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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.

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1(a)	Significant [1]. It makes it more likely that the shooting was by poachers or big game hunters [1]. The subsistence farmers would be unlikely to possess sophisticated firearms [1]. However, it is possible that the farmers hired poachers/big game hunters to kill the lion on their behalf [1].	3								
1(b)	It lacks significance [1] because the wounds are only consistent with a lion attack [1]. This means it could have been a number of other predators [1]. It lacks reliability [1] as it is issued by the Nambutian government [1] who might have a motive for focussing blame on the villagers [1] if some of their members are organising illegal hunting trips [1].	3								
1(c)	Useful <i>if one assumes</i> that it reveals collusion between the government and a big game hunter in the killing of Albert [1]. The photos could offer concrete evidence that the beast was Albert [1]. However, on this information alone we do not know that the ‘beast’ referred to is Albert (or even a lion) [1]. The difficulties referred to could be any number of things [1]. <i>An answer which assumes the first point does not score the mark.</i>	3								
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2(a)	Other types of flu. Briefer and/or milder infections could still be a problem.	2								
2(b)	Other health problems may arise from keeping a cat indoors [1]. These health problems may be more severe than cat flu [1]. Only a minority of cats suffer from the side effects of vaccination [1]. If one has a cat that doesn't, then sufficient protection will be offered when the cat goes outside [1]. Other difficulties may arise from keeping a cat indoors [1]. These may make keeping a cat indoors untenable [1]. It may be unethical to keep a cat indoors [1], because... <i>any valid reason</i> [1].	2								
2(c)(i)	The data for the USA [1] shows that 90% of cats were vaccinated, yet 35% lived indoors [1] (, so at least 25 out of every 100 cats must have lived indoors and been vaccinated). <i>Allow reference to 25% of indoor cats.</i>	2								
2(c)(ii)	<i>1 mark for each valid explanation, for example:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher proportion of indoor cats vaccinated in the UK • Risk of indoor cats contracting flu higher in the UK • Greater prevalence in the UK of flu strains not covered by the vaccination • Cat flu strains in the UK more virulent • UK cats less healthy so more susceptible to flu than German cats • Density of cat population higher in the UK • Greater population in the UK of other animals that carry cat flu • Other methods of controlling cat flu might be used in Germany. 	3								
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2(d)	<p>Indicative content</p> <p>The statement is too sweeping. It might apply if a cat is kept indoors and is never sent to a boarding home. If these conditions do not apply, however, then it does become necessary in the case of the boarding home and at least advisable if the cat goes outdoors. However, ‘necessary’ is probably too strong as it is not clear what the consequences of a cat getting cat flu are.</p> <p>Source A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert analysis but vested interest to supply vaccinations and make money <p>Source B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neutral analysis with some expertise but insufficient information to draw a conclusion. <p>Source C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some expertise – suggests some problems with vaccination and suggests not really necessary for indoor cats <p>Source D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK figures support effectiveness of vaccination • USA figures suggest less effective (though there may be explanations for high incidence of cat flu in spite of vaccination) • German figures challenge necessity for vaccination • South African figures show high incidence where there is little vaccination. • Malaysian figures suggest vaccination unnecessary where cats live indoors. <p>Source E</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggests vaccination necessary if owners want to put cats in a cattery. • However not clear that this is for genuine medical reasons – seems affiliated with vet practice. <p>Notes for the guidance of markers</p> <p>Simple supported conclusion 1 or nuanced conclusion 2</p> <p>+ <u>use</u> of 1 or 2 sources + 1 or <u>use</u> of all or most (3 or more) sources of evidence + 2 <i>not just mentioning or summarizing or comprehension</i></p> <p>+ critical evaluation of evidence + 1 or (more than one case) + 2</p> <p>+ good inferential reasoning + 1 or (more than one case) + 2</p> <p><i>not speculation</i></p> <p>+ personal thinking + 1</p>	6

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3(a)	<p><i>2 marks:</i> owners of diesel cars should not rush out to sell them. <i>1 mark:</i> This suggests it is unethical to own a diesel car, but owners of diesel cars should not rush out to sell them.</p>	2
3(b)	<p><i>1 mark for each of the following, to a maximum of 3 marks:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is not much point bothering about emissions from your diesel engine while this is the case. • If you drive a modern diesel car you can drive with a clear conscience. • There is little point in switching to a petrol-engined car on ethical grounds. • They [diesel engines] are a superior type of engine. <p><i>Allow <u>one</u> significant omission or addition in each case.</i></p>	3
3(c)	<p><i>Marks for each evaluative point as follows, up to a maximum of 5 marks:</i></p> <p><i>2 marks: Valid evaluative point, clearly expressed.</i> <i>1 mark: Weak attempt at a valid evaluative point.</i></p> <p><i>Paragraph 2</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assumption – air quality is the only issue relevant to diesel emissions • Flaw – <i>tu quoque</i> • Flaw – inconsistency; if city pollution is brought in on prevailing winds then emissions in the country may contribute to this city pollution. <p><i>Paragraph 3</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • False inference – car manufacturers may have been simply forced to take action because of the law rather than genuine ethical concern. • Assumption – DPFs actually work. If they have been fitted for many years but there is still concern about diesel particles it suggests they do not. • Assumption – that DPFs prevent soot particles from being emitted. • Weakness – this offers only limited support to the conclusion and implies you should sell your car or take some other action if your car is not fitted with a DPF. <p><i>Paragraph 4</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flaw – restricting the options; there are alternatives to diesel other than petrol engines. • Flaw – the issue of not using diesel is conflated with the choice of an alternative to it. • Flaw – consideration of one ethical issue is not sufficient to make an overall conclusion on the relative ethical merits of petrol v. diesel. <p><i>Paragraph 5</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assumption – there is an alternative to the diesel engine for these commercial vehicles. 	5

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3(d)	<p><i>Challenge (155 words)</i></p> <p>Although at first sight the driverless car seems to eliminate the possibility of road traffic accidents, we do not know the likelihood and consequences of a malfunction of the software that would govern the driverless car system. Given the vulnerability of IT systems to cyber-attacks, it is likely that such an attack would occur causing widespread chaos, with cars crashing into each other.</p> <p>Whilst driverless cars are likely to be electric, there is no guarantee of this. The powerful fossil fuel lobby will strive to produce a driverless fossil fuelled car and this is likely to be superior as regards the distance that can be travelled before refuelling/re-charging is necessary.</p> <p>It is difficult to see how the driverless car will have any significant impact on the problem of congestion. Controlling speed, etc. may mitigate the problem but only slightly.</p> <p>So the driverless car will not introduce problem-free motoring.</p>	5