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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 descriptions 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)

# 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:

- 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)
- DO credit alternative answers/examples which are not written in the mark scheme if they are correct
- 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 ...).
- 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.)
- DO NOT credit answers which are obviously self-contradicting or trying to cover all possibilities
- 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).
- 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.

# **ANNOTATIONS**

The following annotations are used in marking this paper and should be used by examiners.

Annotation	Use or meaning
✓	Correct and relevant point made in answering the question.
×	Incorrect point or error made.
LNK	Two statements are linked.
REP	Repeat
А	An extraneous figure
BOD	Benefit of the doubt given.
SEEN	Noted but no credit given
OF	Own figure
Highlight	Highlight
Off page Comment	Off page comment

#### Abbreviations and guidance

The following abbreviations may be used in the mark scheme:

**OF** = own figure. The answer will be marked correct if a candidate has correctly used their own figure from a previous part or calculation.

**W** = working. The working for a figure is given below. Where the figure has more than one mark associated with it, the working will show where individual marks are to be awarded.

**CF** = correct figure. The figure has to be correct i.e. no extraneous items have been included in the calculation

**Extraneous item =** an item that should not have been included in a calculation, including indirect expenses such as salaries in calculation of gross profit when there is one **OF** mark for gross profit

**Curly brackets, },** are used to show where one mark is given for more than one figure. If the figures are not adjacent, each is marked with a curly bracket and a symbol e.g. **}\*** 

row = all figures in the row must be correct for this mark to be awarded

Marks for figures are dependent on correct sign/direction

**Accept other valid responses.** This statement indicates that marks may be awarded for answers that are not listed in the mark scheme but are equally valid.

Question		Answer							
1(a)	Calculate ti	he corrected carrying value o	of Property a	t 30 June	2024.	2			
	\$56 400 <b>(2)</b>								
	<b>Workings</b> \$60 000 - \$	Workings \$60 000 - \$3 600 (1) = \$56 400 (1) OF							
1(b)	Calculate tl	he revised profit for the year	ended 30 Ju	ne 2024.		7			
	\$97 410 <b>(7)</b>								
	Workings								
			\$						
		Draft profit	83 250	(1)					
		Closing inventory	2 000	(1)					
		Interim dividend	2 100	(1)					
		Distribution costs	2 500	(1)					
		Property depreciation	4 560	(1)					
		Taxation	3 000	(1)					
		Revised profit for the year	97 410	(1)OF					

Question	Answer							
1(c)	Prepare the statement of financial position at 30 June 2024.  J plc  Statement of financial position at 30 June 2024							
		\$						
	Assets							
	Non-current assets							
	Property, plant and equipment	126 460	(1)					
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	Current assets							
	Inventory	85 900	(1)					
	Trade and other receivables	39 250	(1)					
		125 150						
	Total assets	251 610	(1) OF					
	Equity and liabilities							
	Equity							
	Share capital	70 000						
	Share premium	4 280						
	Retained earnings	134 360	(1) OF					
	Total equity	208 640	(1)					
	Liabilities							
	Current liabilities							
	Bank overdraft	9 020	(1)					
	Trade and other payables	23 350	(1)					
	Taxation	10 600	(1)					
	Total liabilities	42 970						
	Total equity and liabilities	251 610	(1) OF					

Question		A	nswer		Marks
1(d)	State two other factors that may cause the value of plant and equipment to depreciate.  obsolescence (1) usage (1) time factor (1) technological change (1)  Max 2 marks  Accept other valid responses				
1(e)	State t	he formula for <u>each</u> of the fo	ollowing ratios.		2
	Г	Ratio	Formula		
		Profit margin	Profit for the year Revenue × 100 (1)		
		Return on capital employed	Profit from operations Capital employed × 100 (1)		

Question	Answer	Marks			
1(f)	Advise the directors which option they should choose. Justify your advice by considering <u>both</u> financial and non-financial factors.	7			
	Option 1 Bank loan				
	<ul> <li>The company would have ownership of the asset (1)</li> <li>Would the bank be prepared to approve such a large loan? (1)</li> <li>Would the bank wish to take security for the loan (1)</li> <li>Interest payments would reduce profits (1)</li> <li>Depreciation would reduce profits (1)</li> <li>Likely to have a negative effect on the return on capital employed (1)</li> <li>May have a negative effect on profit margin unless significant increase in revenue (1)</li> </ul>				
	Option 2 Lease				
	<ul> <li>The company would not own the asset (1)</li> <li>Would not be obliged to retain the asset at the end of the agreement if not suitable (1)</li> <li>Lease payments would reduce profits (1)</li> <li>Less vulnerable to business downturn (1)</li> <li>Less likely to have a negative effect on return on capital employed (1)</li> <li>May have a negative effect on profit margin unless significant increase in revenue (1)</li> </ul>				
	Max 6 for comments				
	Decision supported with a comment (1)				
	Accept other valid responses				

Question	Answer							Marks		
2(a)	Prepare the sales ledger control account for September 2024.								8	
	Sales ledger control account									
			\$				\$	]		
	Ва	lance b/d	64 280	Bala	nce b/d		215 <b>(1)</b>	_		
	Sa	les journal	188 740 <b>(1)</b>	Sale	s returns joui	rnal	2 560 <b>(1)</b>			
	Bank	Bank		215 <b>(1)</b>	Bank	(		196 380 <b>(1)</b>		
				Disc	counts allowed		2 440 <b>(1)</b>			
				Cont	ra		1 150 <b>(1)</b>			
				Bala	nce c/d		50 490			
			253 235				253 235			
	Ва	lance b/d	50 490 <b>(1)OF</b>							
2(b)(i)	Calculate t	he corrected	total of bal	ances	s in the purc	hases	s ledger.		3	
					\$					
		Original to	otal		41 350					
		Overstate	d balance		(80)	(1)				
		Refund			(640)	(1)				
		Corrected	total		40 630	(1)				

