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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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Section 1

Question	Answer	Marks
1	A	1
2	С	1
3	В	1
4	С	1
5	С	1
6	С	1
7	A	1
8	A	1
9	В	1
10	С	1
11	D	1
12	С	1
13	D	1
14	В	1
15	D	1
16	A	1
17	A	1
18	D	1
19	В	1
20	С	1

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Section A

Question		Answer		Marks		
21(a)(i)		ta in Table 1: the break-even number of cust	omers	2		
	£104 000/	BE = Fixed costs/contribution per unit [if result incorrect] £104 000/£2 = 52 000 customers				
21(a)(ii)	Calculate of trading	_	0 000 customers in the first year	2		
		= $100000 \times £12 = £1.2$ m OR total [If result incorrect]	cost = ([£10 × 100 000] +			
	Profit = £9	96 000				
21(b)		Evaluate the usefulness of your results to (a) and other information provided when deciding whether to open more BFS City shops.				
		E can be compared with forecast of even assessed	lemand and the likelihood of			
	Profit from	n 100 000 customers could be use estment.	d to assess the likely profitability			
		s: Assumptions may not be accurate content experience of city centre contents.	• • •			
	Overall: Other appraisal needed before the returns from this new shop can be assessed e.g. investment appraisal techniques. Market research data (and sources used) also essential					
	An E 3 marks 3 marks					
	Level 2 3 marks Relevant reasoning or theory used to explain answer 3 marks Good judgement shown plus overall conclusion/judgement					
	Level 1	2–1 marks Limited reasoning shown	2–1 marks Limited evaluation or judgement			

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Question		Answer					
22	Evaluate BFS.	the importance	of effective bud	geting to the fut	ure success of	10	
	Gives foci Allocates Important BUT: No i motivation Delegated Other fact and the si	nancial plans and us to shops/depa resources e.g. be for new ventures nvolvement or panal e.g. no allowal budgeting can lead to sors will also influencess of the City which would incress	rtments etween different s to have plans to articipation of mai nce made for une ead to more effec- ence success e.g shops. But budg	shops work with e.g. the nagers so less accemployment in or stive results. It ability to maintageting could be meaning to the second of the se	e City shop ccurate and less ne town. nin profit margins		
		K 2 marks	App 2 marks	An 3 marks	E 3 marks		
	Level 2	2 marks Good knowledge shown	2 marks Points made well applied to case	3 marks Relevant reasoning or theory used to explain answer	3 marks Good judgement shown plus overall conclusion/ judgement		
	Level 1	1 mark Some knowledge shown	1 mark Some application of points to case	2–1 marks Limited reasoning shown	2–1 marks Limited evaluation or judgement		
	Level 0	0 marks No rewardable content					

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Question			Answer			Marks
23	Recommend a suitable marketing mix for the new BFS City convenience shops. Justify your recommendation.					
	Combinat	ion of marketing	decisions that she	ould be integrated	d and consistent.	
	Price – pe	enetration as need les	d to get new shop	os established an	d students have	
	Product – inventory	convenience not costs	: luxury food prod	ucts. Limited ran	ge to cut	
	Promotion students	n – local promotio	ons only; use of se	ocial media likely	to be used by	
	Place – lo	cation and selling	g methods alread	y established		
	Overall: will this mix detract from the existing image of BFS? Need to establish what the target market is, how it differs from existing market for Bi shops; market research on local demand/tastes essential; most important element of the mix.					
		K 2 marks	App 2 marks	An 3 marks	E 3 marks	
	Level 2	2 marks Good knowledge shown	2 marks Points made well applied to case	3 marks Relevant reasoning or theory used to explain answer	3 marks Good judgement shown plus overall conclusion/ judgement	
	Level 1	1 mark Some knowledge shown	1 mark Some application of points to case	2–1 marks Limited reasoning shown	2–1 marks Limited evaluation or judgement	
	Level 0	0 marks No rewardable content				

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Question		Answer						
24	Assess to	he potential ben me.	efits to BFS froi	n its food waste	production	10		
	7% adds to variable costs substantially so BFS could become more competitive and improve margins if waste reduction is successful.							
		me an important – leading to high		nd lead to positiv	e consumer			
		ay food will be wease profitability?			and media' but			
	Cutting in bulk disco	ventories/order s ounts	izes may lead to	inventory out cos	sts' and lower			
		Better packaging and GM products will not be well received by ethical consumers/media						
	Overall co	Overall conclusion needed.						
		K 2 marks	App 2 marks	An 3 marks	E 3 marks			
	Level 2	2 marks Good knowledge shown	2 marks Points made well applied to case	3 marks Relevant reasoning or theory used to explain answer	3 marks Good judgement shown plus overall conclusion/ judgement			
	Level 1	1 mark Some knowledge shown	1 mark Some application of points to case	2–1 marks Limited reasoning shown	2–1 marks Limited evaluation or judgement			
	Level 0	0 marks No rewardable content						

