**Marking guide for MAST5956 Individual Report**

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| **Criterion** | **Fail**  **(<30)** | **Marginal fail**  **(30-39)** | **Third**  **(40-49)** | **Lower second**  **(50-59)** | **Upper second**  **(60-69)** | **First**  **(70+)** |
| INTRODUCTION AND EDA   * Brief description of the subject area * Description of aims, hypotheses or research questions * Exploration of data using plots, tables and text explanation | Hardly any understanding shown | Major failings in understanding but some things right | Sensible but inadequate, perhaps with substantial errors | A fairly good grasp of issues  Perhaps some errors | A good grasp of issues  An efficient and business-like approach | A very good grasp of issues  Exceptionally good quality |
| METHODOLOGY   * Appropriateness of choice of techniques * Justification of choice of techniques * Brief technical description of techniques | Gross carelessness | Careless  Poor and/or ill-considered approaches | Unambitious and lacking in thought  Perhaps several errors | Generally sound  Perhaps occasional errors | Sound and well organised  Appropriate and accurate | Exceptionally assiduous and of very high quality throughout |
| RESULTS   * Quality of computer work * Accuracy * Logical ordering | Seriously incorrect techniques  Very serious misunderstanding of computer output | Significant misunderstanding of computer output  Serious inaccuracy | Unambitious and lacking in thought  Perhaps several errors | Generally sound  Perhaps occasional errors | Sound and well organised  Appropriate and accurate | Exceptionally assiduous and of very high quality throughout |
| CONCLUSIONS & INTERPRETATION   * Appropriateness of conclusions * Understanding of implications and limitations | False conclusions  Lack of comprehension of relevant issues | Poor attempts at drawing conclusions  Poor understanding of relevant issues | Mainly logical and sensible but with clear weaknesses | Generally sound with modest evidence of thought | Thoroughly appropriate  Providing evidence of good understanding | Exceptionally good insights |
| PRESENTATION   * Clarity of style * Quality of plots and tables | Seriously unclear or muddled expression  Seriously defective plots or tables | Poor expression  Unclear logic  Poor plots or tables | Variable clarity  Satisfactory plots or tables | Generally clear  Moderately good plots or tables | Clear  High quality  Good plots or tables | Excellent in all regards including plots and tables |

General comments: