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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.

Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)	<p><b>Considering the advantages and <u>one</u> disadvantage, explain why Jos would be most likely to choose the TeknoKratz job.</b></p> <p><b>You should <u>not</u> refer to the other jobs.</b></p> <p><b>Answer in continuous prose.</b></p> <p>Credit any of the following points or any other valid points.</p> <p>Jos would be able to maintain a good income / lifestyle as he could be earning around \$60 000 a year.</p> <p>He would also receive a Golden Hello payment right at the start and this would further ease the transition from employee to being self-employed.</p> <p>He would be able to work the 40 hours when he wanted to, so he could devote more time than he is currently to playing football and watching movies with his children.</p> <p>His children might be happier if he were working from home almost all the time as they would see more of him.</p> <p>Being self-employed, if they did ask him to work more hours, then they would have to pay him for these hours, making him feel more valued.</p> <p>By working mainly from home and with all the places he would occasionally have to visit being nearby, he would hardly have to travel.</p> <p>If he had the offer of a better contract down the line, he would only have to give one month's notice and then he could be off / less limiting contract</p> <p>The ten per cent discount offered by Triple C offers everybody doing work for them would also boost the family finances by reducing their food costs, which could potentially <u>alleviate</u> Marika's money worries.</p> <p>The food industry is usually a very buoyant sector of the business world, so Jos would be working in a reasonably recession-proof environment.</p> <p>Triple C care for their customers might tempt Jos on an ethical level (motto) which could outweigh</p> <p>there is no indication how long the Triple C contract might last, so Jos cannot be sure that this would keep him in work for as long as he would like, especially as the founders had to take out loans at a very high rate of interest to fund their expansion, so the business might fail in the future.</p> <p>TeknoKratz being run by two people not long out of university might affect the company's future as they might still be very naive regarding the business world / how to sustain a successful business.</p> <p>TeknoKratz only have to give him one month's notice, so, if they lost the Triple C contract, he would not have long to find replacement contracts.</p> <p>However, both TeknoKratz and Triple C are expanding rapidly, so they might become more and more demanding to work for / might become just as stressful as his current job.</p> <p>Marika worries a lot, so her health might deteriorate if she were anxious about the fact that <u>the length of the contract is unknown</u> / the <u>hours could easily be reduced</u> as it only states 'initially'.</p>	10

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1(a)	In assessing the answer award marks for a coherent appraisal, clearly expressed of four or more relevant considerations, including balance, that make use of analytical skills.			
	<b>Levels</b>	<b>Mark(s)</b>	<b>Descriptors</b>	
	4	9–10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity to interpret evidence and sustained ability to present relevant arguments, analysis and exemplification maintaining a strong focus on the main issues in the question.</li> <li>• Comprehensive approach demonstrating ability to identify and select relevant information, data, concepts and opinions and maintain a strong focus on the key issues.</li> <li>• Shows the ability to communicate clearly and accurately in a fluent and organised manner.</li> </ul>	
	3	6–8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderate range of arguments, analysis and exemplification covering some of the main issues in the question.</li> <li>• Demonstrating some grasp of the nature of key issues but with a restricted range or a loss of focus leading to the inclusion of some irrelevant material.</li> <li>• Shows the ability to communicate clearly and accurately in a fluent and organised manner.</li> </ul>	
	2	3–5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited analysis shown in a response consisting of mainly undeveloped material.</li> <li>• A modest range of selected points, perhaps some of which are irrelevant or incorrect.</li> <li>• Ability to convey meaning but with limited powers of expression with some errors in spelling, punctuation or grammar which impede the flow and hinder communication.</li> </ul>	
	1	1–2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some simple, mainly unexplained or undeveloped points or perhaps a very narrow range – with little interpretation or analysis and little development or exemplification.</li> <li>• Limited range, dubious choice showing restricted appreciation of key issues.</li> <li>• Ability to convey meaning but with limited powers of expression with some errors in spelling, punctuation or grammar which impede the flow and hinder communication.</li> </ul>	
	0	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A mark of zero should be awarded for no creditable content.</li> </ul>	

