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PUBLISHED**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.

1 General Marking Notes**1.1 Annotations in RM Assessor³**

Questions 1(a) and 1(b)	Enter a mark of 1, 0 or NR as appropriate for each item ((i), (ii), (iii)) in the mark input box. Annotate the script if necessary.
Question 2	Enter a mark of 1, 0 or NR as appropriate for each item ((a), (b), (c), (d)) in the mark input box. Annotate the script if necessary.
Question 3	<p><u>Communication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annotate each relevant piece of information with a tick. • The number of ticks for each item ((i), (ii) etc.) will be added up for you and the total will appear in the bottom right-hand corner of the tick annotation in the toolbar. • Select 3C in the mark input box and enter the mark (or NR as appropriate) which corresponds to the number of ticks. <p><u>Accuracy of Characters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select 3AC in the mark input box and enter a mark out of 5. <p><u>Accuracy of Grammar and Structures</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select 3AG in the mark input box and enter a mark out of 10 in the mark input box.

<p>Question 4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check the script to see which question the candidate has answered and then select the correct question in the mark input box. For example, if the candidate has answered question 4(b), select 4b AL in the mark input box. • NB If a candidate has written down the wrong question number, e.g. they have clearly answered question (c), but have written question (a) on the script, place a ‘?’ next to the question number. Then click in the mark input box of the question the candidate has actually answered. • Rubric infringements: candidates are told to answer one question from a choice of six. Sometimes a candidate will misread the rubric and will answer more than one question. Mark all of the responses on the script. RM Assessor will automatically calculate the best mark that the candidate can achieve, within the acceptable rubric rules. <p><u>Accuracy and Linguistic Range</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select 4a AL, 4b AL, 4c AL, 4d AL, 4e AL or 4f AL according to the question the candidate has answered. Enter a mark out of 20 in the mark input box for the question that the candidate has answered. <p><u>Development and Organisation of Ideas</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select 4a DO, 4b DO, 4c DO, 4d DO, 4e DO or 4f DO according to the question the candidate has answered. Enter a mark out of 10 in the mark input box for the question that the candidate has answered. • Annotate any blank pages or pages which do not have answers on them with the SEEN stamp • After you have entered your marks for the question(s) that the candidate has answered, CLICK ON COMPLETE so that ‘NR’ is automatically entered for the questions that the candidate has not answered. • If the COMPLETE button is not available, please input NR by hand for all the questions the candidate has not answered on. (The # button is a shortcut for NR.)
<p>2 General Marking Principles</p>	
<p>2.1 Please note that it is not possible to list all acceptable alternatives in the Detailed Mark Scheme provided on the following pages. You will need to consider all alternative answers and unexpected approaches in candidates' scripts, make a decision on whether they communicate the required elements, in consultation with the Principal Examiner if necessary, and award marks accordingly.</p>	

2.2 Crossing out:

- (a) If a candidate changes his/her mind over an answer and crosses out an attempt, award a mark if the final attempt is correct.
- (b) If a candidate crosses out an answer to a whole question but makes no second attempt at it, mark the crossed out work.

2.3 More than one response offered by the candidate in Questions 1 and 2:

If a candidate gives more than one response to any of the items in Question 1 or Question 2 and does not indicate which is their final response, mark as follows:

Both answers correct = 1 mark

One answer correct and one answer incorrect = 0 marks

2.4 No response and '0' marks

There is a NR (No Response) option in **RM Assessor**.

Award NR (No Response):

- If there is nothing written at all in the answer space or
- If there is only a comment which does not in any way relate to the question being asked (e.g. 'can't do' or 'don't know') or
- If there is only a mark which isn't an attempt at the question (e.g. a dash, a question mark).

Award 0:

- If there is any attempt that earns no credit. This could, for example, include the candidate copying all or some of the question, or any working that does not earn any marks, whether crossed out or not.

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1(a)	Each of the three correctly identified radical is awarded 1 mark. (i) 礻 (ii) 灬 (iii) 页	3	
1(b)	Each of the three characters' stroke order correctly written is awarded 1 mark. (i) 凉 丶 丿 丿 冫 冫 冫 冫 凉 凉 凉 (ii) 然 丿 夕 夕 夕 夕 夕 夕 然 然 然 然 (iii) 顾 一 厂 月 厶 厶 厶 厶 顾 顾 顾	3	

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2	Each of the four characters correctly chosen is awarded 1 mark. (a) – 比(vi) (b) – 使(viii) (c) – 都(ii) (d) – 没(v)	4	

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	Generally accurate, but with increased incidence of more serious errors (or an extremely limited range of structures).	6/5		
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4	Development and Organisation of Ideas	Mark	
	Excellent. Implications of question fully grasped. Ideas and arguments very effectively organised, illustrated with relevant examples. Wholly convincing.	10	
	Very good. Most implications of question explored. Ideas and arguments well organised, illustrated with relevant examples. Coherent argument.	8–9	
	Good. Main implications of question explored. Organisation generally clear but lacking coherence in places. Some relevant examples. Some ability to develop argument.	6–7	
	Satisfactory. Some implications of question explored. Patchy or unambitious organisation, but with some attempt at illustration. Some irrelevant material.	4–5	
	Weak. Limited understanding of question. A few relevant points made. Rambling and/or repetitive. Ideas and arguments poorly developed.	2–3	
	Poor. Minimal response. Implications of question only vaguely grasped. Very limited relevant content. Disorganised, unsubstantiated and undeveloped.	1	
	No relevant material presented	0	