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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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Question	Answer			Marks					
1(a)(i)	Define the term 'secondary research' (line 20).								
	Knowledge and Application	Marks							
	A correct definition		2						
	A partial, vague or unfocused definition		1						
	No creditable content		0						
	No examples to be credited  ARA  Exemplar	Mark	Rationale						
	Using existing data (1) Collected for another purpose/reason (1)	2	Two separate defined points						
	already gathered (1) for another purpose (1)	2	Two separate defined points						
	Gathered by another business	1	One element only						
	Using existing data	1	One element only						
	Second hand research/data	0	Tautological						

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Question		Answer				Marks			
1(a)(ii)	Explain the 'buffer inventory control method' of managing inventory (lines 5–6).								
		Knowledge and Ap	plication		Marks				
	C *	E.g. or some other way of understanding; variations in supproduction	•	•	1				
	В	For unanticipated/unexpected/u	ınplanned	situations	1				
	Α	Excess stock/safety margi	n of stock	kept	1				
		No creditable co	ntent		0				
	* use ca	nnot be credited without explanation	n of the te	erm (A and B	)				
		g safety stock, (A) extra stock that it all in components (B) due to uncert			emand. (C)				
		Exemplar							
	to	level of excess stock that is maintained (A) reduce the risk of a shortfall in onents (B) due to uncertainties in supply and demand (C)	3	A,B and C	C visible				
	wher supp to e	afety margin of stock held (A)  there is uncertainty in demand, bly, or manufacturing output (B)	3	A,B and C	Cvisible				
		nsure that the firm can produce nough product for orders (C)							
	Sawher	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	2	A and B o examp understa	le or				
	Sa wher supp	afety margin of stock held (A) there is uncertainty in demand,	2	examp	le or anding				

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Question		Answer	,		Marks				
1(b)(i)	Refer to Table 1.1. Calculate the forecast gross profit margin on the retail sale of bicycles.								
	Rational	е		Marks					
	Correct answer			3					
	Formula and data used correct	ctly (based o	on OFR)	2					
	Attempt (e.g. formula or identi calculated gross profit (\$180)	fies data) o	r correctly	1					
	No creditable content			0					
	formula: $\frac{\text{(Revenue - cost of go)}}{\text{Revenue}}$ $\$300 - \$120 = \$180$ $\frac{\$180}{300} \text{ (x 100)}$ $= 60\% \text{ (with or without)}$ <b>Exemplar answers</b>			(1 mark) (2 marks) (3 marks)					
	Answer	Mark		Rationale					
	60 (%)	3	Correct an	swer					
	0.6	2	1 ,mistake	– no × 100					
	(180/300)*100	2	Correct us	e of figures					
	(rev-COGS)/rev × 100	1	Formula						
	Gross profit/revenue × 100	1	Correct for	rmula					

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Question			Answer		Marks			
1(b)(ii)	Explain one function of John's role as an operations manager.							
	Level	Kno	Marks					
	2 APP	Explanation of function in cont	an Operations managem text	ent 3				
	1b K+K	Explanation of	2					
	1a K	Identification of	f a management function	1				
	0	No creditable c	content	0				
	Distumant Ope good to m	urbance Handler	functions such as productions right time, of the right time.	•				
		cation of a n (1 mark)	Explanation of a function (+1 mark)	Explanation of a function in context (+1 mark)				
		e of Mintzbergs is e.g. leader	motivating the employees	Such as the salaried sales staff				
		g stock control ory levels	To ensure adequate levels for production / not too much	By regulating the buffer stock efficiently				

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Question	Answer								
1(c)	Analyse two methods which could be used to improve the motivation of BB's sales staff								
	Level	Knowledge and Application (4 marks)	Marks	Analysis (4 marks)	Marks				
	2b	Shows understanding of <b>two</b> motivation methods could be used for BB's sales staff	4	Developed analysis of <b>two</b> motivational methods that BB could use to motivate its sales staff	4				
	2a	Shows understanding of <b>one</b> motivation method could be used for BB's sales staff	3	Developed analysis of one motivational method that BB could use to motivate its sales staff	3				
	1b	Shows knowledge of <b>two</b> motivation methods	2	Limited analysis of <b>two</b> motivational methods that BB could use to motivate its sales staff	2				
	1a	Shows knowledge of one motivation method	1	Limited analysis of <b>one</b> motivational method that BB could use to motivate its sales staff	1				
	0	No ci	reditable	content	0				
	Content Sala Set Greenew Re- new End with Frin	aried employees so coul sales target with a bonuer a profit-sharing schemetrain as sales staff rely of customers courage participation in it the new design	d change s for mee le on repeat dentifying ompany o portunitie	e to include commission pa eting target custom so training in attra new outlets especially if g ear to go and meet new cus s	cting go ahead				

