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# **Generic Marking Principles**

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### **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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Question	Ans	swer			Ma			
1(a)(i)	Define the term 'market segment' (line 3).							
	Knowledge	Knowledge						
	A correct definition			2				
	A partial, vague or unfocused definition	n		1				
	No creditable content			0				
	<ul> <li>Content</li> <li>Part of a market</li> <li>Made up of groups of customers whiterests, etc.</li> </ul>	ho share	similar characterist	ics,				
	<ul><li>Part of a market</li><li>Made up of groups of customers with</li></ul>	ho share	similar characterist	ics,				
	<ul> <li>Part of a market</li> <li>Made up of groups of customers white interests, etc.</li> <li>Exemplar</li> <li>Sub-group of a whole market (1) for</li> </ul>	Marks	Rational Identifies that it is	le part of a				
	<ul> <li>Part of a market</li> <li>Made up of groups of customers white interests, etc.</li> </ul> Exemplar	T	Rationa	le part of a				
	<ul> <li>Part of a market</li> <li>Made up of groups of customers white interests, etc.</li> <li>Exemplar</li> <li>Sub-group of a whole market (1) for consumers with similar</li> </ul>	Marks	Rational Identifies that it is market aimed at s	part of a specific nat it is out no				

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Question		Answer							
1(a)(ii)	Briefly explain the term 'public sector organisation' (line 1).								
	Award one mark for each point of explanation:								
		Kno	wledge		Marks				
	С	Example or some other way e.g. Product that might not b private sector/profit not an old	e adequa		1				
	В	To provide a service to the lo objectives	ocal comm	nunity/ social	1				
	А	Owned/controlled by the state	te/governr	ment	1				
	A busi	Note: Must have an answer from section A or B  Content A business owned and controlled by the government to provide services and products that might not be adequately provided by the private sector.							
		Exemplar	Marks	Rationale					
	(1) to	ed and controlled by the state provide a social benefit (1) not an objective (1)	3	All 3 elements include B + C	ed – A +				
		ed by the government (1) e.g. ervice (1)	2	Only 2 elements A + 0					
	profit	un with the aim of making a (1) but aim to a service to ommunity (1)	2	Only 2 elements B + 0					
	State	owned enterprise (1)	1	Only 1 element A					
		nization funded by the nment	0	Too vague – private s organizations may be by the government					

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Question	Answer							
1(b)(i)	Calculate the gross profit margin (%) for The Lido.							
	Rationale Marks							
	Correct answer w	ith or with	nout correct working	3				
	Identifies correct	data		2				
	Formulae*			1				
	No creditable con	itent		0				
	*Could be implicit t	from the f	ïgures					
	Content (GP / Revenue) × 100 (70 / 280) × 100 = 25% accept 25							
	Exemplar Marks Rationale							
	Exemplar	Marks	Rationale					
	Exemplar 25%	Marks 3	Rationale  Correct answer					
	-							
	25% (70 / 280) × 100	3	Correct answer	a and				
	25% (70 / 280) × 100 = \$25 (70 / 280) × 100	3	Correct answer  Correct numerical answer  Not converted to a % but correct formula	nstead of				

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Question		Answer		Marks				
1(b)(ii)	Explain ho a loss.	w one stakeholder of SP might be affected by the Lid	o making	3				
	Level	Level Knowledge and Application						
	2b (APP + APP)	Explanation of an effect on a stakeholder in context	3					
	2a (APP)	Identification of an effect on a stakeholder in context	2					
	1 (K)	Identification of an effect on a stakeholder	1					
	0	No creditable content	0					
	cost of Custon pool Local of Worker  Reference context. Cl the stakeh	nment/owners: more government spending needed – oppospending ners: prices may increase, may have to travel to further so community: poor service, travel to other pools rs: may be made redundant, lower wages  to owners not having dividends, etc. are unlikely to be losure is not an impact unless it is taken through to s older would be impacted, i.e. The Lido may close lead of the funds available for the government to spend. AR	wimming  oe in  how how ding to an					

