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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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Section A

Answer all questions in this section.

Population

Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)(i)	Fig. 1.1 shows average calorie consumption per person per day (kcals) for selected countries in 2015.	1
	Using evidence from Fig. 1.1: state the difference in calorie consumption between USA and Ethiopia	
	1850 ± 100	
1(a)(ii)	Using evidence from Fig. 1.1: name the country which was closest to the healthy calorie consumption per person per day of 2500 kcals.	1
	Venezuela	
1(b)	Describe the pattern of average calorie consumption per person per day shown in Fig. 1.1.	3
	Description could include: wealthy (HICs) over 3000 kcals NICs and MICs 2000 – 3000 LICs under 2000 only Ethiopia below 2000 kcals USA almost twice that of Ethiopia Temperate areas are higher kcal consumers than tropical	
	Point mark to maximum 3 marks for simple points, e.g. high vs low, 2 marks if development such as good use of data to support point to a maximum of 3 marks.	
1(c)	Suggest why <u>both</u> low calorie consumption <u>and</u> high calorie consumption can have harmful consequences.	5
	Indicative content: low levels result in malnutrition and associated illness or deficiency diseases, e.g. beriberi low levels mean little energy so inducing apathy and lethargy ultimately low levels cause starvation high levels lead to obesity and associated illness, e.g. diabetes high levels are high in fats which lead to heart disease and cancer	
	1 mark per reason or 2 marks if some development. Allow 3/2 or 2/3 split.	

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Population/Migration

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)(i)	Fig. 2.1 shows the destination of Nigerian citizens living outside Nigeria, by country, in 2014. Nigeria is an MIC in West Africa.	1
	Using Fig. 2.1: state the percentage of Nigerian citizens who were living in the UK	
	18%	
2(a)(ii)	Using Fig. 2.1: calculate the difference in percentage between those Nigerian citizens living in Italy and those living in Ghana.	1
	1.5%	
2(b)	Describe the pattern of Nigerian citizens living outside Nigeria shown in Fig. 2.1.	3
	There should be some attempt at a pattern – not just a list of countries.	
	Indicative content: the largest proportion (43%) live in HICs – both English speaking over half (54%) in just 3 countries USA dominates (with 7x those living in Ghana) 4 of the top 8 are HICs remaining 4 are neighbours in West Africa these 8 account for 75% of Nigerians living abroad (top 3 = 54%)	
	Point mark to maximum. Credit good use of data from Fig. 2.1.	
2(c)	Explain how education influences the decision to migrate internationally.	5
	Indicative content: migrants may migrate to gain higher education and further education abroad higher education makes it easier to get jobs abroad some countries operate entry restrictions which include level of education low levels tend to encourage inertia (lack of knowledge of opportunities) those with higher education are more aware of pull factors (are in touch with media and information sources) more educated might be less fearful of migration, so are less inert	
	1 mark per reason or 2 marks if some development.	

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Settlement dynamics

Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)	Fig. 3.1 is a photograph which shows part of Singapore, an HIC city state, in Southeast Asia.	4
	Describe the land use shown in Fig. 3.1.	
	These should be taken from the photograph and could include: high rise development offices recreation uses – big wheel leisure uses – parkland in foreground transport – raised road/bridge	
	1 mark per land use or 2 marks if some development.	
3(b)	Suggest <u>two</u> reasons for the high density development shown in Fig. 3.1.	2
	Indicative content: limited land area available it is high value land – bid rent idea high income generating area most accessible area – CBD or similar planning policy linkages between land uses	
	1 mark per reason.	
3(c)	Describe the challenges for a city of trying to provide sufficient infrastructure (either power or transport).	4
	Challenges could include: economic e.g. cost of building it, impact on traffic whilst building it, cost vs revenue – who pays? social e.g. loss of homes, ever increasing demand, who gets it first environmental e.g. risk of pollution from building phase political e.g. resistance from those who don't want change technological change practical e.g. extent of provision, time taken to provide it	
	1 mark per reason or 2 marks if some development.	

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Section B

Answer one question from this section.

Population

Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)	Describe the links between economic development and changes in infant mortality rate.	7
	As economic development increases infant mortality falls. The cause-effect links include: greater wealth to invest in health care – pre and post birth, more medicines etc. higher female education so mothers more aware of best approaches to child care improved diets – less malnutrition better housing – improved sanitation, water supply etc. fewer epidemics, pests etc. improved transport – healthcare etc. can reach remote areas Point mark such that 3 valid points with development (detail, use of data) can achieve the maximum. There is no explanation required/expected.	

