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for the guidance of teachers**

9395 TRAVEL AND TOURISM

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Paper 3 (International Business & Leisure Travel Services),
maximum raw mark 100

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Question	Expected response	Marks	Focus	AO
1 (a) (i)	<p>Identify two features of the 'Swiss Business Deal' promotion offered by this hotel.</p> <p>Award one mark for the identification of each of two features of the 'Swiss Business Deal'.</p> <p>Correct answers include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • daily complementary breakfast (1) • daily complementary evening cocktails (1) • free local telephone calls (1) • direct dial telephone with voicemail (1) • 2 pieces of complementary laundry/dry cleaning/pressing daily (1) • complementary Wi-Fi access (1) • free access to the fitness centre (1). 	2	3.2	AO1
(ii)	<p>Suggest and explain three reasons why hotels, such as the Swissôtel Krasnye Holmy, are developing specific business packages such as the 'Swiss Business Deal'.</p> <p>Award one mark for the identification of each of three reasons for providing business packages and a second mark for further development.</p> <p>Correct responses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • overcoming issues of seasonality (1) – increasing hotel occupancy throughout the year (1) • promotional strategy (1) – increases business (1) • expands products and services (1) – to develop a niche market (1) • competitive advantage (1) – other hotels in the area may be offering similar packages (1) • growth in business tourism worldwide (1) – one of the fastest tourism market segments (1) • meet customer needs (1) – increase in demand for conference packages (1) • region offers ease of access for business customers (1) – transport links are good (1) • area offers linked amenities (1) – infrastructure to support increased numbers of visitors (1). 	6	3.4	AO1 AO2

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(b) (i)	<p>Identify and explain <u>two</u> ways that the Swissôtel chain may meet the technological needs of all of its customers.</p> <p>Award one mark for basic identification and a second mark for further development for each of two ways. Correct responses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mobile phone reservation system (1) – allows all customers to manage their reservations from wherever they are (1) • Internet access in every room (1) – allows guests to keep up to date checking emails, using social networks etc. during their stay at the hotel (1) • direct dial telephones with voicemail (1) – more convenient for guests than having to be connected via switchboard or the need to have messages passed on via reception (1). Do not accept free local telephone calls. • RFP online booking tool (1) – meets the needs of business customers (1) • business guests have free Wi-Fi connection (1) – saves the need to carry bulky wired connections (1). 	4	3.2	AO1 AO2
(ii)	<p>Other than technology, explain <u>two</u> aspects of the appeal of the Swissôtel Krasnye Holmy to leisure customers.</p> <p>Award one mark for the identification of each of two reasons for the appeal and a second mark for further development. Correct responses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • centrally located (1) – ease of access to all city amenities (1) • award-winning hotel (1) – element of prestige (1) • spacious/luxurious guest rooms/spectacular views (1) – luxury feel (1) • convenient location (1) – close to the international airport (1) • car parking (1) – safe and secure parking for hire cars etc. (1) • 5 restaurants and bars (1) – wide choice for all tastes (1) • Fitness centre/spa/sauna/swimming pool (1) – provides choice of leisure activities under one roof (1). <p>Accept any reasonable response.</p>	4	3.2	AO1 AO2

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(c)	<p>Discuss the benefits to conference organisers of using tools such as the integrated online RFP tool, when planning a business event.</p> <p><i>Use Level of Response criteria.</i></p> <p>Indicative content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • convenience • time-saving • ease of repeat booking • instant response • can select required facility options • overcoming language issues. <p>Level 1 (1–3 marks) Will be awarded for responses that describe one, two or more ways in which the RFP tool may be used.</p> <p>Level 2 (4–6 marks) Candidates at this level will begin to explain/analyse one, two or more benefits to conference organisers of using this RFP tool.</p> <p>Level 3 (7–9 marks) This level will be awarded to candidates who make at least one reasoned evaluative comment about the benefits of using the RFP tool.</p>	9	3.4	AO1 AO3 AO4
2 (a) (i)	<p>Define the term 'transit passenger'.</p> <p>Someone 'passing through' an airport or seaport (1). Normally refers to a passenger awaiting a connecting flight (1). Do not accept 'stop for a break', except in context of flight change.</p>	1	3.1	AO1
(ii)	<p>Identify <u>three</u> ways in which Incheon International Airport has become a 'business and leisure hub'.</p> <p>Award one mark for the identification of each of three ways.</p> <p>Correct responses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • outstanding services for transit passengers (1) • by building the 'Integrated Air City' (1) • providing spa facilities (1) • by providing a golf town (1) • the on-site casino (1) • by offering a cultural visit to the Korean Culture Museum (1) • by providing the design gallery (1) • business lounges (1) • free Internet access (1). <p>Accept any reasonable suggestion, only from the indented list of bullet points in stimulus.</p>	3	3.1	AO1

