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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.

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Marks awarded are always whole marks (not half marks, or other fractions).

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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.

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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.

Question	Ansv	ver			Marks		
1(a)(i)	Define the term 'revenue' (line 2).				2		
	Knowledge	Marks					
	A correct definition	A correct definition					
	A partial, vague or unfocused definitio	n		1			
	No creditable content			0			
	 Content A correct definition should include the for each element): Revenue is the money received (by for selling its products and services Alternatively, a candidate can gain BOT Price × quantity sold (2) 	/ a busines	s)				
	Exemplar						
	Revenue is the money a firm gets from sales	ents					
	Price × Quantity	ıla					
	The income of a firm	nt only					
	Revenue is the profit of a firm						
1(a)(ii)	Explain the term 'unit costs' (line 6). Award one mark for each point of explanation:						
	Rationale			Marks			
	C Example or some other way of understanding – only if both A been gained	1					
	B An understanding of unit – mus single product/good	1					
	A An understanding of costs – m cost is something paid by a bus from production			1			

Question	Answer						
1(a)(ii)	Content						
	Exemplar	Marks	Rationale				
	The amount that a business must pay out (A) to produce a single item (B). For example, this may be what ES has to pay out to produce a single unit of energy.	3	All three marks				
	How much a business pays (A) to make a single produce (B).	2	Both A and B marks				
	Total costs/output.	2	Both A and B marks				
	Costs are incurred by a business by production.	1	A mark only				
	The total costs, which include fixed and variable costs of products divided by the number of products (B).	1	Clear understanding of a single unit, but no explanation of what a cost is.				
	What it costs for a unit (B).	1	<pre>`a unit' is enough for the B mark.</pre>				
	The cost of one (B) unit of a good. An example would be the cost of one can of cola.	1	A clear idea of a single unit. However, example mark cannot be given without A and B marks awarded.				
	The cost of units.	0	Neither unit or cost is explained.				

Question	Answer						
1(b)(i)	Refer to Table 1.1. Calculate the difference in dollars received by each director and each manager from the profit-sharing scheme.						
	Rationale	Marks					
	Correct answer with or w	3					
	Correct calculation of Di	irectors sh	are and Managers share	2			
	Correct calculation of Di	irectors sh	are or Managers share	1			
	No creditable content			0			
	 (\$0.03 m) Managers share of th (\$0.012 m) \$30 000 - \$12 000 = Answer = \$18 000 (\$0.01 OFR - award for the answerd for the answer earlier numbers (even if the Common answers Answer 18 000 \$12 m 0.25 = \$48 m \$12 m 0.1 = \$120 m \$48 m + \$120 m = \$168 m *OFR means the use of the stages of stage or figure used is integrated and following calculated and calculated for the stages of stage or figure used is integrated and following calculated and following calculated and following calculated for the stages of stage or figure used is integrated and following calculated for the stages of t	he profit = \$18 000 8 m) wer if ther both of the Mark 3 1 1 he own fig of a calcul correct. An dations to h	 0.25% = 0.25% of \$12 m = \$ 0.1% = 0.1% of \$12 m = \$12 e is clear working shown for ese numbers are wrong) Rationale Correct answer – does no Candidate has inverted the sharing formula for both D Managers, which are not of However, the candidate th completes the last stage of based on their own figure should be awarded one m gure rule – this aims to reward ation that are correct, even in early mistake, for example, have wrong answers, but the acandidate's own figures) The should be available of the should be available of the should be and the should be and the should be available of the should be ava	2 000 the two t need \$ e profit- irectors and creditable. en correctly and (OFR) ark. ark.			

Question	Answer								
1(b)(ii)	Explain <u>one</u> disadvantage to ES of using a profit-sharing scheme.								
	Level	Knowledg	Marks						
	2b (APP)	Explanation of one disadvantage to ES of a profit- sharing scheme in context			3				
	2a (K+K)		Explanation of one disadvantage to a business of a profit-sharing scheme						
	1a (K)		on of one disadvantage aring scheme	1					
	0	No credital	ble content	0					
	 for fracking. ES shareholders might sell their shares because of low dividends leading to the company being taken over. Increases the costs of the business and therefore could make ES less competitive (many competitors in the market). May cause employer/employee issues because of the different shares gained (use of previous answers – OFR). Example of how responses should be marked 								
	Identificati disadvanta	on of a	Explanation	Possible con	text				
	The owners profit	get less	Which may lead to them selling their shares	Because ES is limited compa		ıblic			
	There is less retained profit for ESWhich may lead to lower growth for ESWhich might stop their expansion into future fracking sites								

