suit skills/attitude of work force but there needs to be strong guidance/coordination</li> </ul>	

Question	Answer							
1(d)	Recommend a suitable marketing mix for the Robodz. Justify your recommendation.							
	Knowledge and Application (4 marks)	Marks	Annotation	Analysis and Evaluation (7 marks)	Marks	Annotation		
				Justified judgement(s) that follows on from a discussion based on an integrated marketing mix for DD	7	EVAL + EVAL +		
				Recommendation(s) that follows on from a balanced argument relevant to DD	6	EVAL + EVAL		
				A simple recommendation based on a balanced argument relevant to DD	5	EVAL		
	Shows knowledge of <b>two</b> elements of the marketing mix <i>in context</i>	4	APP + APP	A balanced argument based on analysis of more than one element of the marketing mix with context	4	DEV + DEV		
	Shows knowledge of one element of the marketing mix <i>in</i> <i>context</i>	3	АРР	Argument based on analysis of <b>one</b> element of the marketing mix with context	3	DEV		
	Shows knowledge of <b>two</b> elements of the marketing mix	2	K + K	Limited analysis of <b>two</b> elements of the marketing mix	2	AN + AN		
	Shows knowledge of <b>one</b> element of the marketing mix	1	×	Limited analysis of <b>one</b> element of the marketing mix	1	AN		
	No creditable content	1		1	0			

Question	Answer	Marks
1(d)	Note: marketing mix could be 4Ps or 4Cs	
	Indicative content	
	AO1 Knowledge and understanding 4Ps	
	Price	
	Product	
	Place	
	Promotion	
	4Cs	
	Consumer wants	
	<ul> <li>Cost</li> <li>Convenience</li> </ul>	
	Convenience     Communication	
	Communication	
	AO2 Application	
	• Niche market? Used for sport events and area photography, mainly in the 30–45 year age group	
	Competition? Few competitors in a growing market.	
	<ul> <li>Performance and ease of use more important than price – price skimming?</li> </ul>	
	Innovative product, innovative price?	
	• Internet or shop sales. Direct selling? Special events e.g. at sport venues.	
	• Promotion issues e.g. Media - specialist sport or photography magazines.	
	<ul> <li>Target market? Sport enthusiasts in 30–45 year age group. Property owners trying to sell (aerial photography).</li> </ul>	
	Reference to Table1.1/answer to 1(b)(i)	
	AO3 Analysis	
	<ul> <li>Pricing strategy to maximise revenue e.g. price skimming at launch of a new product</li> </ul>	
	Promotion needs to be cost effective	
	Consider target markets	
	<ul> <li>Niche markets so need to consider distribution so convenient to the customer</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>New product so important to communicate features clearly</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Product should be suitable for customer wants/needs</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Quality important in a product like this – must be reliable</li> </ul>	
	AO4 Evaluation	
	Evaluation will come from justified recommendations on two or more elements of the marketing mix applied to the product	

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Question		Answer		Marks
2(a)(i)	Define the term 'corporate ob	jectives' (line 3).		2
	Knowledge		Marks	
	Reference to long term goals/c focus/direction <b>or</b> helps form s SMART	2		
	Reference to goals/aims/target	s	1	
	No credible content		0	
	<ul> <li>The (long term) goals of a c</li> <li>Give focus and direction to</li> </ul> Exemplar		Marks	
	The long-term goals of a company	Two elements covered	2	
	Goals of a company giving direction to employees	Two elements covered	2	
	Gives focus to a business	A simple statement	1	
	Company goals	An understanding but too vague	1	
	Aims	Vague but alternative for objectives	1	

Question			Answer		Marks		
2(a)(ii)	Explain	the term 'internal growth	n' (line 3).		3		
	Award one mark for each point of explanation           Point         Knowledge         Marks						
	Point Knowledge						
	С		way of showing good ns of opening new branches, ts with external (takeovers,	1			
	В	From within – organic		1			
	Α	Expansion of a firm/busin	iess.	1			
			ousiness uses its own funds to rein	vest in			
	Exemp	blar	Rationale	Marks			
	(A), fro	se of the business scale m within (B), does not e external parties such as rs (C)	All three elements	3			
	within, compa	sion of a business, from which can be slow when red with external growth n a merger	All three elements	3			
	within,	sion of a business, from which requires nent to open new es	All three elements	3			
	within,	sion of a business, from which can take a long nd requires investment	A and B	2			
	Slow g	rowth of a business.	B only	1			
	Expans	sion of a business	Identified key themes only, no real understanding	1			
		se market employees	Not necessarily growth as e.g. market share could increase because of successful promotion without growth	0			

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Question		An	swer			Mark	
2(b)(i)	Refer to Table 2.1. Calculate	e the for	ecast prof	iit margir	n for year one		
	Rationale			Marks			
	Correct answer (with or with	out formu	ula or %)	3			
	Correct calculation of profit			2			
	Correct formula			1			
	No credible content						
	40 110 = 36.36% <b>allow</b> 36, 36.3, 36.4 Common answers	4 (3)					
	Answer	Mark	Rational	е			
	36.3% 3 Correct answer						
	110-70 = 402Correct calculation of profit						
	40/110   2   Correct calculation of profit						
	Profit/sales revenue × 100	1	Correct f	ormula			
	Profit/sales revenue 0 Incorrect formula (no × 100)						

