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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 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.

	Mathematics Specific Marking Principles
1	Unless a particular method has been specified in the question, full marks may be awarded for any correct method. However, if a calculation is required then no marks will be awarded for a scale drawing.
2	Unless specified in the question, answers may be given as fractions, decimals or in standard form. Ignore superfluous zeros, provided that the degree of accuracy is not affected.
3	Allow alternative conventions for notation if used consistently throughout the paper, e.g. commas being used as decimal points.
4	Unless otherwise indicated, marks once gained cannot subsequently be lost, e.g. wrong working following a correct form of answer is ignored (isw).
5	Where a candidate has misread a number in the question and used that value consistently throughout, provided that number does not alter the difficulty or the method required, award all marks earned and deduct just 1 mark for the misread.
6	Recovery within working is allowed, e.g. a notation error in the working where the following line of working makes the candidate's intent clear.

Mark Scheme Notes

The following notes are intended to aid interpretation of mark schemes in general, but individual mark schemes may include marks awarded for specific reasons outside the scope of these notes.

Types of mark

M   Method mark, awarded for a valid method applied to the problem. Method marks are not lost for numerical errors, algebraic slips or errors in units. However, it is not usually sufficient for a candidate just to indicate an intention of using some method or just to quote a formula; the formula or idea must be applied to the specific problem in hand, e.g. by substituting the relevant quantities into the formula. Correct application of a formula without the formula being quoted obviously earns the M mark and in some cases an M mark can be implied from a correct answer.

A   Accuracy mark, awarded for a correct answer or intermediate step correctly obtained. Accuracy marks cannot be given unless the associated method mark is earned (or implied).

B   Mark for a correct result or statement independent of method marks.

DM or **DB**   When a part of a question has two or more 'method' steps, the M marks are generally independent unless the scheme specifically says otherwise; and similarly, when there are several B marks allocated. The notation DM or DB is used to indicate that a particular M or B mark is dependent on an earlier M or B (asterisked) mark in the scheme. When two or more steps are run together by the candidate, the earlier marks are implied and full credit is given.

FT   Implies that the A or B mark indicated is allowed for work correctly following on from previously incorrect results. Otherwise, A or B marks are given for correct work only.

- A or B marks are given for correct work only (not for results obtained from incorrect working) unless follow through is allowed (see abbreviation FT above).
- For a numerical answer, allow the A or B mark if the answer is correct to 3 significant figures or would be correct to 3 significant figures if rounded (1 decimal place for angles in degrees).
- The total number of marks available for each question is shown at the bottom of the Marks column.
- Wrong or missing units in an answer should not result in loss of marks unless the guidance indicates otherwise.
- Square brackets [ ] around text or numbers show extra information not needed for the mark to be awarded.

Abbreviations

AEF/OE	Any Equivalent Form (of answer is equally acceptable) / Or Equivalent
AG	Answer Given on the question paper (so extra checking is needed to ensure that the detailed working leading to the result is valid)
CAO	Correct Answer Only (emphasising that no 'follow through' from a previous error is allowed)
CWO	Correct Working Only
ISW	Ignore Subsequent Working
SOI	Seen Or Implied
SC	Special Case (detailing the mark to be given for a specific wrong solution, or a case where some standard marking practice is to be varied in the light of a particular circumstance)
WWW	Without Wrong Working
AWRT	Answer Which Rounds To