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1(b)	<p><b>Considering <u>two</u> disadvantages, explain why Jos would be <u>least</u> likely to choose the Pumpkin Pot job.</b></p> <p><b>You should <u>not</u> refer to the other jobs.</b></p> <p>Credit any of the following points or any other valid points.</p> <p>He would be working <u>mostly / three days a week</u> in Pumpkin Pot's offices (1) which would involve a daily round trip of 60 km (1) so he <u>still</u> wouldn't see much of his children <u>on those days / as much as he had hoped</u> (1).</p> <p>Their offices are very cramped and noisy / Jos would have to share a desk and a phone (1) which would be a stressful / unprofessional/not an ideal <u>environment</u> for him to work in (1).</p> <p>The salary is <u>a lot less / the least amount</u> of money on offer (1) which <u>exacerbates</u> further Marika's worries about money (1).</p> <p>If he were offered a better contract by another <u>bank</u> he would not be allowed to work for them for six months (1), meaning the opportunity would probably be lost to him (1).</p> <p>He is <u>currently</u> unhappy working for a bank (1), so he might feel that, by accepting this offer, he would be in the <u>same</u>, unhappy / stressful banking environment as before (1).</p> <p>He is required to work set days and hours in the office (1) meaning he is <u>unlikely to achieve</u> the <u>improved / hoped for control over</u> his work-life balance / time <u>on those days</u> (1).</p>	4
1(c)	<p><b>Identify the <u>one</u> piece of the Additional Information that is the least relevant when Jos is deciding which offer to accept.</b></p> <p>Point 16. Jos and Marika met through mutual friends 10 years ago. (1)</p>	1
1(d)(i)	<p><b>Identify the phrase in the extract from the conversation between Jos and Marika that mean the following: delay in taking action.</b></p> <p><u>let the grass grow under your feet</u> (1)</p>	1
1(d)(ii)	<p><b>Identify the phrases in the extract from the conversation between Jos and Marika that mean the following: thinking about it at length.</b></p> <p><u>mulling it over</u> (1)</p>	1

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1(e)	<p><b>Explain <u>two</u> reasons why, during the conversation, Jos’s face was ‘clouding over’ and he was sounding ‘increasingly downbeat’.</b></p> <p>Credit any of the following points or any other valid points.</p> <p>He has a friend working at KQX Accountants (1) so he knows that he would be expected to work long hours <u>again</u> / might feel overworked and undervalued <u>again</u> / would be <u>back</u> on the corporate ladder (1).</p> <p>KQX Accountants demand that employees move around the world at a moment’s notice (1) but <u>he doesn’t want to move</u> away from his home town (1).</p> <p><u>He</u> would be under pressure <u>from Marika</u> to take this job if he were offered it (1) as <u>she</u> would love to live abroad and experience different cultures (1).</p> <p><u>He</u> might feel emotionally blackmailed to take it if offered to him / It might impact their relationship negatively if he did not apply / accept it if offered (1) as <u>she</u> is talking about the prospect so excitedly (1).</p> <p><u>He realises that she would feel</u> that she no longer had to be worried (1) as he would regard the high salary as helping to reduce her money worries (1).</p> <p>Jos is dismayed by <u>Marika’s emphasis</u> on the high salary at KQX Accountants (1) as both the roles he has found for himself pay significantly less (so it will be tough to persuade her that self-employment is a good move) (1).</p>	4
1(f)(i)	<p><b>Explain why Mateus’s experience of being self-employed might make Marika <u>not</u> want Jos to become self-employed too.</b></p> <p>Credit any of the following points or any other valid points.</p> <p><u>Mateus</u> has had <u>gaps</u> in between his contracts when he hasn’t been working (1) so Marika would not have been happy that his earnings might be <u>uneven</u> (1).</p> <p>His circumstances are entirely different (1) as he has not got a family (1).</p> <p>2 × 1 or 1 × 2</p>	2
1(f)(ii)	<p><b>Explain why in your opinion, Jos’s idea, that he would be his own boss and more in control of his work–life balance if he were self-employed, might <u>not</u> be true.</b></p> <p>Credit any of the following points or any other valid points.</p> <p><u>Even</u> being self-employed it makes little difference (1), as you are <u>still answerable</u> to whomever is paying you to do the work (1).</p> <p>If someone knows they are employing you as a consultant, they can sometimes be even <u>more demanding</u> / rude to your face about your work / so that they can pay you less than agreed, etc. (1) as they know you are dependent on their work (1).</p> <p>The self-employed have to find work for themselves <u>and</u> this can be difficult / stressful (1).</p> <p>2 × 1 or 1 × 2</p>	2

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2(a)	<p><b>According to Andrew Tuck, identify who needs to read this article.</b></p> <p>Someone who needs to pass for a local (1) / who is a beginner with regard to <u>Austria / the country</u>. (1)</p>	1
2(b)(i)	<p><b>According to the material, explain what is noteworthy about the current Austrian government.</b></p> <p><b>Answer <u>using your own words</u> as far as possible.</b></p> <p>Credit any <u>three</u> of the following points.</p> <p>(At present) <u>all</u> other people who <u>lead countries</u> (across the globe) are <u>older</u> (than Kurz who is aged just 33) (1)</p> <p>and this is the <u>second</u> time <u>he has been in charge</u> (of the government too) (1).</p> <p>It is the first time that the People’s Party and the Greens have formed a government. (1)</p> <p>There is an equal number of males and females in the cabinet. (1)</p> <p>Alma Zadić is the <u>first</u> refugee <u>to become</u> a government <u>minister</u>. (1)</p>	3
2(b)(ii)	<p><b>According to the material, explain what is noteworthy about Austria’s military.</b></p> <p><b>Answer <u>using your own words</u> as far as possible.</b></p> <p>Credit any <u>three</u> of the following points.</p> <p>(Unusually for Europe,) Austria (still) requires citizens to serve in the armed forces. (1)</p> <p>The ones who <u>choose not to join</u> the armed forces (1)</p> <p>carry out invaluable / essential (1)</p> <p>community-based / non-combatant roles / <u>work</u> in hospitals and care homes (1)</p> <p>or they <u>assist</u> when there is an <u>emergency</u> (in Austria). (1)</p> <p>The Austrian armed forces are <u>non-aligned</u> (1)</p> <p>so Austria managed to stay as <u>one nation</u> (after the Second World War) (1)</p> <p>unlike Germany (1)</p> <p>and <u>has assisted the UN</u> to maintain peace (1)</p> <p>for nearly three decades / subsequent to 1995 (1).</p>	3