Question	Answer									
1(c)	Analyse <u>one</u> internal source of finance and <u>one</u> external source of finance that ES could use to purchase a fracking license.									
	Level	Knowledge and Application (4 marks)	Marks	Analysis (4 marks)	Marks					
	2b	Shows understanding of one internal and one external source of finance in context	4	Good analysis of one internal and one external source of finance in context	4					
	2a	Shows understanding of one internal or one external source of finance in context	3	Good analysis of one internal or one external source of finance in context	3					
	1b	Shows knowledge of one internal and one external source of finance	2	Limited analysis of one internal and one external source of finance	2					
	1a	Shows knowledge of one internal or one external source of finance	1	Limited analysis of one internal or one external source of finance	1					
	0	No creditable content			0					
	Internal Ret son Sale	 Content Internal Retained earnings – ES made \$12m profit in 2018, so likely to have some retained earnings to use as a source of finance Sale of assets – ES owns some old coalmines – could these be sold to raise finance for the licenses. 								
	 Sell may Gov fract 	fracking, so may be willing to give a grant to ES								
	finance.	rights issue (to current sha However, simply selling s nt shareholders) is an exte	hares (wi	th no explicit reference t						

Question	Answer					
1(c)	Example of an internal source of finance (K)	Examples of application/context (APP)	Examples of possible analysis (AN + DEV)			
	Retained profit (K)	ES had \$12m retained profit in 2019 (APP)	Does not need to be repaid (AN) but there is an opportunity cost (DEV)			
	Example of an external source of finance (K)	Examples of application/context (APP)	Examples of possible analysis (AN + DEV)			
	Sell shares (K)	ES is a Public Limited Company (APP)	So, by selling shares this can release cash to finance the purchase of the fracking license (AN), however, this may lead to a loss of control by the current owners (DEV)			

Question		An	swer		Marks			
1(d)	Evaluate how <u>two</u> external stakeholders of ES might be affected by the company continuing to use the fracking process.							
	Knowledge and Application (4 marks)	Marks	Analysis and Evaluation (7 marks)	Marks				
			Justified evaluation based on arguments in context	7				
			Developed evaluation based on arguments in context	6				
			An evaluative statement based on arguments in context	5				
	Shows understanding of two external stakeholders in context	4	Arguments based on the effect on two external stakeholders in context	4				
	Shows understanding of one external stakeholder in context	3	Arguments based on the effect on one external stakeholder in context	3				
	Shows knowledge of two external stakeholders	2	Limited analysis of the effect on two external stakeholders	2				
	Shows knowledge of one external stakeholder	1	Limited analysis of the effect on one external stakeholder	1				
	No creditable content	1	1	0				

Question	Answer	Marks
1(d)	 Content Local community/society – devaluation of houses, earthquakes, pollution Activists/environmentalists/pressure groups – damage to the natural environment, pollution etc. Potential investors – attracted to future profit but could be put off by bad publicity (not current shareholders) Potential employees – Growth in jobs Customers – cheaper energy, cost of living Suppliers – increased demand because of ES growing Lenders – risk of bad publicity or government changing mind at a later date Government – increase energy self-sufficiency, increased tax revenue, economic growth Competitors – May lead them to having to purchase a fracking license and increasing costs to compete Analysis should be focussed on the effect on each stakeholder (not the business). Evaluation is most likely to be demonstrated by: The relative level of effect on each stakeholder Which stakeholder is likely to be most affected 	
	 Whether the effect on each stakeholder is likely to be <i>all</i> bad or <i>all</i> good How external stakeholder's effects might be mitigated 	

Question			Answer			Marks		
1(d)	Examples of how an answer could develop and how it should be annotated.							
	К	АРР	AN	DEV	EVAL			
	Government (K).	Gain money from selling the licenses (APP).	Allows the government to invest in infrastructure (AN).	Which may increase the welfare of the citizens of country X (DEV).	The local community are likely to be most affected (EVAL) because they also have to suffer from earthquakes			
	Local community (K).	Who live near a fracking site may see a reduction in the price of their home (APP).	This means their houses are worth less (AN)	Which might mean they get less money if they sell their home (DEV).	whereas the government will get the money from the licenses no matter what (EVAL). However, this depends on whether the people keep voting for the government (EVAL).			

