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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.

<p>GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:</p> <p>Marks must be awarded in line with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:</p> <p>Marks awarded are always whole marks (not half marks, or other fractions).</p>
<p>GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:</p> <p>Marks must be awarded positively:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:</p> <p>Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.</p>

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. Corrosion/Corrosion)

<p>2 Presentation of mark scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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).
<p>3 Calculation questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>4 Annotation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

ANNOTATIONS

The following annotations are used in marking this paper and should be used by examiners.

Annotation	Use or meaning
✓	Correct and relevant point made in answering the question.
×	Incorrect point or error made.
LNK	Two statements are linked.
REP	Repeat
A	An extraneous figure
N0	No working shown
AE	Attempts evaluation
R1	Required item 1
R2	Required item 2
OF	Own figure
EVAL	Evaluation
NAQ	Not answered question
BOD	Benefit of the doubt given.
SEEN	Noted but no credit given
Highlight	Highlight
Off page Comment	Off page comment

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1(f)	<p>Café wages are saved leading to higher profit from sale of refreshment (1) More space is released for club's other activities (1) Can offer snack and drinks 24/7 (1) Should consider the cost of vending machines (1) Welcoming atmosphere created by café staff (1) Food and drinks offered are fresher (1) Food and drinks are made to special needs, e.g. allergies (1) Redundancy payment if café staff are fired (1) Need for comparison between profitability and profit margins on vending machines and café. (1)</p> <p>1 mark for decision</p> <p>Accept other valid answers.</p>	5

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2(a)	<p>Revised statement of financial position at 31 December 2021</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;"></td> <td style="text-align: right; width: 20%;">\$</td> <td style="text-align: right; width: 20%;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Non-current assets</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Property, plant and equipment W1</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">794 500 (3)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Current assets</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Inventory W2</td> <td style="text-align: right;">76 500 (3)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Trade receivables (\$164 000-\$12 000)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">152 000 (1)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cash and cash equivalents</td> <td style="text-align: right;">86 000</td> <td style="text-align: right;">314 500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total assets</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 3px double black;">1 109 000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Equity</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ordinary share capital (\$1 shares)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">600 000</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Revaluation reserve</td> <td style="text-align: right;">146 000 (1)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Retained earnings W3</td> <td style="text-align: right;">153 000 (4)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">899 000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Current liabilities</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Trade payables</td> <td style="text-align: right;">128 000</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other payables W4</td> <td style="text-align: right;">82 000 (2)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">210 000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total equity and liabilities</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 3px double black;">1 109 000</td> </tr> </table>		\$	\$	Non-current assets			Property, plant and equipment W1		794 500 (3)	Current assets			Inventory W2	76 500 (3)		Trade receivables (\$164 000-\$12 000)	152 000 (1)		Cash and cash equivalents	86 000	314 500	Total assets		1 109 000	Equity			Ordinary share capital (\$1 shares)	600 000		Revaluation reserve	146 000 (1)		Retained earnings W3	153 000 (4)	899 000	Current liabilities			Trade payables	128 000		Other payables W4	82 000 (2)	210 000	Total equity and liabilities		1 109 000	14
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2(b)	Item 3 IAS 37 Provisions, contingent liabilities and contingent assets (1) The success of the claim is not probable (1) and therefore there is no need to make provision (1) . However, it is necessary to disclose the claim as a note to the financial statements. (1) Provision for legal cost \$8 000 should be made (1) as it is a liability (1) of uncertain timing or amount. (1)	7
2(c)(i)	Events after the reporting period are those events, favourable and unfavourable, occur between the end of the reporting period (1) and the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue. (1)	2
2(c)(ii)	Adjusting events – those that provide evidence of conditions that existed at the end of the reporting period (1)	1
2(c)(iii)	Non-adjusting events – those that are indicative of conditions that arose after the reporting period. (1)	1

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3(b)(i)	<p>Price earnings ratio</p> <p>Earnings per share $\\$198\,000/450\,000$</p> <p style="text-align: right;">$\\$0.44$ (1)OF</p> <p>$\\$4.52/\\0.44 (1)OF</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10.27 (1)OF</p>	3												
3(b)(ii)	<p>Dividend yield</p> <p>$(\\$0.3 + \\$0.25)/\\$4.52 \times 100$ (1)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">12.17% (1)</p>	2												
3(b)(iii)	<p>Gearing ratio</p> <p>$\\$150\,000/(\\$711\,000 + \\$150\,000) \times 100$ (1)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">17.42% (1)</p>	2												
3(b)(iv)	<p>Income gearing</p> <p>Debtenture interest $\\$150\,000 \times 9\% = \\$13\,500$ (1)</p> <p>$\\$13\,500/(\\$198\,000\text{ OF} + \\$13\,500) \times 100$</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6.38% (1)OF</p>	2												
3(b)(v)	<p>Return on capital employed</p> <p>$(\\$198\,000\text{ OF} + \\$13\,500)$ (1)OF / $(\\$711\,000 + \\$150\,000) \times 100$</p> <p style="text-align: right;">24.56% (1)OF</p>	2												

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3(c)	<p>A highly geared company is a company which has a higher proportion of debt (1) compared to its share capital. (1) This indicates that the company has a very high financial risk in terms of default in repayment of debt and high level of interest expenses. (1)</p> <p>Max 2</p> <p>Accept other valid answers.</p>	2
3(d)	<p>The earnings per share for 2020 is \$0.39 (\$3.64/9.27) (1) There is an increase of 12.82% in earnings per share from \$0.39 to \$0.44 (1) The share price has increased (1) by a greater proportion than the earnings (1) as the investors have confidence in E plc (1)</p> <p>Max 3</p> <p>Accept OF answers.</p>	3
3(e)	<p>Profit for the year with the debenture will be lower by the amount of the interest (1) The interest has to be paid whether the company made a profit or not (1) The company may need to provide a security for the debenture (1) Issuing debenture will increase gearing (1) If the shares had been issued the dividends would be at the discretion of the directors (1) The issue of shares would be a permanent capital whereas debenture would have to be repaid (1) Issuing ordinary shares dilutes ownership (1)</p> <p>Max 4</p> <p>1 mark for decision.</p> <p>Accept other valid answers.</p>	5

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6(b)(i)	Sales price variance $(\$72 - \$70) \times 5\,800 = \$11\,600$ (1) F (1)	2
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6(b)(v)	Fixed overhead volume variance Overhead absorption rate $\$4$ $(\$12/3)$ per labour hour $(6\,000 - 5\,800) \times 3 \text{ hours} \times \$4 = \$2\,400$ (1) A(1) Alternative answer $\$72\,000 - (5\,800 \times \$12) = \$2\,400$ (1) A(1)	2
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