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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.

PUBLISHED**Social Science-Specific Marking Principles
(for point-based marking)****1 Components using point-based marking:**

- Point marking is often used to reward knowledge, understanding and application of skills. We give credit where the candidate's answer shows relevant knowledge, understanding and application of skills in answering the question. We do not give credit where the answer shows confusion.

From this it follows that we:

- a** DO credit answers which are worded differently from the mark scheme if they clearly convey the same meaning (unless the mark scheme requires a specific term)
- b** DO credit alternative answers/examples which are not written in the mark scheme if they are correct
- c** DO credit answers where candidates give more than one correct answer in one prompt/numbered/scaffolded space where extended writing is required rather than list-type answers. For example, questions that require n reasons (e.g. State two reasons ...).
- d** DO NOT credit answers simply for using a 'key term' unless that is all that is required. (Check for evidence it is understood and not used wrongly.)
- e** DO NOT credit answers which are obviously self-contradicting or trying to cover all possibilities
- f** DO NOT give further credit for what is effectively repetition of a correct point already credited unless the language itself is being tested. This applies equally to 'mirror statements' (i.e. polluted/not polluted).
- g** DO NOT require spellings to be correct, unless this is part of the test. However spellings of syllabus terms must allow for clear and unambiguous separation from other syllabus terms with which they may be confused (e.g. Corrasion/Corrosion)

2 Presentation of mark scheme:

- Slashes (/) or the word 'or' separate alternative ways of making the same point.
- Semi colons (;) bullet points (•) or figures in brackets (1) separate different points.
- Content in the answer column in brackets is for examiner information/context to clarify the marking but is not required to earn the mark (except Accounting syllabuses where they indicate negative numbers).

3 Calculation questions:

- The mark scheme will show the steps in the most likely correct method(s), the mark for each step, the correct answer(s) and the mark for each answer
- If working/explanation is considered essential for full credit, this will be indicated in the question paper and in the mark scheme. In all other instances, the correct answer to a calculation should be given full credit, even if no supporting working is shown.
- Where the candidate uses a valid method which is not covered by the mark scheme, award equivalent marks for reaching equivalent stages.
- Where an answer makes use of a candidate's own incorrect figure from previous working, the 'own figure rule' applies: full marks will be given if a correct and complete method is used. Further guidance will be included in the mark scheme where necessary and any exceptions to this general principle will be noted.

4 Annotation:

- For point marking, ticks can be used to indicate correct answers and crosses can be used to indicate wrong answers. There is no direct relationship between ticks and marks. Ticks have no defined meaning for levels of response marking.
- For levels of response marking, the level awarded should be annotated on the script.
- Other annotations will be used by examiners as agreed during standardisation, and the meaning will be understood by all examiners who marked that paper.

ANNOTATIONS

The following annotations are used in marking this paper and should be used by examiners.

Annotation	Use or meaning
✓	Correct and relevant point made in answering the question.
✗	Incorrect point or error made.
LNK	Two statements are linked.
REP	Repeat
A	An extraneous figure
N0	No working shown
AE	Attempts evaluation
R1	Required item 1
R2	Required item 2
OF	Own figure
EVAL	Evaluation
NAQ	Not answered question
BOD	Benefit of the doubt given.
SEEN	Noted but no credit given
Highlight	Highlight
Off page Comment	Off page comment

Abbreviations and guidance

The following abbreviations may be used in the mark scheme:

OF = own figure. The answer will be marked correct if a candidate has correctly used their own figure from a previous part or calculation.

W = working. The working for a figure is given below. Where the figure has more than one mark associated with it, the working will show where individual marks are to be awarded.

CF = correct figure. The figure has to be correct i.e. no extraneous items have been included in the calculation

Extraneous item = an item that should not have been included in a calculation, including indirect expenses such as salaries in calculation of gross profit when there is one **OF** mark for gross profit'

Curly brackets, }, are used to show where one mark is given for more than one figure. If the figures are not adjacent, each is marked with a curly bracket and a symbol e.g. }*

row = all figures in the row must be correct for this mark to be awarded

Marks for figures are dependent on correct sign/direction

Accept other valid responses. This statement indicates that marks may be awarded for answers that are not listed in the mark scheme but are equally valid.

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1(d)	<p>Advise the committee members which is the better option. Justify your answer.</p> <p>Option 1 – max (2) The club does not have enough cash to pay the whole amount as it only has a cash balance of \$116 600 at 31 December 2023 (1). Loan has to be raised and the club has to pay interest expense (1). It's a capital expenditure and paid once and for all (1). The annual maintenance is minimal (1). This increases the assets value of the club (1). More reliable as no need for a human presence. (1) Susceptible to breakdowns / hacking (1)</p> <p>Option 2 – max (2) Members may feel safer due to physical presence (1). The club is still subject to the threat at nighttime (1). Paying \$30 000 each and every year is a heavy financial burden to the club (1). Option 2's annual expense of \$30 000 is higher compared with Option 1's \$18 000 for the first year and \$16 300 for the second year (1).</p> <p>Decision supported by a comment (1)</p> <p>Accept other valid responses.</p>	5

