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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 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.

**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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Answer in continuous prose</b></p> <p>In assessing the answer award marks for a coherent appraisal, clearly expressed, <b>of four or more relevant considerations</b> that make use of analytical skills.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Level</th> <th>Description</th> <th>Marks</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>4</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comprehensive approach demonstrating ability to identify and select relevant information, data, concepts and opinions and maintain a strong focus on the key issues.</li> <li>Capacity to interpret evidence and sustained ability to present relevant arguments, analysis and exemplification maintaining a strong focus on the main issues in the question.</li> <li>Shows the ability to communicate clearly and accurately in a fluent and organised manner.</li> 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1(a)	<p><b>Credit any of the following points or any other valid points.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eriq wants to take immediate action (to reverse the worrying trend of falling behind his main competitor in terms of overall sales)/Finn is immediately available.</li> <li>• Finn has no sponsorship deal at present/so he would be available immediately for promotional work.</li> <li>• Gaele pointed out that EE could be in from the beginning as Finn is about <b>to go</b> global/which might mean increased exposure of Eckdorf’s products.</li> <li>• Finn and Gaele are happy to accept \$5m per year/which would be less than the \$20 m over three years that Eriq had in mind/less than Eriq wants to pay.</li> <li>• Gaele may negotiate less than a three-year deal/so Eriq would not be stuck with a sponsorship deal that might not be working out for the usual three years Eckdorf Elite sponsors someone.</li> <li>• Gaele’s agency is flexible/offers a personalized service/so Eriq might think he could get a better deal for EE while sponsoring Finn/have a better relationship with the agency/Eriq might think that EE would get Finn cheaply.</li> <li>• The news report suggests that Gaele was telling the truth about global recognition/as the reporter also thought Finn would be likely to perform very well at the Olympic Games</li> <li>• His coach has trained a bronze medal winner/so Finn could be the first person to win an Olympic gold medal for Pomforin/which would reflect positively on EE.</li> <li>• Athletics is the second most ‘participated in’ sport in Pomforin/so Finn would appeal to a significant number of people already.</li> <li>• Finn lives and trains in the south-west suburbs of Riin/so it would be easy for him to visit the offices/have face-to-face meetings with him/carry out his media responsibilities.</li> </ul>	

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1(b)	<p><b>Explain two factors that might make Eriq Tapise choose to sponsor Ina Daviido. Do not refer to Finn Mayore</b></p> <p><b>Credit any of the following points or any other valid point.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bruno, her agent, said that she was so recognised around the world (1) that she would be a very marketable commodity (1)</li> <li>• Ina is an international-level golfer/in the world's top 100 (1)/so Eriq might think that if she were to be the face of Eckdorf Elite, sales should increase. (1)</li> <li>• Eriq might feel pressurised into sponsoring her by (1) Bruno telling him that other sportswear companies were rushing to sign her. (1)</li> <li>• Golf is easily the second most watched sport in Pomforin, (1) so nearly ten million viewers would be exposed to Eckdorf Elite's branding on Ina's sportswear and equipment. (1)</li> <li>• Eckdorf Elite makes the most profit per item on the sales of its sets of golf clubs and replacement golf clubs, (1) so it would make financial sense to sponsor a golf player as the face of the company, (1) especially as sales of its golf clothing and equipment have fallen sharply in the past year. (1) MAX 2</li> </ul>	4
1(c)	<p><b>Apart from travel issues, explain the two factors given in the Additional Information that might make Eriq Tapise choose not to sponsor Ina Daviido. Do not refer to Finn Mayore</b></p> <p><b>Credit any of the following points or any other valid point.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ina has recently been treated for a serious back injury (1) so there could be doubts over Ina's future fitness/ability to play/promote EE (1)</li> <li>• Ina's caddie was about to retire and she has not found a replacement (1)</li> <li>• which might impact negatively on her performance/reflect badly on EE (1).</li> </ul>	4
1(d)	<p><b>In your opinion, explain the real reason why, in relation to his company, Bruno told Eriq and Sirie that other companies were rushing to sign Ina so they would need to be quick about agreeing to his terms.</b></p> <p><b>Credit any two points below or any other valid point.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bruno was intent on getting \$30m over three years as his 20% share would cover his agency's debts. (1)</li> <li>• It was likely that he would need this money quickly as the debts would be accruing interest and/or increasing (1)</li> <li>• he thought that getting them to accept his terms without lengthy haggling/on the spot was the best way to achieve this amount. (1)</li> </ul>	2

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1(e)	<p><b>Identify an inaccurate statement Bruno made in his profile on the online business networking service. Justify your choice</b></p> <p>Every member of my team works relentlessly towards the same goal: <u>ensuring highly satisfied clients</u>. (1) A tennis player has started legal proceedings against Bruno’s agency for alleged false accounting. (1)</p>	<b>2</b>
1(f)	<p><b>With reference to the Additional Information, identify the reason why there is a large discrepancy between the level of participation in golf and the average television viewing figures for golf events.</b></p> <p>Point 10/Golf is a very expensive sport to play in Pomforin, (as there are few golf courses). (1)</p>	<b>1</b>
1(g)	<p><b>In your opinion, explain one disadvantage of a sportsperson being coached by a relative</b></p> <p><b>Credit any of the following points or any other valid point.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If they had a row about an aspect of the training/were to split acrimoniously, (1) it could then lead to an awkward atmosphere at family gatherings/a lifelong estrangement which could make life complicated for other family members. (1)</li> <li>• It might feel harder to tell a relative with whom you have a deeper emotional attachment to than other athletes (1) some difficult home truths about performance/diet/attitude, et cetera. (1)</li> </ul>	<b>2</b>