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Question	Answer	Marks
4(b)	With the aid of one or more examples, outline the issues caused by a youthful population.	8
	Issues such as: demographic e.g. high birth rate economic e.g. high cost of providing education, insufficient jobs, high dependency ratio social e.g. unrest, shortage of housing cultural e.g. friction with older more traditional elements political e.g. protest groups, agitation	
	Award marks based on the quality of explanation and breadth of the response using the marking levels below.	
	Level 3 (6–8) Response clearly outlines in detail the nature of the issues caused by a youthful population. Response is well founded in detailed knowledge and strong conceptual understanding of the topic. Any examples used are appropriate and integrated effectively into the response.	
	Level 2 (3–5) Response offers some outline of the nature of the issues caused by a youthful population. Response develops on a largely secure base of knowledge and understanding. Examples may lack detail or development.	
	Level 1 (1–2) Response is largely descriptive with limited appreciation of the nature of the issues. Knowledge is basic and understanding may be inaccurate. Examples are in name only or lacking entirely.	
	Level 0 (0) No creditable response.	

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Question	Answer	Marks
4(c)	With the aid of one or more examples, assess the extent to which decreasing death rates are causing overpopulation.	15
	Candidates are free to develop their own approach to the question and responses will vary depending on the approach chosen. Whichever route is chosen, essays which discuss the extent to which decreasing death rates are causing overpopulation and support their argument with relevant examples will be credited. There may be detailed consideration of one or more examples, or a broadly conceived response, drawing on several examples to illustrate the factors involved.	
	Overpopulation is the result of population exceeding resources, so there are two sides to this evaluation: population increase – as death rates fall, but what about birth rates which are also falling? resource supply – the nature of resources and their supply candidates could bring in the ideas of Malthus and/or Boserup is this true for the whole world or does it vary between and within countries and over time/scale?	
	Award marks based on the quality of the response using the marking levels below.	
	Level 4 (12–15) Response thoroughly discusses the extent to which a fall in death rates is causing overpopulation. Response has good contextual understanding of the global dimension. Response recognises that it is not a simple relationship as both population and resources are dynamic. Response is well founded in detailed knowledge and strong conceptual understanding of the topic.	
	Level 3 (8–11) Response discusses some of the extent to which a fall in death rates is causing overpopulation but may be unbalanced. Response has some contextual understanding of the global dimension. There is some recognition that the relationship is complex. Examples may lack detail or development. Response develops on a largely secure base of knowledge and understanding.	
	Level 2 (4–7) Response shows general knowledge and understanding of falling death rates causing overpopulation. Response is mainly descriptive or explanatory with limited use of examples and understanding of the topic may be partial or inaccurate. Some concluding remarks. General responses without the use of example(s) will not get above the middle of Level 2 (6 marks).	
	Level 1 (1–3) Response may broadly discuss overpopulation but does not address the question and does not come to a convincing conclusion. Response is descriptive, knowledge is basic and understanding is poor.	
	Level 0 (0) No creditable response.	

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Population/Migration

Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)	Describe how age affects migration.	7
	Candidates are required to study patterns of migration by age.	
	The impact of age could include: older populations tend to be inert, younger are more mobile people often migrate when they retire very young are not independent so migrate if their parents do many young people migrate to find higher education or employment different push and pull factors impact on migration with age	
	Point mark such that 3 valid points with development (detail, examples, use of data) can achieve at the maximum.	

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Question	Answer	Marks
5(b)	With the aid of examples, explain why migration decreases with distance from the source area.	8
	The syllabus refers to patterns of migration by distance. Distance is seen as a friction on movement, so migration should decrease as the distance to the destination increases.	
	Explanation could include: the increased cost of moving longer distances – both financial and in effort the greater time it takes knowledge of destinations tends to be poorer with greater distance – perception of reality is poorer, know few people there risks are seen to increase with distance from the origin – further from a person's comfort zone greater number of obstacles, barriers and intervening opportunities with distance	
	Award marks based on the quality of explanation and breadth of the response using the marking levels below.	
	Level 3 (6–8) Response explains a range of reasons for migration decreasing with distance from the source area. Response is well founded in detailed knowledge and strong conceptual understanding of the topic. Any examples used are appropriate and integrated effectively into the response.	
	Level 2 (3–5) Response offers some explanation for migration decreasing with distance from the source area. Response develops on a largely secure base of knowledge and understanding. Examples may lack detail or development.	
	Level 1 (1–2) Response is largely descriptive about migration over distance. Knowledge is basic and understanding may be inaccurate. Examples are in name only or lacking entirely.	
	Level 0 (0) No creditable response.	