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	$\bar{x} = \dfrac{91.2}{12}\left[= 7.6\right]$ $\qquad s_x^{\,2} = \dfrac{1}{11}\left(695.8 - \dfrac{91.2^2}{12}\right)$ $\left[= 0.2436 \left(\dfrac{67}{275}\right)\right]$	M1	Both.
	CI: $7.6 \pm t_{11}\left(0.975\right) \times \sqrt{\dfrac{0.2436}{12}}$	M1	With a t-value.
	2.201 seen	B1	
	$7.6 \pm 0.3136 = \left[7.29, 7.91\right]$	A1	
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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
2	$\bar{x} = \dfrac{99.6}{12} \; [= 8.3] \quad s_x^{\,2} = \dfrac{21.5}{11} \Big[= 1.9545 \text{ or } \dfrac{43}{22} \Big]$	**M1**	Both SOI.
	H$_0$: $\mu_P = \mu_Q$ \qquad H$_1$: $\mu_P > \mu_Q$	**B1**	
	Pooled estimate $= \dfrac{9 \times 2.16 + 11 \times 1.9545}{10 + 12 - 2}$	**M1 FT**	FT *their* 1.9545 only
	2.047 (2.05)	**A1**	May be implied, allow 2.04
	$t = \dfrac{9.12 - 8.3}{\sqrt{2.047} \times \sqrt{\dfrac{1}{10} + \dfrac{1}{12}}}$	**M1 FT**	FT their pooled estimate
	1.339 (or 1.338)	**A1**	Accept 1.34
	'1.339' < 1.725 Accept H$_0$ / not significant	**M1**	Compare with correct tabular value 1.725 and conclusion without context. Condone 'reject H$_1$'.
	Insufficient evidence to suggest that the (mean) time taken at *P* is greater than the (mean) time taken at *Q*.	**A1**	Correct conclusion in context, following correct work, level of uncertainty in language (not 'prove', not 'there is no evidence'), no contradictions. A0 if H$_0$ and H$_1$ reversed.
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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
3(a)	$\int_{1.5}^{2} \frac{1}{24}\left(\frac{4}{x^2} + x^2\right)dx = \frac{1}{24}\left[-\frac{4}{x} + \frac{x^3}{3}\right]$	M1	Integration with correct powers and correct limits seen.
	$a = 50 \times 0.092014 = 4.6007$	A1	AG $\frac{53}{576}$ or $\frac{1325}{288}$ or 0.092014 or 4.60069 seen
	$b = 11.4211$	B1	Or 11.421(0)
		3	
3(b)	Combine first two columns: 6, 9.0278	M1	Must be seen, or implied by 1.0155.
	Calculate value of chi-squared: 1.0155 + 0.5715 + 0.7661 + 0.2183 + 0.5885	M1	At least 2 correct values (at least 3sf) or expressions seen. Allow columns not combined or three columns combined.
	3.16	A1	CWO. Dependent on M1M1 scored. SCB1 for 3.16 with no working
	H_0: f is a good fit for the data H_1: f is not a good fit for the data	B1	
	Tabular value of chi-squared: 7.78 '3.16' < 7.78 and accept H_0	M1	Correct tabular value: allow correct FT value if columns not combined (9.236) or three columns combined (6.251).
	Insufficient evidence to suggest that f is not a good fit for the data Condone: sufficient evidence to suggest that f is a good fit for the data.	A1	Correct conclusion in context, following correct work, level of uncertainty in language (not 'prove', not 'there is no evidence'), no contradictions. A0 if hypotheses reversed
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4(a)	<table><tr><td>2</td><td>5</td><td>1</td><td>−6</td><td>42</td><td>11</td><td>−3</td><td>7</td><td>20</td><td>12</td><td>−8</td><td>−10</td><td>50</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>4</td><td>1</td><td>−5</td><td>12</td><td>9</td><td>−3</td><td>6</td><td>11</td><td>10</td><td>−7</td><td>−8</td><td>13</td></tr></table>	**M1**	Differences (allow up to 3 errors)
		A1	Correct rank order, ignore signs
	$[P = 68,]$　$Q = 23$	**A1**	CWO