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2(a)(i)	<p>Explain how to correct the following errors made by the accounts clerk. Support your answer with calculations and with reference to the relevant international accounting standards.</p> <p>(i) depreciation on buildings</p> <p>IAS 8 (1) <i>Accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and errors</i> states that a new accounting policy should be applied retrospectively (1). \$1 600 ($\\$80\ 000 \times 2\%$) (1) depreciation charge for 2022 should be deducted from the opening retained earnings (1) and \$1 600 depreciation charge for 2023 should be deducted from profit for the year (1) and non-current assets (1).</p> <p>1 mark for IAS 4 marks for explanations 1 mark for calculation</p>	6

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2(a)(ii)	<p>(ii) valuation of inventory</p> <p>Calculations: A further analysis of each category of inventory is:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="345 350 1507 620"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="345 414 451 446">Category</th> <th data-bbox="451 414 563 446">Cost</th> <th data-bbox="563 414 833 446">Estimated selling price</th> <th data-bbox="833 414 1035 446">Commission n</th> <th data-bbox="1035 414 1192 446">5%</th> <th data-bbox="1192 414 1226 446">NRV</th> <th data-bbox="1226 414 1439 446">Invento ry value</th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th>\$</th> <th>\$</th> <th>\$</th> <th>\$</th> <th>\$</th> <th>\$</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A</td> <td>30 500</td> <td>45 000</td> <td>2 250</td> <td>42 750</td> <td>30 500</td> <td>(1)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B</td> <td>5 900</td> <td>6 000</td> <td>300</td> <td>5 700</td> <td>5 700</td> <td>(1)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C</td> <td>3 800</td> <td>3 000</td> <td>150</td> <td>2 850</td> <td>2 850</td> <td>(1)</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><u>40 200</u></td> <td><u>54 000</u></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td><u>39 050</u></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Difference in inventory value = \$14 950 / (\$54 000 – \$39 050) (1) OF.</p> <p>IAS 2 (1) <i>Inventories</i> states that inventory should be valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value (1). This is in compliance with the prudence concept (1). Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale (1). The valuation would be corrected by considering each individual category (1). The profit for the year will be reduced (1).</p> <p>4 marks for calculations 1 mark for IAS 3 marks max for explanations</p>	Category	Cost	Estimated selling price	Commission n	5%	NRV	Invento ry value		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	A	30 500	45 000	2 250	42 750	30 500	(1)	B	5 900	6 000	300	5 700	5 700	(1)	C	3 800	3 000	150	2 850	2 850	(1)		<u>40 200</u>	<u>54 000</u>			<u>39 050</u>		8
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2(b)	Prepare the corrected statement of changes in equity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The <u>total</u> column is not required.					5
		Share capital \$	Share premium \$	Revaluation reserve \$	Retained earnings \$	
Balance b/d	W1	400 000	32 000		149 400	(1) OF
Profit for the year	W2				105 450	(2)
New issue		60 000	18 000			
Bonus issue		40 000	(40 000)	(1)		
Interim dividend paid					(60 000)	
Revaluation of land				35 000	(1)	
		<u>500 000</u>	<u>10 000</u>	<u>35 000</u>	<u>194 850</u>	
W1	$\$151\ 000 - \$1\ 600 = \$149\ 400$					
W2	$\$122\ 000 - (\$1600 + \$14950) \text{ (1) OF} = \$105\ 450 \text{ (1) OF}$					

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2(c)	Prepare the corrected statement of financial position at 31 December 2023.	6
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	\$	\$
	Non-current assets (\$642000 – \$1 600 × 2)	638 800 (1) OF
	Current assets	
	Inventory	39 050 (1) OF
	Trade receivables	226 000
	Cash and cash equivalents	<u>60 500</u>
	Total current assets	<u>325 550</u>
	Total assets	<u>964 350</u>
	Equity	
	Ordinary shares	500 000
	Share premium	10 000
	Revaluation reserve	35 000
	Retained earnings	<u>194 850</u>
		739 850 (1) OF
	Non-current liabilities	
	8% debenture	50 000 (1)
	Current liabilities	
	Trade payables	152 000
	Other payables \$63 000 – (\$42 500 – 2 000) (1)	<u>22 500</u> (1) OF
	Total current liabilities	<u>174 500</u>
	Total equity and liabilities	<u>964 350</u>

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3(a)	<p>Explain <u>three</u> benefits of a merger.</p> <p>Benefits of a merger:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Economies of scale / synergy (1) taking advantage of bulk buying discounts / reduction of cost / higher profit (1)• Pooling of experience / skill / resources (1) as new owners may bring new experience / skills / resources (1)• Diversification of products / services (1) will open up new / different markets (1)• Vertical integration / division of work (1) gives better control of production / sales (1)• Reduce competition / increase market share (1) to increase sales / profit (1). <p>Max 3 benefits × 2 marks (1 mark for benefit and 1 mark for development)</p> <p>Accept other valid responses</p>	6

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