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Question	Answer	Marks
5(c)	'International migration is difficult in the modern world.' With the aid of examples, how far do you agree with this statement?	15
	Candidates are free to develop their own approach to the question and responses will vary depending on the approach chosen. Whichever route is chosen, essays which discuss the extent to which international migration is difficult in the modern world and support their argument with relevant examples will be credited. There may be detailed consideration of one or more examples, or a broadly conceived response, drawing on several examples to illustrate the factors involved.	
	This question hinges on both the scale and nature of migration.	
	Is unlimited international migration realistic? A number of factors restrict it or encourage it such as: the economy of both source and destination	
	cost and other constraints	
	society and culture – barriers demographic structure of migrants/destination area	
	political establishment e.g. rise of nationalism, visa restrictions	
	The viewpoint may vary with location, level of technology, population density, volume of migrants etc. Also it will vary over time – short vs long term.	
	Award marks based on the quality of the response using the marking levels below.	
	Level 4 (12–15) Response thoroughly discusses both positives and negatives of the statement. Response has good contextual understanding of the modern world. Response recognises that agreement (or not) will depend on a number of factors. Response is well founded in detailed knowledge and strong conceptual understanding of the topic.	
	Level 3 (8–11) Response discusses some of the issues but may be unbalanced. Response has some contextual understanding of the modern world. There is some attempt to link the nature of the migrants and the resultant impacts. Examples may lack detail or development. Response develops on a largely secure base of knowledge and understanding.	
	Level 2 (4–7) Response shows general knowledge and understanding of international migration. Response is mainly descriptive or explanatory with limited use of examples and understanding of the topic may be partial or inaccurate. Some concluding remarks. General responses without the use of example(s) will not get above the middle of Level 2 (6 marks).	

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Question	Answer	Marks
5(c)	Level 1 (1–3) Response may broadly discuss the impacts of migrants but does not address the question and does not come to a convincing conclusion. Response is descriptive, knowledge is basic and understanding is poor. Level 0 (0) No creditable response.	

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Population/Migration/Settlement dynamics

Question	Answer	Marks
6(a)	Explain why many rural settlements in <u>HICs</u> are increasing in population.	7
	Indicative content: influx of retired second home owners who live there at weekends – reflects improved transport higher birth rate – young families moving in to improve their lifestyle improved communications (IT) so can work from pleasant location increased rural based leisure and tourist employment decentralisation of offices and industry to find cheaper sites development of rural housing estates as urban overcrowded Point mark such that 3 valid points with development (detail, use of data) can achieve the maximum.	

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Question	Answer	Marks
6(b)	With the aid of examples, describe the consequences of population increase for rural settlements.	8
	Candidates are expected to have studied the issues resulting from the development of rural settlement (village or hamlet) or rural area. This is not restricted to HICs.	
	Consequences could include: demographic – population structure, age/sex ratio, birth rates environmental – loss of green space, increased conservation economic – house prices, employment, tax base social – conflicts between residents and newcomers, new social activities and facilities political – changed voting patterns	
	Award marks based on the quality of description and breadth of the response using the marking levels below.	
	Level 3 (6–8) Response outlines a range of consequences of population increase – both positive and negative – for the rural settlement. Response is well founded in detailed knowledge and strong conceptual understanding of the topic. Any examples used are appropriate and integrated effectively into the response.	
	Level 2 (3–5) Response outlines some of the consequences of population increase but may take an unbalanced view. Response develops on a largely secure base of knowledge and understanding. Examples may lack detail or development.	
	Level 1 (1–2) Response is largely descriptive about rural population increase. Knowledge is basic and understanding may be inaccurate. Examples are in name only or lacking entirely.	
	Level 0 (0) No creditable response.	

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Question	Answer	Marks
6(c)	With the aid of one or more examples, assess the extent to which population pressure on rural settlements can be reduced.	15
	Candidates are free to develop their own approach to the question and responses will vary depending on the approach chosen. Whichever route is chosen, essays which discuss the extent to which population pressure on rural settlements can be reduced and support their argument with relevant examples will be credited. There may be detailed consideration of one or more examples, or a broadly conceived response, drawing on several examples to illustrate the factors involved.	
	Much depends upon the nature of the population pressure on the rural settlement.	
	Solutions could include: re-urbanisation – attracting population back to the urban areas tighter planning controls on rural areas to restrict development or focus it on specified growth poles or key settlements extend conservation/management areas such as national parks, rural green belts tight controls over internal migration movements population policies e.g. increased birth control in rural areas greater provision of services in rural areas to meet demand	
	Award marks based on the quality of the response using the marking levels below.	
	Level 4 (12–15) Response thoroughly discusses the extent to which a range of solutions to population pressure on rural settlements could succeed. Response has good contextual understanding of specific initiatives/strategies/factors at work both in urban and in rural areas. Response makes clear links between these forces and reducing the pressure on rural settlements. Response is well founded in detailed knowledge and strong conceptual understanding of the topic.	
	Level 3 (8–11) Response discusses some of the extent to which the solutions to population pressure on rural settlements could succeed but may be unbalanced. There is some attempt to link forces to the pressures on rural settlements. Examples may lack detail or development. Response develops on a largely secure base of knowledge and understanding.	

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Question	Answer	Marks
6(c)	Level 2 (4–7) Response shows general knowledge and understanding of solutions and the pressures on rural settlements. Response is mainly descriptive or explanatory with limited use of examples and understanding of the topic may be partial or inaccurate. Some concluding remarks. General responses without the use of example(s) will not get above the middle of Level 2 (6 marks).	
	Level 1 (1–3) Response may broadly discuss changes in rural settlement but does not address the question and does not come to a convincing conclusion. Response is descriptive, knowledge is basic and understanding is poor. Level 0 (0) No creditable response.	

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