	H_0: difference in population medians $= 0$ H_1: population median in 2022 > population median in 2018	**B1**	'Population' required. Accept use of m, not μ. Do not accept 'difference between population medians > 0' without 2022, 2018 OE specified
	Critical value 21	**B1**	
	'23' > '21' and accept H_0	**M1**	Compare their 23 with their 21 and FT conclusion. Their 23 must be less than 46.
	Insufficient evidence to support researcher's belief / insufficient evidence that the (median) number of employees in 2022 is greater than the (median) number of employees in 2018	**A1**	Correct conclusion in context, following correct work, level of uncertainty in language (not 'prove', not 'there is no evidence'), no contradictions. A0 if hypotheses reversed
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4(b)	Rank for G will now be $+3$, giving $Q = 20$ which is < 21	**M1**	Must include numbers, ft their 21 from part **(a)** and ft their 20 ($23 - 3$)
	Change in conclusion	**A1**	CWO Condone 'reject H_0' OE.
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5(a)	$P(3H) = \dfrac{1}{60}$ $P(2H) = \dfrac{9}{60}$ $P(1H) = \dfrac{26}{60}$ $P(0H) = \dfrac{24}{60}$	B1	Two probabilities correct, seen anywhere.
	$G_X(t) = \dfrac{24}{60} + \dfrac{26}{60}t + \dfrac{9}{60}t^2 + \dfrac{1}{60}t^3$	M1	Cubic polynomial with 4 probabilities as coefficients with the correct powers of t from their working. Equivalent forms are acceptable.
		A1	Correct, AEF.
		3	
5(b)	$G_Y(t) = \dfrac{1}{4} + \dfrac{1}{2}t + \dfrac{1}{4}t^2$	B1	
	$G_Z(t) = \left(\dfrac{24}{60} + \dfrac{26}{60}t + \dfrac{9}{60}t^2 + \dfrac{1}{60}t^3 \right)\left(\dfrac{1}{4} + \dfrac{1}{2}t + \dfrac{1}{4}t^2 \right)$	M1	Attempt to multiply their two PGFs.
	$\dfrac{1}{240}\left(24 + 74t + 85t^2 + 45t^3 + 11t^4 + t^5 \right)$	M1	Obtain quintic expression and collect terms
		A1	Correct, AEF.
		4	
5(c)	Differentiate: $G'_Z(t) = \dfrac{1}{240}\left(74 + 170t + 135t^2 + 44t^3 + 5t^4 \right)$	M1	Differentiate *their* G.
	$G'_Z(1) = \dfrac{428}{240} = \dfrac{107}{60} = 1.78$	A1	Any correct form.
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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
6(a)	$F(x) = \dfrac{3}{28}\left(2e^{\frac{1}{2}x} - 8e^{-\frac{1}{2}x}\,(+c)\right)$	M1	$+\,c$ not required.
	$F(x) = \dfrac{3}{28}\left(2e^{\frac{1}{2}x} - 8e^{-\frac{1}{2}x}\right) + \dfrac{9}{14}$	A1	
	Correct ranges including $0 \leqslant x \leqslant 2\ln 3$ associated with *their* $F(x)$ $F(x) = 0$ for $x < 0$ and 1 for $x > 2\ln 3$	B1	No gaps in range.
		3	
6(b)	$G(y) = \dfrac{3}{28}\left(2y - \dfrac{8}{y} + 6\right)$	M1	y substituted into *their* F.
	$1 \leqslant y \leqslant 3$	B1	Seen anywhere, condone $1 \leqslant y \leqslant e^{\ln 3}$.
	$g(y) = \dfrac{3}{28}\left(2 + \dfrac{8}{y^2}\right)$	A1	Correct expression, not containing logs.
		3	
6(c)	$\dfrac{3}{28}\left(2y - \dfrac{8}{y} + 6\right) = \dfrac{3}{10}$	M1	*Their* $G(y) = \dfrac{3}{10}$
	$5y^2 + 8y - 20 = 0$	M1	Obtain from $G(y)$ and solve quadratic equation to find y.
	$y = 1.35$	A1	Single correct answer.
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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
6(d)	$\mathrm{E}(Y^4) = \int_1^3 \frac{3}{28}\left(2 + \frac{8}{y^2}\right)y^4 \mathrm{d}y = \int_1^3 \frac{3}{28}\left(2y^4 + 8y^2\right)\mathrm{d}y = \frac{3}{28}\left[\frac{2}{5}y^5 + \frac{8}{3}y^3\right]$	1	Integrate $y^4 \times$ *their* g(y). Limits must be 1 and 3.
	17.8	**A1**	$\dfrac{89}{5}$
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