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MARK SCHEME

Maximum Mark: 70

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1 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.

2 Detailed Mark Scheme**Section 1**

Question	Answer	Marks	Not Allowed Responses
1(a)	problematische	1	
1(b)	aufgrund	1	
1(c)	Anstieg	1	
1(d)	erwartet	1	
1(e)	Voraussetzungen	1	

Question	Answer	Marks	Not Allowed Responses
2(a)	...zu arbeiten	1	
2(b)	Organisation/Einteilung	1	Organisierung
2(c)	abholen	1	
2(d)	zusätzlichen	1	
2(e)	zur Verfügung gestellt/angeboten	1	

Question	Answer	Marks	Not Allowed Responses
3(a)	Telefonkonferenz beim Frühstück Vorbereitung auf dem Sofa	2	
3(b)	Fachkräftemangel Effizientes, ortsunabhängiges Arbeiten Spezialisten brauchen nicht umziehen	3	

Question	Answer	Marks	Not Allowed Responses
3(c)	Flexiblere Arbeitszeiten Kann Arbeit unterbrechen Freiheit, am frühen Morgen zu arbeiten	3	
3(d)	Mitarbeiter sind zufriedener Erhöhte Motivation/mehr Produktivität Viele arbeiten mehr	3	
3(e)	Mitarbeiter sollen von überall arbeiten (Grundausrüstung) Einige Büro-Arbeitsplätze Arbeiten im Café Kosten sparen	4	

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Additional marking guidance for Quality of language – questions 3 and 4

The five marks available for Quality of Language are awarded **globally** for the whole performance on each set of answers.

A concise answer, containing all mark-bearing components for Content is scored on the full range of marks for language, i.e. length does not determine the Quality of Language mark.

Answers scoring 0 for Content cannot contribute to the overall Quality of Language mark.

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Total Content marks available on questions where a candidate scores 0	Reduce Quality of Language mark by:
2–3	1
4–5	2
6–7	3
8–14	4
15	5

Note: A minimum of one mark for Quality of Language should be awarded if there are any Content marks at all (i.e. 0 Quality of Language marks only if 0 Content marks).

Question 4

Mark as Question 3

Question	Answer	Marks	Not Allowed Responses
4(a)	Fördert Kreativität Verhindert Faulheit/Selbstaussbeutung Besseres Privatleben	3	
4(b)	Anwesenheitspflicht Feste Arbeitszeiten Kollegengespräche Kaffeetasse mit Spruch (any 3 of 4)	3	
4(c)	Mehr Effizienz (durch Diskussionen) Schnellere Arbeit im Büro Bessere Qualität	3	
4(d)	Die Faulen arbeiten zu Hause weniger durch weniger Kontrolle; erfordert Disziplin Die Fleißigen arbeiten zu viel; halten sich nicht an Arbeitszeiten	2	
4(e)	Ständig auf Empfang Wir arbeiten länger	2	
4(f)	Büro stiftet Identität Beruhigende Sicherheit von Strukturen und Ritualen Interaktion mit Kollegen gibt soziale Sicherheit (any 2 of 3)	2	

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Question 5**Length of 5(a) + 5(b) (Summary and Personal Response)**

Writing within the maximum length is part of the task, and candidates who remain within the limit (140 words in total) deserve credit.

For these purposes, a word is defined as any item that stands alone and is not joined by a hyphen or apostrophe, etc.

Examiners make a rough estimate of the length by a quick calculation of the number of words on a line.

If the piece is clearly too long, calculate the length more precisely.

Insert the vertical wavy line after the 150th word to show the end of the response to be marked.

**Content marks: Summary**

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The summary could include the following points (award 1 mark for each point covered up to a maximum of 10 points):

<u>Vorteile</u>
A Weniger Hektik
B Spezialisten brauchen nicht umziehen
C Flexiblere Arbeitszeiten
D Mitarbeiter zufriedener/bessere Motivation
E Mitarbeiter produktiver
F Unternehmen spart Bürokosten
G
H

<u>Nachteile</u>
M Keine festen Strukturen
N Büro stiftet Identität
O Keine Grenze Job/Privatleben
P Mögliche Isolation
Q Weniger Kontrolle über Mitarbeiter
R Weniger kreativ/Austausch mit Kollegen
S Kann Faulheit unterstützen oder
T Mitarbeiter arbeiten länger/Selbstbestrafung
U
V
W

Content marks: Response to the Text

[5]

Marked like a mini-essay according to the variety and interest of the opinions and views expressed, the response to the original text stimulus and the ability to express a personal point of view.

5 Very good Varied and interesting ideas, showing an element of flair and imagination, a capacity to express a personal point of view.
4 Good Not the flair and imagination of the best candidates, but work still shows an ability to express a range of ideas, maintain interest and respond to the issues raised.
3 Sound A fair level of interest and ideas. May concentrate on a single issue, but there is still a response to ideas in the text.
2 Below average Limited range of ideas; rather humdrum. May disregard the element of response to the text, and write a largely unrelated free-composition.
0–1 Poor Few ideas to offer on the theme. Banal and pedestrian. No element of personal response to the text. Repeated error.

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