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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.

Question	Answer					
Section A						
1(a)	Any appropriate constant, for example: Constant name noTradeInDiscount Value 0.05/5 Use Storing the percentage discount if no car is traded in	3				
1(b)	Variable name TradeInValue // any suitable variable name for trade-in amount Data type real/integer Validation any two from • Use of conditional /loop statement / IF THEN / REPEAT UNTIL / WHILE • value input is greater than (or equal to) 10 000/0.1 / less than (or equal to) 100 000/1 / numeric // a value is actually input // error message for rejected input • range check // type check // presence check	4				
1(c)	Any four from: MP1 Display extra model/choice MP2 Increase options available to 4 MP3 Extend validation rule / selection statement(s) for input selection MP4 Store name of extra model e.g. new variable/constant/extra item in array MP5 Store price of extra model e.g. new variable/ constant/extra item in array MP6 Change code to calculate price to pay to include extra model	4				

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(d)	Any five from: MP1 Calculate cashback for payment method 1 MP2 Calculate monthly payments for payment method 2 MP3 Calculate amount and monthly payments for payment method 3 MP4 Method 1 – output full amount, one payment and cashback MP5 Method 2 – output full amount, full amount divided by 48 and 48 payments MP6 Method 3 – output full amount times 1.05, full amount times 1.05 divided by 84 and 84 payments MP7 Attempt to output showing all 3 payment methods with appropriate messages (MPs 4,5,6 not awarded) Sample answer: PRINT "Full Amount ", amountToPay, " to pay. Number of Payments is 1" PRINT "Cashback ", amountToPay * 0.01	
	PRINT "Over four years ",amountToPay, " to pay. Number of Payments is 48" PRINT "Each monthly payment is ", amountToPay / 48 PRINT "Over seven years ",amountToPay * 1.05, " to pay. Number of Payments is 84" PRINT "Each monthly payment is ", amountToPay * 1.05 / 84	
1(e)	 Explanation Any four from: MP1 Use of selection statement to check if customer chose to pay the full amount MP2 Consideration of special case where there are no optional extras chosen MP3 Comparison of 1% of total price to pay with the total cost of optional extras MP4 Use of selection statement to check for the largest value of cashback or extras /smallest amount to pay MP5 display the cost of this option first MP6 then display the cost of the other option 	4

Question	Answer I					
Section B						
2(a)	 Error: Problem with zero stored in the negative number array // negative number count increases by 1 Correction: Replace ELSE with IF IF Number < 0 (THEN) 	4				
2(b)	<pre>Explanation: Replace REPEAT UNTIL with WHILE DO ENDWHILE Change condition to WHILE Number <> 9999 DO Add / Move INPUT Number to before loop // Move / Add extra INPUT Number at end of loop Remove (Count ← 0 and) Count ← Count + 1 Or Any four from: Include an IF statement after INPUT Number / before updating the arrays IF Number <> 9999 THEN or similar Move output statements to be executed when Number = 9999 Change UNTIL Count >= 50 to UNTIL Number = 9999 Remove (Count ← 0 and) Count ← Count + 1</pre>	4				

Question	Answer							
3(a)	One mark for One mark for One mark for Set 1: 88, 74,	correct input correct cald each corre	ut (all sets) culations (al ct output	l sets)				5
		Mark1	Mark2	Mark3	Total	Average	OUTPUT	
		88	74	60	222	74	Pass	
	Set 2: 20, 33	, 67	1		1			
		Mark1	Mark2	Mark3	Total	Average	OUTPUT	
		20	33	67	120	40	Pass	
	Mark1 Mark2 Mark3 Total Average OUTPUT 20 33 67 120 40 Pass Set 3: 79, 91, 70 Mark1 Mark2 Mark2 Mark2 Total Average OUTPUT							
		Mark1	Mark2	Mark3	Total	Average	OUTPUT	
		79	91	70	240	80	Distinction	
3(b)	 Any three from: Add extra decision box in an appropriate position between the average calculation and the output Check for average greater than or equal to 60 and less than 80 Output Merit if average greater than or equal to 60 (and less than 80) otherwise continue 							3

Question	Answer	Marks
4	One mark for explaining why a validation check is needed when data is input To check that data is sensible / reasonable / meets required criteria	4
	One mark for explaining why a verification check is needed when data is input To check that data is not changed on entry	
	One mark for an example of a validation check Range check // Length check // Type check	
	One mark for an example of a verification check Double entry // Visual check	

Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)	One mark for data type and reason SIZE text, expressed as a single word SHAPE text, short phrase required WOOD text, expressed as a single word PRICE currency, needs to be expressed as dollars / may be used in calculations SOLD Boolean, only two choices	5

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Question			Answer					Marks
5(b)(i)	 One mark for correct field and table names must include SIZE, WOOD and PRICE, allow SHAPE or SOLD correct show for PRICE only correct criteria to select small and walnut 							
	Field:	SIZE	WOOD	PRICE				
	Table:	BOX	BOX	BOX				
	Sort:							
	Show:				2			
	Criteria:	='small'	='walnut'					
	or:							
5(b)(ii)		Field	: WOOD					2
		BOX						
		::						
		: <u> </u>		(1)				
		: ='walnut' OR 'b	eech'	(1)				
		O						
	One mark for each correct alteration max 2							