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2(b)(iii)	<p><b>According to the material, explain what is noteworthy about Austria’s Nobel prizewinners.</b></p> <p><b>Answer <u>using your own words</u> as far as possible.</b></p> <p>Credit any <u>two</u> of the following points.</p> <p>An Austrian was the <u>first female to be awarded</u> the Nobel <u>Peace</u> Prize (in 1905) (1)</p> <p>for her fictional text arguing against war (1)</p> <p>that became <u>very prominent</u> at the time. (1)</p> <p>The country ranks tenth in the league table/number of recipients: (1)</p> <p><u>to date</u> 22 Austrians have won Nobel prizes. (1)</p>	2
2(c)	<p><b>Identify the evidence in the material that Austria has been developing into a more environmentally friendly country (lines 7 to 69). Answer <u>in about 50 words</u>.</b></p> <p>Credit any <u>five</u> of the following points.</p> <p>The government <u>pledged</u> Austria will be <u>carbon neutral</u> (by 2040). (1)</p> <p>Austria has never produced electricity using nuclear power / quashed production of nuclear power. (1)</p> <p>People voted against nuclear power in 1978. (1)</p> <p>The Greens run the super-ministry, including energy, transport and technology. (1)</p> <p><u>About 33%</u> is renewable energy (1)</p> <p>which is a <u>high</u> rate for <u>Europe</u>. (1)</p> <p>The new / night train promotes slower / more eco-friendly transportation. (1)</p> <p>Any relevant content above 50 words should not be considered as part of the answer.</p>	5
2(d)	<p><b>Identify the various links between Austria and the ‘Breakfast of champions’(lines 26 to 31). Answer <u>in about 10 words</u>.</b></p> <p>Danish pastries, croissants <u>and</u> the cappuccino are <u>Austrian creations</u> / were <u>invented by Austrians</u> (1).</p> <p>Any relevant content above 10 words should not be considered as part of the answer.</p>	1



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2(e)(i)	<p><b>According to the material, explain why students of design might want to visit Austria. Answer <u>in about 50 words</u>.</b></p> <p>Credit any <u>five</u> of the following points.</p> <p>Businesses still stand out by using <u>well-designed / contemporary boards</u>. (1)</p> <p>Designed in Vienna, the Thonet No. 14 Chair was the <u>first mass-produced</u> (piece of) <u>furniture</u> (1)</p> <p>and is still the world's <u>most-sold chair</u>. (1)</p> <p>The Wiener Werkstätte <u>led</u> (modern) <u>design from 1903 to 1932</u>. (1)</p> <p>Now, Werkraum Bregenzwald helps artisans working in woodwork, ceramics and painting. (1)</p> <p><u>Innsbruck</u> attracts <u>top architects</u> (from around the world), (1)</p> <p>such as <u>Zaha Hadid</u> (1)</p> <p>who designed the <u>daring</u> (Bergisel) <u>Ski Jump</u> (in 2002) (1)</p> <p>and <u>global firms</u> who beautify the city <u>and</u> region. (1)</p> <p>Any relevant content above 50 words should not be considered as part of the answer.</p>	5
2(e)(ii)	<p><b>According to the material, explain why tourists might want to visit Austria. Answer <u>in about 30 words</u>.</b></p> <p>Credit any <u>three</u> of the following points.</p> <p>The Alps provide many opportunities for <u>hikers / climbers</u>. (1)</p> <p>They can visit <u>Europe's oldest restaurant</u>, (built into rock). (1)</p> <p>Schönbrunn Zoo is <u>the world's oldest</u> operating <u>zoo</u>. (1)</p> <p>Innsbruck will have <u>world-class facilities</u> (1)</p> <p>thanks to having <u>hosted Winter Olympics</u> (twice). (1)</p> <p>In Vienna, many <u>small family businesses</u> survive (1)</p> <p>which were once royal suppliers. (1)</p> <p>Any relevant content above 30 words should not be considered as part of the answer.</p>	3
2(f)	<p><b>The article is described as a 'line-up of facts and anecdotes'. Explain why, in your opinion, this might be a problem for the reader.</b></p> <p>Credit any <u>two</u> of the following points or any other valid material.</p> <p>The reader needs to be cautious / read carefully (1)</p> <p>as they might get confused (1)</p> <p>between what is true and what could be an unreliable account / just a story. (1)</p>	2