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CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICS Paper 1 (Core) MARK SCHEME Maximum Mark: 40 Published

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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.

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Maths-Specific Marking Principles				
1	Unless a particular method has been specified in the question, full marks may be awarded for any correct method. However, if a calculation is required then no marks will be awarded for a scale drawing.			
2	Unless specified in the question, answers may be given as fractions, decimals or in standard form. Ignore superfluous zeros, provided that the degree of accuracy is not affected.			
3	Allow alternative conventions for notation if used consistently throughout the paper, e.g. commas being used as decimal points.			
4	Unless otherwise indicated, marks once gained cannot subsequently be lost, e.g. wrong working following a correct form of answer is ignored (isw).			
5	Where a candidate has misread a number in the question and used that value consistently throughout, provided that number does not alter the difficulty or the method required, award all marks earned and deduct just 1 mark for the misread.			
6	Recovery within working is allowed, e.g. a notation error in the working where the following line of working makes the candidate's intent clear.			

MARK SCHEME NOTES

The following notes are intended to aid interpretation of mark schemes in general, but individual mark schemes may include marks awarded for specific reasons outside the scope of these notes.

Types of mark

- M Method marks, awarded for a valid method applied to the problem.
- A Accuracy mark, awarded for a correct answer or intermediate step correctly obtained. For accuracy marks to be given, the associated Method mark must be earned or implied.
- B Mark for a correct result or statement independent of Method marks.

When a part of a question has two or more 'method' steps, the M marks are in principle independent unless the scheme specifically says otherwise; and similarly where there are several B marks allocated. The notation 'dep' is used to indicate that a particular M or B mark is dependent on an earlier mark in the scheme.

Abbreviations

answers which round to awrt correct answer only cao dep dependent FT follow through after error ignore subsequent working isw nfww not from wrong working or equivalent oe rounded or truncated rot

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Question	Answer	Marks	Partial marks
1	7020000	1	
2	0.48	1	
3(a)	20	1	
3(b)	August	1	
4	hexagon	1	
5	45.17 cao	1	
6(a)	X	1	
6(b)	An arrow between X and Y	1	
7	50	1	
8	9	1	
9	1800	1	
10	$1 + 2 \times (3 + 1) = 9$	1	
11	4 nfww	2	M1 for 14 – 10
12	2:3	1	
13(a)	[x=]-5	1	
	[y =] 30	1	
13(b)	Correct comment e.g. 37 and 44 are in the sequence [but not 42] or (42 + 12) / 7 is not an integer	1	If 0 scored, SC1 correct statement FT <i>their y</i> provided that <i>their y</i> is not a multiple of 7
14	3.60	2	M1 for $\frac{2.4[0]}{12} \times 18$ or $1.5 \times 2.4[0]$ oe
15	4	2	M1 for $6 \div \frac{90}{[60]}$
16(a)	50	1	
16(b)	Correct bar drawn with height 225, 3 equal sections and correct use of the key	1	
16(c)	Ben	1	
17	7 <i>y</i> (2 <i>y</i> – 5)	2	B1 for $y(14y-35)$ or $7(2y^2-5y)$ seen

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Question	Answer	Marks	Partial marks
18	1.5×10 ⁷	2	B1 for equivalent answer not in SF or for 1.5×10^a , $a \neq 0$, or $b \times 10^7$, $1 \le b \le 9$
19(a)	$\frac{126}{400}$ oe	1	
19(b)	405	2	M1 for $\frac{81}{400} \times 2000$ SC1 for answer $\frac{405}{2000}$ oe
20	30	2	M1 for $4x+3x+2x+3x=360$ oe
21	<i>x</i> < 7	2	B1 for $[x =]$ 7 seen or M1 for $14 > 2x$ or $10 > 3 + x$
22	3	1	
23	[a =] 8 [b =] 6	2	B1 for each If 0 scored, SC1 for correct substitution and evaluation to find the other variable
24	4 4 2 1 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 2 3	1	Ruled lines approximately equal gradient to original graph and touching <i>x</i> -axis at (-2, 0)

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