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**MARK SCHEME for the October/November 2009 question paper
for the guidance of teachers**

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13 (a) Credit any five of the points below or any other valid point (AOVP).

- Between 1956 and 1961, Marcel Toublo obtained a great deal of money from the banks,
- in the name of Unisalp, supposedly to finance further research into Vodorite.
- This he apparently did without notifying his colleagues.
- He did not ensure that the money was paid back
- before he vanished at the start of a chess competition in April 1961.
- Presumably, he either disappeared with some of the money he had dishonestly acquired
- or he had spent it beforehand, either on the firm or on himself or on his home.
- Wherever he went, he could have changed his identity.
- He might have caused the suicide of Freez Xanui if the latter could not bear being branded as either incompetent or dishonest.
- He certainly ruined financially a large number of shareholders. [5 × 2] [10]

(b) Credit any of the points below or AOVP.

- In all probability, the banknotes came from an account created during shady dealings 40 years before.
- Marcel Toublo might have been wanted by the police for fraud or for a related crime, in which case, it was Evelyn Wutebo's duty to assist their enquiries, however belated.
- Sooner or later, the banknotes might be traced back to Marcel Toublo, in which case, Evelyn Wutebo might be in trouble.
- It is possible that Marcel Toublo did not realise that the banknotes were in the album and, therefore, never intended Evelyn Wutebo to have them.
- Marcel Toublo could well have given Evelyn Wutebo the money thinking that, as an honest person, s/he would hand it over to the authorities.
- Evelyn Wutebo concedes that s/he has no great need of extra money.
- The police might be able to track down relatives who had a claim to the money.
- This was 'blood money', and Evelyn Wutebo had a moral duty to return it to those who had been ruined by the collapse of Unisalp.
- If the Chief Accountant had been kept in the dark, then it could help his family clear his name and get some closure.

In assessing this answer, award

- 9–10 for a perceptive development
of at least four relevant considerations
that is soundly organised
and makes effective use of analytical skills
in about 100 words;
- 7–8 when one of the criteria above has not been satisfied;
- 5–6 when two of the criteria above have not been satisfied;
- 3–4 when the answer is badly flawed but contains some worthwhile material;
- 1–2 when there is little merit in the answer;
- 0 when there is no merit in the answer. [10]

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(c) Credit any of the points below or AOVP.

- If Marcel Toublo had committed any crime/had been dishonest, it was too long ago for any police investigation to bear fruit.
- Marcel Toublo, in any case, was dead and beyond the reach of justice.
- The money would not go to Unisalp since the firm had gone out of business ages ago.
- After 40 years, it would be difficult if not impossible to trace former shareholders, many of whom would also be dead.
- There was no proof that the banknotes came from the same source as the alleged fraud. They might just be Marcel Toublo's perfectly legitimate savings.
- Evelyn Wutebo had performed a valuable service in playing chess with Marcel Toublo and deserved to be rewarded rather than any relatives who had never bothered about him.
- Marcel Toublo, unless he was extremely absentminded, wanted Evelyn Wutebo to have the money.
- Evelyn Wutebo could get into trouble if the police thought s/he had been protecting Marcel Toublo.
- If Evelyn Wutebo put the money back, someone else, such as a cleaner, with absolutely no rights, might make off with it.

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Note on Questions 13 (a), (b) & (c).

There is no 'own words' rubric in this section of the Paper, in that candidates can hardly be expected to paraphrase such words as 'chess' or 'shareholders'. Candidates, however, who thoughtlessly 'lift' such phrases as 'finger of blame' or 'sizeable fortune' should receive low credit.

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(d) Candidates are at liberty to select any fact as the most irrelevant but must produce a convincing justification.

Possible answers include:

- that Marcel Toublo smoked a pipe at the chess tournament;
- that it was at a chess tournament that he first went missing;
- that he was very good at chess;
- that his firm produced Vodorite, whatever that was...

Assess the quality of each response bearing the following in mind:

- perspective (awareness of the essential dilemma and its background)
- insight (why the selected detail adds nothing to our understanding of the situation)
- forcefulness of argument
- length
- fluency.

In assessing the answer, award

- 5 when all the desiderata above have been satisfied;
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14 (a) Credit any five of the points below or AOVP.

