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Paper 2 Case Study

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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.

**Social Science-Specific Marking Principles
(for point-based marking)****1 Components using point-based marking:**

- Point marking is often used to reward knowledge, understanding and application of skills. We give credit where the candidate's answer shows relevant knowledge, understanding and application of skills in answering the question. We do not give credit where the answer shows confusion.

From this it follows that we:

- a** DO credit answers which are worded differently from the mark scheme if they clearly convey the same meaning (unless the mark scheme requires a specific term)
- b** DO credit alternative answers/examples which are not written in the mark scheme if they are correct
- c** DO credit answers where candidates give more than one correct answer in one prompt/numbered/scaffolded space where extended writing is required rather than list-type answers. For example, questions that require *n* reasons (e.g. State two reasons ...).
- d** DO NOT credit answers simply for using a 'key term' unless that is all that is required. (Check for evidence it is understood and not used wrongly.)
- e** DO NOT credit answers which are obviously self-contradicting or trying to cover all possibilities
- f** DO NOT give further credit for what is effectively repetition of a correct point already credited unless the language itself is being tested. This applies equally to 'mirror statements' (i.e. polluted/not polluted).
- g** DO NOT require spellings to be correct, unless this is part of the test. However spellings of syllabus terms must allow for clear and unambiguous separation from other syllabus terms with which they may be confused (e.g. Corrasion/Corrosion)

2 Presentation of mark scheme:

- Slashes (/) or the word 'or' separate alternative ways of making the same point.
- Semi colons (;) bullet points (•) or figures in brackets (1) separate different points.
- Content in the answer column in brackets is for examiner information/context to clarify the marking but is not required to earn the mark (except Accounting syllabuses where they indicate negative numbers).

3 Calculation questions:

- The mark scheme will show the steps in the most likely correct method(s), the mark for each step, the correct answer(s) and the mark for each answer
- If working/explanation is considered essential for full credit, this will be indicated in the question paper and in the mark scheme. In all other instances, the correct answer to a calculation should be given full credit, even if no supporting working is shown.
- Where the candidate uses a valid method which is not covered by the mark scheme, award equivalent marks for reaching equivalent stages.
- Where an answer makes use of a candidate's own incorrect figure from previous working, the 'own figure rule' applies: full marks will be given if a correct and complete method is used. Further guidance will be included in the mark scheme where necessary and any exceptions to this general principle will be noted.

4 Annotation:

- For point marking, ticks can be used to indicate correct answers and crosses can be used to indicate wrong answers. There is no direct relationship between ticks and marks. Ticks have no defined meaning for levels of response marking.
- For levels of response marking, the level awarded should be annotated on the script.
- Other annotations will be used by examiners as agreed during standardisation, and the meaning will be understood by all examiners who marked that paper.

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1(a)	Explain <u>two</u> advantages and <u>two</u> disadvantages of setting up a business as a private limited company. Award 1 mark for each relevant advantage/disadvantage (maximum of two advantages / two disadvantages). Award a maximum of one additional mark for each explanation of the advantage/disadvantage of setting up a private limited company. Relevant answers might include: Advantages • Raise capital from the sale of shares – may raise more capital than if a sole trader / partnership • Limited liability – will not lose personal possessions if business fails • Separate legal identity – company can be sued instead of the owners • Continuity • Cannot be taken over without the consent of the shareholders Disadvantages • Cannot sell shares to the public / cannot be sold on the stock exchange – as can only be sold to family and friends so restricts the capital that can be raised from share issue • Legal formalities setting up the company – have to complete paperwork to register the company which takes time and money • Accounts / financial statements are available for the public to see • Not easy to transfer shares – as must have the approval of the other shareholders • Financial statements need to be audited each year – increase in annual expenses For example: Capital can be raised from the sale of shares (1) and this may provide more finance than if just owners' savings are used if a sole trader. (1)	8

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3(b)	Consider how a job description, job specification and the shortlist of candidates will be helpful in the recruitment process for TT. Which is the most important stage to ensure Tandeeep recruits the best person to be a manager at TT? Justify your answer. <table> <tr> <th>Level</th><th>Description</th><th>Marks</th></tr> <tr> <td>3</td><td> Sound application of knowledge and understanding of relevant business concepts using appropriate terminology. Detailed discussion of two or more stages of the recruitment process. Well-justified conclusion. Candidates discussing all three stages in detail, in context and with a well-justified conclusion including why the other stages were less important should be rewarded with the top marks in the band. </td><td>9–12</td></tr> <tr> <td>2</td><td> Sound application of knowledge and understanding of relevant business concepts using appropriate terminology. Detailed discussion of at least one stage. Judgement with some justification / some evaluation of choices made. Candidates discussing two or more stages in detail and applying it to the case should be rewarded with the top marks in the band. </td><td>5–8</td></tr> <tr> <td>1</td><td> Limited application of knowledge and understanding of relevant business concepts. Limited ability to discuss these stages with little/no explanation. Simple judgement with limited justification / limited evaluation of choices made. Candidates outlining all three stages in context should be rewarded with the top marks in the band. </td><td>1–4</td></tr> <tr> <td>0</td><td>No creditable response.</td><td>0</td></tr> </table>	Level	Description	Marks	3	Sound application of knowledge and understanding of relevant business concepts using appropriate terminology. Detailed discussion of two or more stages of the recruitment process. Well-justified conclusion. Candidates discussing all three stages in detail, in context and with a well-justified conclusion including why the other stages were less important should be rewarded with the top marks in the band.	9–12	2	Sound application of knowledge and understanding of relevant business concepts using appropriate terminology. Detailed discussion of at least one stage. Judgement with some justification / some evaluation of choices made. Candidates discussing two or more stages in detail and applying it to the case should be rewarded with the top marks in the band.	5–8	1	Limited application of knowledge and understanding of relevant business concepts. Limited ability to discuss these stages with little/no explanation. Simple judgement with limited justification / limited evaluation of choices made. Candidates outlining all three stages in context should be rewarded with the top marks in the band.	1–4	0	No creditable response.	0	12
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