Question	Answer						
2(b)(ii)	Explain <u>one</u> method MW could use to improve its cash flow.						
	Level	Knowledge and Application	Marks				
	2 (APP)	Explanation of <b>one</b> method to context	3				
	1b (K+K)	b (K+K) Explanation of <b>one</b> method to improve cash flow					
	1a (K)	1a (K) Identification of one method to improve cash flow					
	0	No creditable content					
	Context is I The tim Higher Take a ARA						
	Exemplar		Mark	Rationale			
	Take a deposit at the time of booking a move to increase revenue		3	Explanation in	o context		
	Reduce co supplier	osts by finding a cheaper	2	Explanation o	f method		

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Question				Answer				Marks
2(c)	Analyse <u>two</u> benefits to MW of introducing process innovation to update its information systems.							8
	Level	Knowledge and application	Annotation	Marks	Analysis	Marks		
	2	Understanding of <b>two</b> benefits of process innovation <i>in</i> <i>context</i>	APP + APP	4	Developed analysis of <b>two</b> benefits of process innovation <i>in</i> <i>context</i>	4	DEV + DEV	
		Understanding of one benefit of process innovation <i>in</i> <i>context</i>	АРР	3	Developed analysis of <b>one</b> benefit of process innovation <i>in</i> <i>context</i>	3	DEV	
	1	Knowledge of <b>two</b> benefits of process innovation	K + K	2	Limited analysis of <b>two</b> benefits of process innovation	2	AN + AN	
		Knowledge of <b>one</b> benefit of process innovation	¥	1	Limited analysis of <b>one</b> benefit of process innovation	1	AN	
	0	No creditable conte	nt			0		
	ARA							
	Indicative content							
	<ul> <li>Info</li> <li>Tim</li> <li>Incr</li> <li>Rec</li> <li>Incr</li> <li>Incr</li> </ul>	owledge and under rmation – keep up-to rease cash flow duce costs rease quality rease efficiency se of access to inform	-date	,				
	<ul> <li>Wa</li> <li>Mai</li> <li>Suc</li> </ul>	plication nts to achieve interna ny locations in countr ccessful business wth affecting cash flo	уQ	wth				

Question	Answer	Marks
2(c)	<ul> <li>Want to locate to other countries</li> <li>Want to achieve cost savings</li> <li>Current system uncoordinated</li> <li>Use paper customer records</li> <li>3 different computer-based systems</li> <li>Records not kept up to date</li> <li>Need to improve cash flow</li> </ul> AO3 Analysis <ul> <li>Information – keep up-to-date, easier to co-ordinate</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Time saved – quickly find the correct information</li> <li>Increase cash flow – Decrease the time between booking and receiving revenue</li> <li>Reduce costs – improve profit/help fund expansion</li> </ul>	

Question	Answer						
2(d)	Evaluate the factors that John needs to consider before opening the new location in country P.						
	Knowledge and Application (4 marks)	Annotation	Marks	Analysis and Evaluation (7 marks)	Marks	Annotation	
				A justified judgement on the importance of each factor	7	EVAL + EVAL + EVAL	
				A judgement on the importance of each factor	6	EVAL + EVAL	
				An evaluation statement of the given arguments of two factors in context	5	EVAL	
	Understanding of two factors <i>in context</i>	APP + APP	4	Developed analysis of two or more factors in context	4	DEV + DEV	
	Understanding of one factor <i>in context</i>	АРР	3	Developed analysis of one factor in context	3	DEV	
	Knowledge of two factors	+ * ×	2	Limited analysis of two factors	2	+ NA AN	
	Knowledge of one factor	×	1	Limited analysis of one factor	1	AN	
	No creditable comment 0						
	Indicative content AO1 Knowledge and • Language barriers • Costs, • Opportunities, • Competition, • Available resource	З,	standing	3			
	<ul> <li>Available resource</li> <li>Infrastructure</li> <li>Communication</li> </ul>						

Question	Answer	Marks				
2(d)	AO2 Application					
( )	<ul> <li>Growth in housing demand in other countries.</li> </ul>					
	Business successful in the past					
	Decline in sales in country Q					
	Fewer people moving in country Q					
	<ul> <li>Each city location made a loss last year</li> </ul>					
	Requires good transport infrastructure					
	<ul> <li>Tracking vehicles requires a good communication system</li> </ul>					
	AO3 Analysis					
	• Expensive to set up operations in another country, can MW afford it?					
	<ul> <li>Might be a competitive market so hard to break into</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>Might be legal barriers such as licence requirements</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>Will require employees in the new country adding to expense</li> </ul>					
	• Important to consider culture of new country – will it be a good fit for MW?					
	AO4 Evaluation					
	<ul> <li>Inefficient operation – should they expand internationally if own business</li> </ul>					
	inefficient					
	• Will need to spend a lot on infrastructure in another country, can they					
	afford it if made losses last year					
	<ul> <li>Inefficient systems could be a major issue when trying to coordinate</li> </ul>					
	internationally					
	But declining market in country Q					
	<ul> <li>Need to research carefully before making a decision</li> </ul>					
	Will take a long time to establish					
	ARA					