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Question	Answer							
1(c)	_	se one advantage mination.	and o	ne disadv	antage to SP of usi	ng prid	ce	8
	Level	Knowledge and Application (4 marks)	Marks	Anno- tation	Analysis (4 marks)	Marks	Anno- tation	
	2b	Shows understanding of price discrimination in context	4	APP+ APP	Good analysis of one advantage and one disadvantage to SP of using price discrimination	4	DEV+ DEV	
	2a	Shows understanding of pricing methods in context	3	APP	Good analysis of one advantage or one disadvantage to SP of using price discrimination	3	DEV	
	1b	Shows knowledge of price discrimination	2	K+K	Limited analysis of one advantage and one disadvantage of using price discrimination	2	AN+ AN	
	1a	Shows knowledge of pricing methods	1	К	Limited analysis of one advantage <b>or</b> one disadvantage of using price discrimination	1	AN	
	0	No creditable content						
	<ul> <li>Indoor</li> <li>Gi</li> <li>Ca</li> <li>Ca</li> <li>Re</li> <li>Ma</li> <li>Ma</li> </ul>	vned business ves access to the s come an be used to incre an be used to decre educe income – ma ay be seen as a po ay be seen as unfa ay lead to excess o	swimmi ase de ease de ay be co or qual iir agair	ng pool to mand dur emand at ontributing ity service ast people	peak times. Disadvang to the loss made by	pender tages: The Li	nt on	

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Question			Answer	•			М
1(d)	Recommend whether SP	should	d close Th	ne Lido. Justify yo	ur an	swer.	
	Knowledge and Application (4 marks)	Marks	Anno- tation	Analysis and Evaluation (7 marks)	Marks	Anno- tation	
				A justified recommend-ation based on a developed two sided argument	7		
				A developed recommend-ation based on a developed two sided argument	6		
				A basic recommend- ation based on a developed two sided argument	5	EVAL	
	Shows understanding of factors affecting business performance	2.4	APP + APP	Developed argument based on closure of the Lido <b>and</b> keeping the Lido open	4		
	of The Lido or the impact of closing/ staying open in context	3-4	APP	Developed argument based on either closure of the Lido open	3		
	Shows knowledge of business performance	1-2	K+K	Limited analysis of closing a business <b>and</b> keeping a business open	2		
			К	Limited analysis of closing a business or keeping a business open	1		
	No cre	editable	content		0		

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(d)	<ul> <li>Content</li> <li>Arguments for closure:</li> <li>The Lido will be subsidised by other swimming pools/the Government – is this a good use of taxpayers' money?</li> <li>Would a different facility be better – one that could make a profit or cover its own costs?</li> <li>Is the local area the best for a swimming pool – would government money be better spent on creating jobs?</li> <li>Arguments against closure:</li> <li>Publically owned so profit is not the objective of the business – does it matter if The Lido makes a loss?</li> <li>The Lido only makes a loss when the allocation of Head Office costs are included – is this a fair allocation?</li> <li>The local community has high unemployment – closure is likely to affect these the most</li> <li>There are many schools in the local area – the closure would reduce the ability for these to teach swimming.</li> <li>The Lido benefits local fitness/combats obesity</li> </ul>	

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uestion			Answer			Ma	
2(a)(i)	Define the term 'demand' (line 9).						
		Marks					
	В	Quantity/at a given price/o	ver a spec	ific period of time	2		
	А	Willing/able to purchase			1		
		No creditable content			0		
		and able to purchase, at a gi n of the demand curve withou					
					rk		
	diagram  How m	n of the demand curve withou	ut further e	xplanation up to 1 ma	rk		
	How m (1) cus for (1)	Exemplar  nuch of a good or service	Marks	xplanation up to 1 ma	rk		
	How m (1) cus for (1)  Amount custon	Exemplar  nuch of a good or service stomers are willing to pay  nut of the product (1) the	Marks 2	Rationale Both A+B	not the ut the		

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Question		Answer						
2(a)(ii)		Briefly explain the term 'partnership' (line 1). Award one mark for of explanation:  Knowledge						
	С	Example or some other way understanding e.g. shared is losses/finance			3			
	В	Unlimited liability/lack of co	ntinuity		2			
	А	Two or more owners			1			
	a busin	agreement between two or mess. Unlimited liability unless and responsibilities.						
	a busin losses	ess. Unlimited liability unless and responsibilities.  Exemplar			rofits,			
	Two o	ess. Unlimited liability unless and responsibilities.	a limited p	partner. Share risks, p	rofits,			
	Two o busine shared unlimit	Exemplar  r more people run a ess together (1) usually with d capital (1) They have ted liability (1)  r more people run a ess (1) and provide the	a limited p	partner. Share risks, p	planation			
	Two o busine shared unlimit	Exemplar  r more people run a ess together (1) usually with d capital (1) They have ted liability (1)  r more people run a ess (1) and provide the	Marks 3	Rationale  Good, developed ex  Explanation ok but r	eplanation			