Question		Answer							
1(d)	κ	АРР	AN	DEV	EVAL				
	Customers (K).	May get cheaper energy through ES growing (APP).	Which means the customers have to pay less for their energy (AN).	And have more money to spend on household goods (DEV).	The customers are likely to only benefit from ES continuing to				
	Competitors (K)	May find more competition for fracking licenses (APP).	Which increases their costs (AN).	And may reduce their profit (DEV).	use the fracking process (EVAL) because increased competition may lead to even lower prices (EVAL). However, this depends on whether ES and their competitors reduce their prices (EVAL).				

uestion	Answ	/er			Mar		
2(a)(i)	Define the term 'cost-based pricing' (line 14).						
	Knowledge	Marks					
	A correct definition			2			
	A partial, vague or unfocused definition	ו		1			
	No creditable content			0			
	An amount is added on to give the						
	 An amount is <u>added on to</u> give the a Based on the cost to produce a pro 	duct (1)		t pay (1)			
			e customer mus Rationale Both element				
	 Based on the cost to produce a pro Exemplar The business works out how much it costs to make a product and then 	duct (1) Mark	Rationale	S.			
	 Based on the cost to produce a pro Exemplar The business works out how much it costs to make a product and then adds on a set percentage. 	duct (1) Mark 2	Rationale Both element	s. ent only. only – costs of			

Question			Ansv	ver		Marks		
2(a)(ii)	Explain the difference between 'cash' (line 15) and 'profit' (line 15).							
	Award one mark for each point of explanation:							
	Rational	e			Marks			
	С	Explanation of the	difference	e between cash and profit	1			
	В	Understanding of p	orofit		1			
	A	Understanding of c	ash		1			
	 Cash is the liquidity of a firm – the money available to pay debts/bills/everyday costs Profit is the difference between cost and revenue. Cash is required and will come from revenue, but not all cash is profit as costs need to be paid. Cash is an asset of the business. Cash is required to run a business, whereas profit is something to aim for. A business is unlikely to operate without cash but can operate without profit. 							
	Exempla	ar	Mark	Rationale				
	operate v	ss is unlikely to without cash but ate without profit	3	A difference shown, so a marks gained – the cano does not need to show understanding of cash o a valid difference has be explained.	lidate r profit if			
	the busir whereas	n be used to pay less costs (A) profit is the e between costs nue (B).	3	Clear understanding of b and profit, the word 'whe shows a difference.				
	the busir Profit is t	n be used to pay ness costs (A). he difference costs and revenue	2	Two statements but no a to compare them, so onl marks.				

Question		Answer			Marks	
2(b)(i)	Refer to Table 2.1 and any other relevant information. Calculate the revenue GT will receive from all the performances of 'A Summer Dream' in January 2021.					
	Rationale			Marks		
	Correct answer with or without of	correct wo	rking or \$	3		
	Correct calculation of TR			2		
	Correct use of numbers			1		
	No creditable content			0		
	Content Formula: \$40 × (250 tickets × \$40 × 2250 = \$90 000 (TR) 50% of revenue to 0 Answer = \$45 000 OFR Common incorrect answers					
	Answer	Mark	Rationale			
	45 000	3	Correct answer – doo need \$	es not		
	\$40 × 9 = \$360 \$360 / 2 = £180	2	Candidate has misse number of seats – ho the other stages of th calculation have bee completed correctly (owever, all ne n		
	\$180 (no working)	0	Do not reward incorr answers without wor show correct stages calculation.	king to		
	\$40 × 250 = 10 000 50% of 10 000 = \$5000	2	Candidate has misse number of performan however, all the othe of the calculation hav completed correctly (nces – er stages /e been		
	\$5000 (no working)	0	Do not reward incorranswers without wor show correct stages calculation.	king to		