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uestion	Answer									
1(c)	K	APP*	AN	DEV						
	Targets & bonus	For the new foldable bike/ To find new (ind) bike retailers	Which would provide financial incentives	But may lead to mis-selling/ hard sales tactics						
	Commission	Based on how many bikes sold	Which would reduce the safety of a salary	And force staff to look for new customers						
	Retraining	To upskill selling skills to new bike retailers	So employees would be more confident approaching new customers	And building a wider customer base						
	Fringe benefits	Provide company cars to approach new bike retailers	But may be expensive	And reduce 50% gross profit margins						

Question	Answer								
1(d)	Recommend which proposal for increasing revenue the Directors of BB should choose. Justify your recommendation.								
	Knowledge and Application (4 marks)	Marks	Analysis and Evaluation (7 marks)	Marks					
			Justified recommendation based on arguments in context	7					
			Developed recommendation based on arguments in context	6					
			An evaluative statement/ recommendation based on arguments in context	5					
	Understanding of two factors in decision making in context	4	Argument based on two factors of decision making in context	4					
	Understanding of one factor in decision making in context	3	Argument based on one factor of decision making in context	3					
	Knowledge of two factors of decision making by firms	2	limited analysis of two factors of decision making by firms	2					
	Knowledge of one factor of decision making by firms	1	limited analysis of one factor of decision making by firms	1					

on			Ans	swer				
based o	Context must be explicit not just implied based on the 3 proposals – new product/market, stock management and/or motivation of sales employees							
Mo pro Ho ma     Lia pro ma res	<ul> <li>Context/content:</li> <li>Moneeb – Change inventory control to JIT, retail sales, improved gross profit margin, utilise spare capacity. Is the location suitable for retail? How easy to re-organise stock system? Implied criticism of stock manager. Requires investment.</li> <li>Lia – new design of foldable bike/bicycle/cycle, growing niche market, premium prices could lead to higher profit. Risky as not known in that market. Will require marketing campaign – extra costs. Needs more research. Requires investment.</li> <li>Allow candidates to use Johns contribution as a proposal</li> </ul>							
	K APP AN DEV EVAL							
К		APP	AN	DEV	EVAL			
gross profit margin	50 th	APP  0% for ne folding like	AN  More stock – already high inventory	DEV Opportunity cost of stock held (Re- purpose of existing stock)	EVAL  Should choose folding bikes because area of expertise and has existing sales channels, may not			

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Question	Answer				Marks
2(a)(i)	Define the term 'social enterprise' (line s	5).			2
	Knowledge and Application	on		Marks	
	A correct definition			2	
	A partial, vague or unfocused definition			1	
	No creditable content			0	
	<ul> <li>A business that uses profit (1) for the b</li> <li>ARA</li> <li>Exemplar</li> </ul>	enefit o	I	nunity (1)	
	Profits are used for the community/beneficiary and not just for shareholder dividends	2	Two point	ts made	
	Profit is not the main aim, main aim is to benefit society/beneficiary	2	Two point	ts made	
	Triple bottom line: social, environmental and financial	1	Only one explicit	element; not	
	The business does not make profits	0	incorrect		

Question		Answer								
2(a)(ii)	Explain the term "crowd funding" (line 6).									
	Award one mark for each point of explanation									
		Rationale	Marks							
	С	E.g. or some other way of showing understanding; Often using the internet; may be small investors		es; Many	3					
	В	Each investor contributes a small	amount		2					
	Α	Source of finance/investment			1					
		No creditable content	0							
	Answe Raisin	C does not require the A mark to be ers could include: g money for a project or venture, (A) ach contribute a relatively small amo	from a	large number c						
			Mark	Ration	ale					
	inves	urce of finance, where many small stors each contribute a small unt for benefits such as being able y the first production run	3	All three elem covered	nents					
	inves	urce of finance where many small stors each contribute a small unt for benefits	2	Point A and E	3					
		/ small investors	1	Point C only						

Question			Answer		Marks		
2(b)(i)	Refer to Tables 2.1 and 2.2. Calculate Nadia's forecast profit for 2020.						
	Rat	ionale		Marks			
	Correct answer			3			
	Correctly calculates tota	l revenu	ıe	2			
	Attempt (e.g. formula or	identifie	es data)	1			
				0			
	e.g.						
	Revenue – (total costs) = Revenue – (direct costs)			(1 mark)			
	Revenue = (225 × \$25) + \$75 000 - (\$30 000 + \$15 \$75 000 - \$30 000 = \$45	5 000) =	\$30 000 (profit for	,			
	Accept either gross profit Common incorrect answe		t for the year figures				
	Answer	Mark	Ratio	onale			
	30 000 or 30	3	Dollar sign and '000	not required			
	45 000 or 45	3	Dollar sign and '000	not required			
	75 000 or 75	2	Dollar sign, '000 and required (as a recog				