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Question			Answer			Marks			
25	'Because of the increased use of social media on smartphones and social media's involvement in retail sales, 'social selling' has become red hot. Anyone hoping to improve their online sales success must take advantage of emerging trends.' Eddie Machaalani, co-CEO, Bigcommerce								
	Discuss the likely significance of emerging trends in e-commerce to business success.								
	 Explanation of e-commerce and relevant examples are likely to be given e-commerce widens potential market – especially if foreign language websites are used too Explanation of impact of social media and smart phone purchasing – some types of products/businesses likely to gain more than others. App to different businesses. Risks involved in e-commerce e.g. not updating website or negative social media feedback Do all businesses need an 'online presence'? Apply to different businesses. Business success will also depend on quality/design of products and 								
	 customer service e.g. delivery times. Overall conclusion needed supported by preceding analysis and business examples. K App An E 								
		6 marks AO1	8 marks AO2	13 marks AO3	13 marks AO4				
	Level 3		8–7 marks Excellent application of most points to selected businesses	13–9 marks Extensive reasoning and use of theory to explain arguments	13–9 marks Extensive judgement in answer and conclusion				
	Level 2	6–4 marks Good knowledge shown	6–4 marks Points well applied to selected businesses	8–5 marks Good reasoning/use of theory to explain answer	8–5 marks Good judgement shown in answer and conclusion or excellent judgement in answer or conclusion				
	Level 1	3–1 marks Some knowledge shown	3–1 marks Some application of points	3–1 marks Some reasoning /use of theory to explain answer.	3–1 marks Some judgement shown in answer or conclusion				
	Level 0	0 marks No rewardable content							

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Question			Answer			Marks	
26	From April 2016 the UK National Living Wage (NLW) was introduced at £7.20 per hour for workers aged 25 and over. It is due to rise to over £9 per hour in 2020. Evaluate the likely impact of the NLW on UK businesses.						
	 busin 25% rate t makii Some force BUT seek NLW How Some be litt reduct Impa 	ways of increasir	ut might also offer rears – if other was entials then busin competitive. If very low profit many or reduce workform motivation of lowing labour product ferentials will be poloy mainly highed cing some employ	er opportunities. Ages/salaries incress costs will rise Agragins [or making Agrae – increasing Agrae – incre	rease at similar substantially g losses] may be unemployment. age businesses to e increase in so there might es will help		
		K 6 marks AO1	App 8 marks AO2	An 13 marks AO3	E 13 marks AO4		
	Level 3		8–7 marks Excellent application of most points to selected businesses	13–9 marks Extensive reasoning and use of theory to explain arguments	13–9 marks Extensive judgement in answer and conclusion		
	Level 2	6–4 marks Good knowledge shown	6–4 marks Points well applied to selected businesses	8–5 marks Good reasoning/use of theory to explain answer	8–5 marks Good judgement shown in answer and conclusion or excellent judgement in answer or conclusion		
	Level 1	3–1 marks Some knowledge shown	3–1 marks Some application of points	3–1 marks Some reasoning /use of theory to explain answer.	3–1 marks Some judgement shown in answer or conclusion		
	Level 0	0 marks No rewardable content					

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Question			Answer			Marks
27	it'.	-	ter than you and f Ogilvy and Mat		n to get on with	20
	Discuss v		proach to leader	ship would be e	ffective in all	
	 Laissez faire – might be effective in marketing and communications business where creativity and initiative are essential – the other forms of leadership would be counter-productive. In which types of businesses or which business situations could this approach to leadership be effective? When would it be ineffective? Adapting leadership style to different situations? Relative merits of other styles of leadership – and their appropriateness to different businesses and different situations. 					
		K 6 marks AO1	App 8 marks AO2	An 13 marks AO3	E 13 marks AO4	
	Level 3		8–7 marks Excellent application of most points to selected businesses	13–9 marks Extensive reasoning and use of theory to explain arguments	13–9 marks Extensive judgement in answer and conclusion	
	Level 2	6–4 marks Good knowledge shown	6–4 marks Points well applied to selected businesses	8–5 marks Good reasoning/use of theory to explain answer	8–5 marks Good judgement shown in answer and conclusion or excellent judgement in answer or conclusion	
	Level 1	3–1 marks Some knowledge shown	3–1 marks Some application of points	3–1 marks Some reasoning /use of theory to explain answer.	3–1 marks Some judgement shown in answer or conclusion	
	Level 0	0 marks No rewardable content				

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Question			Answer			Marks	
28	Evaluate the importance of location decisions to the profitability of service sector businesses.						
		are often very si insurance offices					
	High fixed	d costs reduce po	tential profitability	/ and increase Bl	E point.		
	 Other costs might be affected by locations too e.g. labour rates per hour or transport costs of supply deliveries. Online selling businesses tend to be 'footloose' and can have cost advantages over those businesses that need a high street or city centre presence. Profitability will be affected by other factors too e.g. the level of competition in retailing Expensive locations can also have a positive impact on profitability e.g. prestigious addresses such as Harley Street or city centre locations that have high consumer count Low cost outsourcing for some service operations e.g. accounting 						
		ion/customer servype of decision	rice call centres -	- the advantages	and limitations		
		K 6 marks AO1	App 8 marks AO2	An 13 marks AO3	E 13 marks AO4		
	Level 3		8–7 marks Excellent application of most points to selected businesses	13–9 marks Extensive reasoning and use of theory to explain arguments	13–9 marks Extensive judgement in answer and conclusion		
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