Answer								
Calculate the corrected balance of the purchases ledger control account.								
		\$						
Origin	al balance	40 592						
Purch	ases returns journal	90	(1)					
Disco	unts received	(68)	(1)					
Intere	st charged	16	(1)					
Corre	cted balance	40 630	(1)					
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Question	Answer									
3(a)	Prepare the following accounts for the year ended 30 September 2024.  Dates are not required.									
	Share Capital									
	Details	\$		Details	\$					
	Balance c/d	371 250		Balance b/d	250 000					
				Bank / Cash Book	25 000	(1)				
				Bank / Cash Book	55 000	(1)				
				Share premium	39 900	(1)				
				Retained earnings	1 350					
		371 250			371 250					
				Balance b/d	371 250	(1)OF				
	Share premium									
	Details	\$		Details	\$					
	Share capital	39 900	(1)OF	Balance b/d	13 400					
				Bank / Cash Book	10 000	(1)				
				Bank / Cash Book	16 500	(1)				
		39 900			39 900					
	Retained earnings									
	Details	\$		Details	\$					
	Bank / Cash Book	13 200	(1)	Balance b/d	71 800					
	Share capital	1 350	(1)OF	Statement of profit or loss	41 800	(1)				
	Balance c/d	99 050								
		113 600			113 600					
				Balance b/d	99 050	(1)OF				

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Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)(i)	Calculate for the Payroll services department only:	1
	the total number of chargeable hours available for the year ending 31 December 2025	
	5 employees × 48 weeks × 40 hours = 9600 hours (1)	
4(a)(ii)	Calculate for the Payroll services department only:	3
	the break-even point in <u>hours</u> .	
	7422 hours <b>(3) OF W</b>	
	Workings Contribution: $$35 - $7 = $28$ (1) Fixed costs: $9600 \times 18 = $172800 + $35000 = $207800$ (1) Breakeven point $-$207800 / $28 = 7422$ hours (1) <b>OF</b>	
4(a)(iii)	Calculate for the Payroll services department only:	1
	the number of chargeable hours required to produce a profit of \$45 000 for the year ending 31 December 2025.	
	9029 hours <b>(1) W</b>	
	Working	
	\$207 800 <b>(OF)</b> + \$45 000 = \$252 800/\$28 <b>(OF)</b> = 9029 hours <b>(1) OF</b>	

Question				Answer				Marks	
4(b)		re a budgeted margii es department profit						4	
	Bud	H Limited Payroll services department Budgeted marginal cost statement for the year ending 31 December 2025							
		Revenue	816	60 × \$35	285 600	[ (1)	]		
		Variable costs	816	60 × \$7	(57 120)				
		Contribution			228 480	(1)			
		Fixed costs			207 800	(1) OF			
		Profit for the year			20 680	(1) OF			
4(c)	Calculate the number of overtime <u>hours</u> required for the payroll services department for the year ending 31 December 2025 if the directors chose <u>Option 1</u> .								
	340 hours <b>(3)</b>								
	Workings								
				Hours					
	Avail	able		9 600					
	Addit	ional required		4 180					
	Total	required		13 780	(1)				
	Now	available (7 × 48 × 40)		13 440	(1)				
	Over	time required		340	(1)				

Question	Answer						Marks
4(d)	Prepare a budgeted marginal cost statement to show the Payroll services department profit for the year ending 31 December 2025 if the directors choose Option 1.  H Limited Payroll department Budgeted marginal cost statement for the year ending 31 December 2025						
		Revenue	13 780 × \$35	482 300	(1) OF		
		Variable costs	13 780 × \$7	(96 460)	(1) OF		
		Overtime payments	340 × \$31.50	(10 710)	(1) OF		
		Contribution		375 130	(1) OF		
		Fixed costs salaries	13 440 × \$21	(282 240)	(1) OF		
		Fixed costs other		(35 000)	(1)		
		Profit for the year		57 890	(1) OF		
4(e)	Calculate the Payroll services department contribution for the year ended 31 December 2025 if the directors choose Option 2.						
	\$390 00	00 × 22% = \$85 800 <b>(1)</b>					

Question	Answer	Marks			
4(f)	Advise the directors which option they should choose. Justify your answer by considering both financial and non-financial factors.				
	Financial				
	<ul> <li>Option 1</li> <li>Exceeds the target profit by \$12 890 (1)</li> <li>Results in total company profit of \$107 690 (1)</li> <li>Will Accountancy department staff demand increased salary? (1)</li> <li>Option 2</li> <li>Achieves positive contribution of \$85 800 (1)</li> <li>Additional fixed costs must be borne leaving profit of \$50 800 (1)</li> <li>Results in total company profit of \$108 690 (1)</li> <li>Possible redundancy costs incurred (1)</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>Non-financial</li> <li>Will quality of work meet company's requirements? (1)</li> <li>Will there be confidentiality issues? (1)</li> <li>Will deadlines be met? (1)</li> <li>Will staff be prepared to work overtime? (1)</li> <li>Will closure of payroll department result in loss of Accountancy clients? (1)</li> </ul>				
	Overall comments max 6 marks				
	Decision supported with a comment(1)				
	Accept other valid responses				
4(g)	State three limitations of cost-volume-profit analysis.				
	<ul> <li>Only relevant for single product or constant mix of products (1)</li> <li>Assumes that all variable costs per unit remain constant (1)</li> <li>Assumes that selling price remains constant (1)</li> <li>Fixed costs remain constant over the relevant range (1)</li> <li>All production is sold (1)</li> </ul>				
	Max 3 marks				
	Accept other valid responses				