- 'breast cancer' (1)
- '30 years ago' (8)
- 'when your children were young' (11)
- 'Now that you sleep alone' (12)
- 'the father of your dead husband frequently found fault with your cooking' (16)
- 'many years ago, answered your fan mail'.(17)

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(b) & (c) Candidates are at liberty to interpret the points of information as they please. Possible answers include:

- A+** (3) You have strong nerves.
(6) You are quick witted.
(14) Relative has fond memories of Kwarania.
- A–** (9) Relative is anti sex, violence & strong language on the screen.
(12) You don't fall asleep easily.
(19) Same old Jimmy Pledge.
- B+** (4) Relative believes in faith healing & miracle cures.
(10) Strange way how a recent epidemic ended.
(20) Relative successfully treated for arthritis.
- B–** (1) You were wrongly diagnosed when you had breast cancer.
(5) Bad reputation of Brad Lomarn.
(8) You failed to make Medical School.
- C+** (11) Your good sense of humour.
(15) Need to get over a bad week at work.
(17) Nice letter from Saxon Folly.
- C–** (2) Relative's bad restaurant experience.
(7) You witnessed a traffic accident recently.
(16) Pernickety father in law.

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Note: The whole thrust of both Q 14 (b) and 14 (c) is to exploit the significance of the information that has been provided. Whereas it would be unrealistic to expect candidates to find other equivalents for the more mundane phrases in the original material, regurgitation of whole sentences without any kind of commentary or expansion should receive low credit.

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(d) Credit an assessment along the following lines but be prepared to accept other valid 'takes' on the relative based on, for example, the actual DVDs.

- If the relative was a child 70 years ago, (14) she is elderly.
- Arthritis (20) is also a condition that afflicts some old people.
- A person who always lies down in the afternoon (18) may be either old or in delicate health.
- The relative's belief in faith healing (4) might be because of severe illness that had not been cured by more conventional means.
- Do women rather than men tend to object to sex, violence and strong language on the screen (9), especially if they belong to the older generation?
- Some people are able to put unpleasant episodes (2) behind them but the relative clearly cannot. She may possibly be an introvert or have psychological problems.

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15 (a) 'Dots' (pearls), 'feathers' and 'birds' (eagle) are what was checked [1]
to ensure that any particular Maria Theresa thaler was genuine or not. [1]

[2]

(b) Economic reform. [1]

A sound currency accepted everywhere would clearly enhance the financial & trading status
of any country. [2]

[3]

(c) Credit any five of the points below or AOVP.

- The MTT was aesthetically pleasing.
- People knew exactly how much silver it contained.
- It had a complicated design / a date that never varied
- so that forgeries were easily detected.
- Whenever silver varied considerably in value, speculation frequently paid handsome dividends.
- The MTT always commanded a high price in remoter regions or in areas that couldn't be defined as a nation state. [5 × 2]

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(d) Credit the 3 points below or AOVP.

- Silver depreciated in value after a great deal of it was discovered in Nevada.
- Countries began to base their economies on gold rather than silver
- and to insist that only their coins circulated. [3]

(e) An open question. Candidates are at liberty to select any feature as the most curious but must explain why they have chosen what they have.

Possible contenders include the following:

- the unchanging date;
- the way in which forgeries were detected;
- the fact that it still circulated widely long after Maria Theresa & her empire had vanished from the scene.

Assess the quality of each response bearing the following in mind:

- understanding of context
- aptness of choice
- development of justification
- length
- fluency.

In assessing the answer, award

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- (f) (i) intricate: very complicated, extremely detailed
shrewd: canny, streetwise, having plenty of commonsense & good judgement
stringent: exacting, strict, severe
proliferate: multiply, spread or increase rapidly in numbers
scrutiny: close inspection, careful examination
recipients: persons who receive something
fluctuations: rises and falls, variations
superseded: replaced, made obsolete. [6]

- (ii) He tied his shoelaces in such an **intricate** knot that it was impossible to untie them. She was a **shrewd** judge of character and was rarely mistaken about anyone. **Stringent** regulations prevent anyone but hospital staff from coming near the victims. Weeds will **proliferate** and spread everywhere if left for any length of time. They are under **scrutiny** and every detail of their claim will be double checked. All **recipients** of state benefits will be given additional government assistance. Changing fashions dictated the **fluctuations** in demand for the product. The quill was **superseded** by the fountain pen and the fountain pen by the ballpoint. [6]