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2(a)	<p><b>Identify the two statements indicating that it is false to think that the new mRNA technology has been created almost instantly (lines 1–5)</b></p> <p>They exploited decades of research going back to the 1970s. (1)</p> <p>(As the saying goes in the technology industry,) it takes years to create an overnight success. (1)</p>	<b>2</b>

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2(b)(i)	<p><b>Regarding solar geoengineering, describe the effect it would try to copy deliberately from nature.</b></p> <p><b>Answer in about 20 words</b></p> <p><b>Credit the following points or any other valid point.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It would copy (the effect of) <u>eruptions/imitate volcanoes</u> to offer shade/coolness (1)</li> <li>• <u>Volcanic dust/ash</u> in the upper atmosphere cools Earth. (1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Any relevant content well over 20 words should be disregarded. Examiners should draw a vertical red line at that point.</b></p>	<b>2</b>
2(b)(ii)	<p><b>Regarding solar geoengineering, explain why it is hugely controversial.</b></p> <p><b>Answer using your own words as far as possible.</b></p> <p><b>Credit any three of the following points.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Might it succeed or not?/We do not know if it will succeed/if it will affect solar energy. (1)</li> <li>• Might it change the amount of rain and type of weather we get?/It is unclear whether or not it might change the amount of rain and type of weather we get. (1)</li> <li>• Might it not undo everything being done to check greenhouse-gas emissions?/It is unknown whether or not it might undo everything being done to check greenhouse-gas emissions. (1)</li> </ul>	<b>3</b>
2(b)(iii)	<p><b>Regarding solar geoengineering, explain why supporters argue that it is important to understand this technique.</b></p> <p><b>Answer using your own words as far as possible.</b></p> <p>If necessary, it could give us longer to reduce greenhouse/waste/toxic gases/air pollution. (1)</p>	<b>1</b>
2(c)(i)	<p><b>According to the material, identify one advantage regarding direct air capture.</b></p> <p><b>Credit one of the following points.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It could <u>be vital</u> in the fight against climate change. (1)</li> <li>• It removes/sucks carbon dioxide from the atmosphere (using machines). (1)</li> </ul>	<b>1</b>



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2(c)(ii)	<p><b>According to the material, identify three advantages regarding vertical farming.</b></p> <p><b>Credit any three of the following points.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LED lighting has made the process cheap(er). (1)</li> <li>• The farms can be located close to customers, reducing transport costs <u>and</u> emissions. (1) Water use is minimised. (1)</li> <li>• Insects are kept out, so no pesticides are needed. (1)</li> </ul>	<b>3</b>
2(c)(iii)	<p><b>According to the material, identify the benefits that would result if a patient’s cells could be used to create a fully functioning organ for transplantation.</b></p> <p>This would do away with long waiting-lists, testing for matches and the risk of rejection. (1)</p>	<b>1</b>
2(c)(iv)	<p><b>According to the material, identify two disadvantages regarding direct air capture.</b></p> <p>It/DAC is <u>too</u> expensive <b>and</b> limited/needs development (1)</p>	<b>1</b>
2(c)(v)	<p><b>According to the material, identify one disadvantage regarding vertical farming.</b></p> <p><b>Credit one of the following points.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Energy costs</u> remain a burden (1).</li> <li>• The challenge is to make the economics stack up too (1).</li> </ul>	<b>1</b>
2(c)(vi)	<p><b>According to the material, identify the one disadvantage regarding 3D printing of body parts.</b></p> <p>The goal of using a patient’s cells to create fleshy organs is still some way off/we can’t (yet) create fleshy organs, (only bones) (1)</p>	<b>1</b>
2(d)(i)	<p><b>Regarding space tourism, identify the exact word in the material that means:</b></p> <p><b>remarkable</b></p> <p>stand-out (1)</p>	<b>1</b>

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2(d)(ii)	<p><b>Regarding space tourism, explain what will be particularly unusual about 2022.</b></p> <p>It promises to be the first year in which more people go to space as paying passengers than as government employees. (1)</p>	<b>1</b>
2(e)(i)	<p><b>Regarding brain interfaces, identify the exact word in the material that means:</b></p> <p><b>unstoppable</b></p> <p>irrepressible (1)</p>	<b>1</b>
2(e)(ii)	<p><b>Regarding brain interfaces, explain how this technology might help certain groups of people in the future.</b></p> <p>It might enable paralysed people <u>to operate a computer</u>. (1)</p> <p>It might be able to diagnose and/or treat nervous-system conditions/<u>epilepsy, depression and hypertension</u>. (1)</p>	<b>2</b>
2(f)(i)	<p><b>Regarding artificial meat and fish, identify the exact phrase in the material that means:</b></p> <p><b>on the way</b></p> <p>in the pipeline (1)</p>	<b>1</b>
2(f)(ii)	<p><b>Regarding artificial meat and fish, explain why people who care about animals and the environment might approve of this technology</b></p> <p><b>Credit any two of the following points.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The cells are taken from animals without harming them/no animals are harmed in the process. (1)</li> <li>• People who care about such things and also enjoy eating meat will be able to so with a clear conscience/without compromising their principles (1)</li> </ul>	<b>2</b>
2(g)	<p><b>State the exact meaning of ‘ramifications’ (line 19) as used in the material.</b></p> <p><b>ramifications:</b></p> <p>consequence(s)/result(s)/implication(s)/impact/aftermath/outcome(s)/upshot (1)</p>	<b>1</b>