Question			Answer			Marks
2(b)(ii)	Explain <u>one</u> possible advantage to GT, other than increased revenue, of renting the theatre to visiting groups.					
	Level	Knowledg	e and Application	Marks		
	2 (APP)	Explanation to visiting g	3			
	2 (K + K)	Explanation item	n of an advantage of rent	2		
	1 (K)	Identification item	1			
	0	No creditat	ole content	0		
	 more pe May adv Makes u Increase 	rformances) rertise GT pe ise of a redu	e cost of productions (fixe erformances at a visiting g ndant resource/capital ite e of the theatre flow	group	-	
	Identificati difficulty	on of a	Explanation	Possible con	itext	
	Advertises	es the theatre. Which may bring in more customers to a GT show. For example, GT can advertise Wise Owl during the performances of A Summer Dream.				
	Spreads fix	ed costs.	Because the extra performances can be allocated some of the fixed costs.	Such as upke building.	ep of the	

Question			Answer			Marks	
2(c)	Analyse <u>two</u> factors which might affect the demand for the performances at GT's theatre.						
	Level	Knowledge and Application (4 marks)	Marks	Analysis (4 marks)	Marks		
	2b	Shows understanding of two factors affecting demand in context	4	Good analysis of two factors affecting demand in context	4		
	2a	Shows understanding of one factor affecting demand in context	3	Good analysis of one factor affecting demand in context	3		
	1b	Shows knowledge of two factors affecting demand	2	Limited analysis of two factors affecting demand	2		
	1a	Shows knowledge of one factor affecting demand	1	Limited analysis of one factor affecting demand	1		
	0	No creditable content	0				
	 Content Candidates may choose to analyse the demand from consumers or the demand from visiting theatre groups Changes in income – being a normal/luxury product, consumers are likely to increase spending on GT performances based on increasing income. Fashions/trends/tastes/preferences – going to the theatre may become fashionable, or may become a new trend Advertising – if GT spend on advertising, then it is likely to increase demand for their performances Brand awareness Price of substitutes/complements Availability of substitutes/complements (for example Netflix, Amazon, other theatres) Population size Quality Uniqueness (USP) Price – likely to be an increase in QD if price falls and vice versa. 						

Question	Answer					
2(c)	Example of a factor (K) Examples of application/context (APP)		Examples of possible analysis (AN + DEV)			
	Tastes of customers (K)	Customers obviously prefer A Summer Dream to La Poeme Ballet (APP)	Which means that more tickets were sold for A Summer Dream (AN) and this gains GT more profit (DEV)			
	Income (K)	Theatre tickets are likely to be a luxury good (APP)	Which means that the higher the income the more tickets GT will sell (AN) and the more profit GT will make (DEV)			

Question			Answer		Marks	
2(d)	Recommend whether GT should employ Nick or Portia for the position of Theatre Manager. Justify your recommendation.					
	Knowledge and Application (4 marks)	Marks	Analysis and Evaluation (7 marks)	Marks		
			Justified recommendation based on argument in context	7		
			Developed recommendation based on argument in context	6		
			A recommendation / evaluative statement based on argument in context	5		
	Shows understanding of two factors of selection in context	4	Argument based on factor(s) affecting the selection of Nick and Portia	4		
	Shows understanding of one factor of selection in context	3	Argument based on factor(s) affecting the selection of Nick or Portia	3		
	Shows knowledge of two factors of selection	2	Limited analysis of factor(s) affecting the selection of Nick and Portia	2		
	Shows knowledge of one factor of selection	1	Limited analysis of factor(s) affecting the selection of Nick or Portia	1		
	No creditable content			0		
	 Content Nick Experience in the sector (three years for a similar business) A-Level in Business – helps with the admin Organised and efficient – helps with the admin No management experience – so will he be able to do the job? May not stay for long Portia Eight years of experience in a bank – helps with finance Good sense of humour – likely to help in job Likely to stay for a long time No formal qualifications – but is this made up for by the bank experience? 					
	Late for the interview however worked for the interview		his suggest she is disorganised – for eight years			

Question	Answer						
2(d)	Examples of I	Examples of how an answer could develop					
	κ	APP	AN	DEV	EVAL		
	Experience (K).	Nick has appropriate theatre experience, which means he knows what to do (APP).	That could mean that GT has to pay less training costs if they hire Nick (AN).	Leading to a better chance for GT to make profit (DEV)	Nick is the better person to employ (EVAL) because experience in a theatre is more important than personality in a job that requires administration and		
	Personality (K)	Portia has a good sense of humour making her easier to work with (APP).	Which may mean that GT attracts more visiting theatre companies (AN).	Which may lead to an increase in revenue for GT (DEV).	accounting (EVAL). However, this might depend on how complex the accounting is as Portia's banking experience might make her the better employee (EVAL).		