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<p>(b) (i)</p>	<p>Other than for its services for transit passengers, identify and explain <u>three</u> reasons why Incheon International Airport may have been voted 'Best Airport Worldwide' on several occasions.</p> <p>Award one mark for each correct identification (up to a maximum of three reasons) and a second mark for an explanation.</p> <p>Correct responses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • its 'green approach' – making use of renewable energy sources (1) as media attention is very much on the negative environmental associations with airlines (1) • its 'advanced technology' (IT and Biotechnology) (1) – utilised to provide customers with convenience for all important processes during their time at the airport (1) • excellent customer service record (1) – efficiency of dealing with high passenger volume, compared with similar, rival airports (1) • provision of excellent transfer links (1) – broad range of options, all with customers' convenience in mind (1). <p>Accept any reasonable suggestions.</p>	6	3.1	AO2 AO3
<p>(ii)</p>	<p>Explain <u>three</u> reasons why winning awards is important for international transport terminals such as Incheon International Airport.</p> <p>Award one mark for each correct identification (up to a maximum of three reasons) and a second mark for an explanation.</p> <p>Correct responses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gives recognition to the organisation or country (1) – raises awareness of customers and other trade organisations (1) • provides positive publicity for the organisation (1) – therefore likely to result in increased popularity (1) • competitive advantage (1) – may gain more customers than rival organisations (1) • increased visitor numbers (1) – increased income generation (1) • helps motivate staff (1) – continue to provide quality service (1). <p>Accept any reasonable answers.</p>	6	3.1 3.2	AO2 AO3

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(c)	<p>Evaluate the importance for airports, such as Incheon International Airport, of providing the infrastructure to accommodate the Airbus A380.</p> <p><i>Use Level of Response criteria.</i></p> <p>Indicative content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to meet the needs of internal and external customers • to remain competitive/for economic reasons • to streamline air service operational efficiency, minimising congestion • to attract airlines, therefore increasing investment • industry standards and safety. <p>Level 1 (1–3 marks) Will be awarded for responses that identify/explain one, two or more reasons why providing the necessary infrastructure for the Airbus A380 is important.</p> <p>Level 2 (4–6 marks) Candidates at this level will use simple analysis of one, two or more reasons why providing the necessary infrastructure for the Airbus A380 is important.</p> <p>Level 3 (7–9 marks) This level will be awarded to candidates who make at least one reasoned evaluative comment about the benefits of providing the necessary infrastructure for the Airbus A380.</p>	9	3.1 3.4	AO2 AO3 AO4
3 (a) (i)	<p>Describe what is meant by the term ‘guiding service’.</p> <p>Award one mark for a basic description and a second mark for relevant exemplification or amplification.</p> <p>Guiding services are an example of an ancillary product (1) normally offered to tourists in addition to their main package (1).</p> <p>Guiding services are comprised of an experienced ‘guide’ – a staff member, who has good local knowledge (1) which they impart to the tourist in return for payment of a fee (1).</p>	2	3.2	AO1

