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MARK SCHEME

Maximum Mark: 30

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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 descriptions 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.

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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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Annotations guidance for centres

Examiners use a system of annotations as a shorthand for communicating their marking decisions to one another. Examiners are trained during the standardisation process on how and when to use annotations. The purpose of annotations is to inform the standardisation and monitoring processes and guide the supervising examiners when they are checking the work of examiners within their team. The meaning of annotations and how they are used is specific to each component and is understood by all examiners who mark the component.

We publish annotations in our mark schemes to help centres understand the annotations they may see on copies of scripts. Note that there may not be a direct correlation between the number of annotations on a script and the mark awarded. Similarly, the use of an annotation may not be an indication of the quality of the response.

The annotations listed below were available to examiners marking this component in this series.

Annotations

Annotation	Meaning
	Credit for good language or good content point
	Incorrect
	Omission
	Unclear meaning or illegible
BOD	If the examiner considers the answer to be more correct than incorrect, then ‘benefit of doubt’ is given.
NBOD	If the examiner considers the answer to be more incorrect than correct, then ‘**no** benefit of the doubt’ is given.
HA	Harmless addition: used if the candidate extends their answer, without contradicting or invalidating the response.
REP	Repetition
INVL	Used if the candidate includes material in their answer which contradicts the correct answer, and therefore invalidates their response.

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Annotation	Meaning
SEEN	Used to show that blank pages have been seen and any creditworthy material has been awarded
Off-Page Comment	Used by the examiner to make a holistic comment to any reviewing examiner about the script

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	वेस्ट इंडीज़	1	Reject: पाकिस्तान, पाकिस्तान की वेस्ट इंडीज़ टीम, वेस्ट इंडिया
2	वीडियो गेम / नया वीडियो गेम	1	Reject: गिटार, साइकिल, विडियो
3	काम	1	Reject: राष्ट्रीय स्मारक, दान
4	नेपाल	1	Reject: जापान, समुद्रतट
5	मंगलवार को, सोमवार के अगले दिन	1	Reject: सोमवार को, अगले दिन, होली के बाद/ अगले दिन
6	जासूसी की	1	Reject: फ़ैशन
7	**a.** आर्थिक, आर्थीक	1	Reject: संतान
	b. दुनिया / विश्व / संसार	1	Reject: अधिकार
	c. अवकाश / छुट्टी / छुट्टियाँ	1	Reject: छुट्टियों
	d. बराबर / समान/ जैसी	1	Reject: **बराबरी, बराबरी में**
	e. अनैतिक, अनैतिकता का ठप्पा	1	Reject: परिवार नियोजन, अनैतिकता, अनैकिक ताल का थप्पा
	f. विवाद / बहस / विवाद के सन्दर्भ / चर्चा	1	Reject: **बातें, प्रयास, विचार, बिचारक**
	g. दलितों	1	Reject: महिलाओं, सवर्णों, दलित
	h. आगे	1	Reject: **आगे के विचार, आगे के विचारक**,
8	आत्मनिर्भर / स्वावलंबी / स्वनिर्भर/ स्वावलंबी प्रजातंत्र	1	Reject: स्वांगलबी, सवाल्न्भी प्रजन

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9	जागरूकता / राजनीतिक जागरूकता	1	Reject: राजनीति, सरकार, व्यवस्था
10	आत्मा, जान	1	Reject: **दिल**
11	अपरिवर्तित, नहीं बदल, परिवर्तित नहीं हो	1	Reject: **परिवर्तित नहीं, वैसे ही, धुरी**
12	ग्रामोत्थान / कताई बुनाई	1	Reject: **कटाई, बुनाई, कटाई - सिलाई**
13	उपभोग	1	Reject: उपभोक्ता, विदेशी माल, उपभाग
14	बेरोज़गारी	1	Reject: **बेरोजगार**
15	गाँवों के विकास / की उन्नति, ग्राम विकास, ग्रामीण विकास	1	Reject: **ग्राम अर्थव्यवस्था, गांवों विकास**
16	B	1	
17	C	1	
18	B	1	
19	A	1	
20	C	1	
21	B	1	
22	C	1	
23	A	1	

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