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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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2(d)	<p>Responses could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • same field and same knowledge/expertise (1) • international working experience (1) • bring additional capital (1) • may dilute the ownership (1) • may dilute the control (1) • already merge with Raj (1) • share the profit (1) • share the loss (1) <p>1 mark for decision and Max 2 marks for justification Accept other valid points</p>	3

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3(a)	\$ Shop takings (49 200 + 870) Opening inventory 1 300 Purchases (15 100 + 2810 – 2740) 15 170 Closing inventory <u>1 100</u> Gross profit 34 700 (1)OF Shop wages 18 700 Shop expenses <u>9 400</u> Shop profit for the year <u>6 600</u> (1)OF	\$ 50 070 (1) (1) 15 370 (1)OF 18 700 9 400 (1)OF	4
3(b)	Subscriptions (78 650 + (1200 – 1600)(1) + (1900 – 400)(1) Shop profit Administrative expenses Depreciation 40000x20% Deficit for the year	\$ 79 750 6 600 (1)OF 86 350 78 600 8 000 (1) (250) (1)OF	5
3(c)	Bank Shop inventory Members' subscriptions due Club equipment - at cost Club equipment - accumulated depreciation Shop trade payables Subscriptions in advance Accumulated fund at 1 January 2019 Deficit for the year Accumulated fund at 31 December 2019	\$ 9 850 1 300 1 600 40 000 (32 000) (2 740) (1 200) 16 810 (1) (250) (1)OF 16 560 (1)OF	3

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3(d)	Financial statements of a limited company income statement, statement of financial position and statement of cash flows profit or loss for the year equity prepared on the basis of trial balance	Financial statements of a not-for profit organisation income and expenditure account and statement of financial position excess of income over expenditure or excess of expenditure over income accumulated fund prepared on the basis of receipts and expenditure account	4
<p>Accept any other reasonable alternatives. 1 mark for each pair of differences up to a max of 4</p>			
3(e)	Responses could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bank balance is only \$16 770 (\$15 900 + \$870) (1) • the club must replace the club equipment which is at the final year of the useful life (1) • no other assets such as investments which are easily convertible into cash (1) • do not have enough cash to replacement club equipment (1) • may ask for credit/payable by instalments/bank loan/members' contribution (1) <p>Max 4 Accept other valid points</p>		4
3(f)	Responses could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • subscriptions fee are recurring and club equipment is once and for all (1) • members may leave the club (1) • members are not obliged to subscribe more (1) • members' donations (1) • bank loans – finance cost and collateral required (1) • alternative source of finance could be interest free loans from members (1) <p>Max 4 for comments, plus further 1 mark for decision Accept other valid points</p>		5

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	Direct labour	160 000 (1)	153 600 (1)	156 864	
	Fixed overheads	<u>48 000 (1)</u>	<u>46 080 (1)</u>	<u>49 800</u>	
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