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(ii)	<p>Explain <u>two</u> reasons why leisure visitors to Nepal require guiding services during their visit.</p> <p>Award one mark for each correct identification (up to a maximum of two reasons) and a second mark for an explanation.</p> <p>Correct responses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • area is made up of difficult terrain (1) – for health and safety reasons (1) • act responsibly towards host community/ communicating with locals (1) to avoid conflict/offence (1) • peace of mind (1) – everything taken care of (1) • to make most of their visit (1) – guides provide cultural, historical and environmental insight into an area (1) or opportunity to ask questions (1). <p>Accept any reasonable suggestions.</p>	4	3.2	AO2
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(b)	<p>Suggest and explain <u>three</u> ways in which the Himalayan Rambles' advertised product might appeal to someone wishing to hike in the Nepalese lowlands.</p> <p>Award one mark for each correct appeal (up to a maximum of three reasons) and a second mark for analytical comment.</p> <p>Correct responses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides personalised service (1) – because it specialises in small group treks, customers are more likely to receive one-to-one service than if they joined a trek with a larger organisation (1) • guides are experienced and have been licensed by the government to provide guiding services (1) – this provides peace of mind to the customer that they will be safe in the hands of this organisation (1) • organisation demonstrates responsible attitude to tourism and ecotourism principles (1) – as the guides are locals, they will have an enhanced perception of their environment and their culture and will wish to protect these through their tourism practices (1) • because the organisation claims to charge fair prices, customers will believe that they are getting a fair deal (1); they will also feel happy that their money is being earned by the local community, providing earnings for local people, rather than leaking to an operator abroad (1) • 10% discount for online bookings would appeal to young independent adventure travellers (1) – this type of customer is often budget-conscious and is the market segment most likely to use the Internet to make leisure holiday bookings (1). <p>Accept any reasonable suggestion.</p>	6	3.2 3.4	AO2 AO3
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(c)	<p>Suggest <u>two</u> additional products or services that Himalayan Rambles might offer its customers. Give <u>one</u> reason why you think <u>each</u> of your chosen products or services may be offered.</p> <p>Award one mark for the identification of each of two appropriate additional products or services and a second mark for a reason why the organisation might offer this product/service.</p> <p>Correct responses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • inclusive travel insurance (1) – trekking is a medium/high-risk activity, so customers would benefit from this additional service (1) as it saves them the trouble of arranging their own (1) • additional excursions/activities, e.g. jungle safari, climbing, rafting, skiing, balloon flights etc. (1) – to offer customers more choice (1), to increase income-generation opportunities (1), for diversification reasons (1) • airport transfers (1) – to increase customer satisfaction (1), to enhance image of the organisation (1) • selling souvenirs or local handicrafts (1) – responsible tour operator (1). <p>Do not accept family packages. Accept any reasonable suggestions.</p>	4	3.2 3.4	AO1 AO2
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(d)	<p>Discuss why activities such as trekking in Nepal have become popular with international leisure travellers.</p> <p><i>Use Level of Response criteria.</i></p> <p>Indicative content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • changes in consumer tastes; something different, exciting • popularity in eco/adventure tourism • increased variety of products available • better transport connections to long-haul destinations • change in distribution channels – customers more aware of what is on offer because of the Internet • increase in levels of disposable income and leisure time. <p>Level 1 (1–3 marks) Will be awarded for responses that identify/explain one, two or more reasons why activities such as trekking in Nepal have become popular.</p> <p>Level 2 (4–6 marks) Candidates at this level will use simple analysis of one, two or more reasons why activities such as trekking in Nepal have become popular.</p> <p>Level 3 (7–9 marks) This level will be awarded to candidates who make at least one reasoned evaluative comment about the reasons why activities such as trekking in Nepal have become popular.</p>	9	3.4	AO2 AO3 AO4
4 (a)	<p>Identify the <u>four</u> main consular services provided by these organisations.</p> <p>Award one mark for each correct identification from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'know before you go' information/advice; website (1) • passport and visa services (1) • assistance for those in personal distress or difficulty (1) • assistance during major emergency situations (1). 	4	3.3	AO1

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(b)	<p>Explain <u>two</u> reasons why it is important for travellers to access travel advice and information before travelling abroad.</p> <p>Award one mark for the identification of each of two reasons and up to two additional marks for development of each reason.</p> <p>Correct responses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'know before you go' (1) provides a checklist of dos and don'ts (1) – the information gives you tips about how to travel safely and avoid health risks (1), to gain cultural understanding (1) • be aware of travel warnings (1) – these organisations list destinations to which it is unwise to travel (1) because of civil unrest, political instability or emergency situations (1) • passport and visa advice (1) – information about how long it takes to apply for the necessary documentation for your trip (1); travel advice may help you plan your trip properly. <p>Accept any reasonable suggestions.</p>	6	3.3 3.4	AO1 AO3
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(c)	<p>Discuss the usefulness of using the Internet for travellers to share travel advice and information.</p> <p><i>Use Level of Response criteria.</i></p> <p>Indicative content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • popularity of this type of contact, especially with young people (backpackers, gap year travellers) • mobile technology allows regular and instant messaging and updates • sites such as Flickr, Facebook, Twitter etc. allow you to share images as well as information • can gain first-hand experiences and opinions about situations/destinations etc. • accessibility 24/7 • multilingual resource • can be misused/biased etc. <p>Level 1 (1–2 marks) Will be awarded for responses that identify/explain one, two or more reasons to support the use of social network sites to share travel advice/information.</p> <p>Level 2 (3–4 marks) Candidates at this level will use simple analysis of one, two or more reasons to support/refute the usefulness of social network sites to share travel advice/information.</p> <p>Level 3 (5–6 marks) This level will be awarded to candidates who make at least one reasoned evaluative comment about the benefits/disadvantages of using social network sites to share travel advice/information.</p>	6	3.4	AO2 AO3 AO4
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(d)	<p>Evaluate the reasons why the demand for consular services has increased over recent years.</p> <p><i>Use Level of Response criteria.</i></p> <p>Indicative content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increase in number of ex-pats around the world • rise in low-cost air travel – increase in number of people travelling more frequently • trend for visiting a more diverse range of destinations • increase in number of independent travellers – not supported by tour operators • increased awareness of dangers posed by terrorist activity. <p>Level 1 (1–3 marks) Will be awarded for responses that identify/explain one, two or more reasons why the demand for consular services has increased.</p> <p>Level 2 (4–6 marks) Candidates at this level will use simple analysis of one, two or more reasons why demand for consular services has increased.</p> <p>Level 3 (7–9 marks) This level will be awarded to candidates who make at least one reasoned evaluative comment about the reasons why demand for consular services has increased.</p>	9	3.4	AO1 AO3 AO4
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