Question		Answer						
2(b)(ii)	Explain one way in which Nadia can use the internet for her marketing campaign.							
	Level		Marks					
	2 (APP)	Explanation in context	n of an internet based mark	seting method	3			
	1b (K × K)	Explanation	n of an internet based mark	seting method	2			
	1a (K)	Identification	1					
	0	No creditat	0					
	<ul><li>Ads of experience</li><li>Below</li><li>Social</li></ul>	on internet sinsive, can the the line – to all media, vira	s likely to come from: tes – internet based busine ey afford this given low pro arget students or parents? Il marketing.	ofits				
	one met	cation of thod of marketing	Explanation of an internet based marketing method	Explanation internet bas marketing m context	ed			
	Ads on i	nternet	Above the line method	As this is an based busine				
	Social m	nedia	Viral marketing	As A-Level so				

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Question			An	swer		Marks
2(c)	Analyse <u>two</u> ways in which emotional intelligence may help Nadia be an effective leader.					
	Level	Knowledge and Application (4 marks)	Marks	Analysis (4 marks)	Marks	
	2b	Understanding of two elements of emotional intelligence in context	4	Developed analysis of <b>two</b> ways a leader can use emotional intelligence in context	4	
	2a	Understanding of one element of emotional intelligence in context	3	Developed analysis of <b>one</b> way a leader can use emotional intelligence in context	3	
	1b	Shows knowledge of two elements of emotional intelligence	2	Limited analysis of <b>two</b> ways a leader can use emotional intelligence	2	
	1a	Shows knowledge of one element of emotional intelligence	1	Limited analysis of <b>one</b> way a leader can use emotional intelligence	1	
	0	N	lo credita	able content	0	
	• rec	0 0	ing your e encies of	ce (EI) emotions and those of others. emotional intelligence:		
	Applica	tion and analysis–	linked to	o one aspect of knowledge		
	<ul> <li>Nadia's leadership of a start-up internet business employing a young staff – lack of experience.</li> <li>All staff are part-time so important to manage well, keep happy and ensure good customer relations.</li> <li>Staff unlikely to have many opportunities to meet as working from home which can be alienating and a leader should recognise this and take action to help develop a team spirit/engage employees.</li> </ul>					

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Question			Answer		Marks
2(c)					1
	K	APP	AN	DEV	
	Self- awareness	Has identified laissez faire management style	Which may not be suitable for a growing business	So can adapt to a more suitable method	
	Awareness of employee needs	Tutors are remote workers and	may not feel a connection with the business	Which could lead to poor tutor engagement	
	in response to position to add  2. Self–Manag Will help Nadia decisions or let maintain respe	struction. She will be an action or situation of the stay in control so the situation of the situa	on. As a result, she to be complications.  that she is unlikely to be her behavior. This	o make hasty	
	what is going of and give helpfu to inspire and r	be aware of the emo on around her. She ul feedback. This is	should be able to sy a critical skill for lea he leader is unable	mpathise with others ders, who work closely to empathise with their	
	order to inspire communication She should be employees, cu	e and motivate other n can be a deciding able to handle any stomers, and other can use their emotic	rs. An important skil factor in whether th disagreements that parties. In conjuncti	e team listens or not. arise between ion with the above	

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Question			Answer		Marks
2(d)	Evaluate whether Nadia should form a business partnership with Emma				
	Knowledge and Application (4 marks)	Marks	Analysis and Evaluation (7 marks)	Marks	
			Justified evaluation based on arguments in context	7	
			Developed evaluation based on arguments in context	6	
			An evaluative statement based on arguments in context	5	
	Shows understanding of two characteristics of legal ownership in context	4	Arguments based on changing	4	
	Shows understanding of one characteristic of legal ownership in context	3	legal ownership in context	3	
	Shows knowledge of two characteristics of legal ownership	2	limited analysis of changing	2	
	Shows knowledge of one characteristic of legal ownership	1	legal ownership	1	

Question	Answer					
2(d)	Context must be explicit not just implied and based on the leadership styles, structure of the firm and changing from sole trader to partnership  Context/content:  Leadership styles may clash – autocratic v laissez-faire/Loss of control/Conflict may arise  Nadia will have to share profits (forecast only \$30k/45k profit)  Emma may not want to form a business partnership with Nadia. She may have a job she is happy with or she may have her own business  Emma could contribute additional capital but does she have enough resources to 'buy-in'?  Emma's skills and expertise could complement Nadia's / Decision making shared  Shared risks  Help Nadia to expand the business  Running a business is not the same as leading a group project – Emma					
	<ul><li>making shared</li><li>Shared risks</li><li>Help Nadia to expand the business</li></ul>					
	К	APP	AN	DEV	EVAL	
	Sole trader makes all business decisions	Emma often takes charge	And an autocratic leadership style could disenfranchise casual employees	Which may affect employee retention and recruitment	Nadia should form a business partnership as she has identified her leadership style is not appropriate (EVAL)	
	Partnership profits are shared	Nadia will have to share profits (forecast only \$30/45k profit)	So Emma may want to charge more	Which could take the focus away from the social enterprise.	And Emma could take control of employee and task management (EVAL EVAL) Leaving Nadia free to concentrate on other aspects such as marketing and growth.	

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