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Question			Answer			Marks	
2(b)(i)	Calculate tl	ne revenue generated	d from cal	es with a jam filling.		3	
	Rationale Marks						
	Correct an		3				
	Attempt wi	th correct figures			2		
	Identification	on of Jam %			1		
	No credital	ole content			0		
	Content Jam = 10 % \$100 000	of sales revenue Tota	l sales rev	enue = \$1 m 10 % of \$1	m =		
		Exemplar	Marks	Rationale			
	\$100000		3	Correct answer			
	100 – 90 = 1000000 (		2	Identifies 10% for jam identifies correct sales of £1m and attempts to	revenue		
	100 = 1000	00		but is incorrect	у арріу		
	Jam is 10%	6 of revenue	1	Only calculates jam%			
2(b)(ii)	Explain one the busines	folio of	3				
	Level Knowledge and Applicati			Application	Marks		
	2b (APP + APP)	Explanation of an im portfolio in context	pact of red	ucing the product	3		
	2a (APP)	Identification of an importfolio in context	npact of re	ducing the product	2		
	1 (K)	Knowledge of produc	1				
	0 No creditable content						
	<ul><li>Special</li><li>May red</li><li>Loss of</li><li>Custom</li></ul>	isation by concentratin duce customers due to 10% of sales revenue	ig on Crea a lack of v – will it de have wha	ariety – may not come t	o shop		

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Question	Answer						Marks		
2(c)	Analyse one advantage and one disadvantage to KC of using job production.								
	Level	Knowledge and Application (4 marks)	Mark	Anno- tation	Analysis (4 marks)	Mark	Anno- tation		
		Shows understanding		APP+ APP	Good analysis of one advantage		DEV+ DEV		
	2b	of job production in context	4		and one disadvantage to KC of using job production	4			
		Shows understanding		APP	Good analysis of one advantage <b>or</b>		DEV		
	2a	of production methods in context	3		one disadvantage to KC of using job production	3			
	1b	Shows knowledge of job production	2	KK	Limited analysis of one advantage and one disadvantage of using job production	2	AN+ AN		
	1a	Shows knowledge of production methods	1	К	Limited analysis of one advantage or one disadvantage of using job production	1	AN		
	0	No creditable co	ntent				•		

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(c)	Content Advantages:  Customers can have their cake personalised to their requirements – increase revenue/profits  Allows KC to charge a higher price  Higher quality cakes – increase word of mouth promotion for KC  Disadvantages:  Higher cost – requires specialist skills and inventory  Loss of economies of scale  Inventory is perishable but need to keep in stock, just in case  Higher price leading to lower demand  ARA	

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Question	Answer						
2(d)	Evaluate the job description created by James.						
	Knowledge and Application (4 marks)	Mark	Anno- tation	Analysis and Evaluation (7 marks)	Mark	Anno- tation	
				A justified recommendation/judg ement based on a developed argument of at least two elements of the job description in context	7		
				A developed recommendation/judg ement based on a developed argument of at least two elements of the job description in context	6		
				A basic recommendation/judg ement based on a developed argument of at least two elements of the job description in context	5	EVAL	
	Shows understanding of two elements of the job description created by James	4	APP + APP	Developed argument of <b>two</b> elements of the job description in context	4		
	Shows understanding of one element of the job description created by James	3	APP	Developed argument of <b>one</b> element of the job description in context	3		
	Shows knowledge of recruitment process/job descriptions	1-2	K + K	Limited analysis of <b>two</b> elements of a job description	2		
			К	Limited analysis of one element of a job description	1		
	No creditable content						

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(d)	<ul> <li>Specific job title – should only target those who are interested in this job. However, is it too specific – are KC likely to find enough of a pool of people?</li> <li>Some of the items belong on a person specification.</li> <li>Specific skills – produce and decorate cakes and creative.</li> <li>Set hours of work – again should reduce the potential recruits – is it really seven days a week?</li> <li>Why does the person need to be able to produce and decorate cakes when full training will be given?</li> <li>Is it legal/ethical to state that the worker should be young? Why is this important?</li> <li>No mention as to why the worker needs a driving licence?</li> <li>Rate of pay is very vague – will this put potential applicants off?</li> <li>Does not mention production method</li> </ul>	

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