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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 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.

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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.

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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.

Guidance on using levels-based mark schemes

Marking of work should be positive, rewarding achievement where possible, but clearly differentiating across the whole range of marks, where appropriate.

The marker should look at the work and then make a judgement about which level statement is the best fit. In practice, work does not always match one level statement precisely so a judgement may need to be made between two or more level statements.

Once a best-fit level statement has been identified, use the following guidance to decide on a specific mark:
- If the candidate's work **convincingly** meets the level statement, award the highest mark.
- If the candidate's work **adequately** meets the level statement, award the most appropriate mark in the middle of the range (where middle marks are available).
- If the candidate's work **just** meets the level statement, award the lowest mark.

Assessment objectives

AO1 Knowledge and understanding
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of legal concepts, principles and rules.
- Use statutes, cases, examples and legal terminology.

AO2 Analysis and application
- Analyse legal concepts, principles and rules.
- Apply legal concepts, principles and rules.

AO3 Evaluation
- Evaluate legal concepts, principles and rules.
- Communicate legal argument coherently on the basis of evidence.

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Annotations and their Use

Annotation	Use
✓	Used to indicate relevant and rewardable content.
X	Used to indicate that content is inaccurate or incorrect.
NAQ	Used when the answer or parts of the answer are not answering the question asked.
BOD	Used when the benefit of the doubt is given in order to reward a response.
EVAL	Used to indicate where the answer has demonstrated evaluation
REP	Indicates where content has been repeated.
SEEN	Indicates that content has been recognised but not rewarded.
?	Indicates material which is not sufficiently clear to be rewarded.
	Indicates material which is not relevant as a response to the question asked.

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Section A

Table A

Use this table to give marks for each candidate response for **Questions 1** and **2**.

Level	AO1 Knowledge and understanding 12 marks	AO2 Analysis and application 5 marks	AO3 Evaluation 8 marks
	Description	**Description**	**Description**
4	**10–12 marks** • Accurate and detailed in most relevant areas. • Thorough knowledge and understanding of the most appropriate legal concepts, principles and rules, key examples, cases and/or statutory authority, and legal terminology.		
3	**7–9 marks** • Mostly accurate but may not be detailed in some relevant areas. • Good knowledge and understanding of appropriate legal concepts, principles and rules, examples, cases and/or statutory authority, and legal terminology.	**4–5 marks** • Mostly focused and reasoned application throughout. • The application is supported by effective and well-developed use of legal concepts, principles and rules, key examples, cases and/or statutory authority.	**6–8 marks** • Mostly focused and reasoned evaluation of all the relevant issues. • Effectively supported by relevant material. • Coherent argument.
2	**4–6 marks** • Some accuracy but lacks detail in relevant areas. • Some knowledge and understanding of mostly appropriate legal concepts, principles and rules, examples, cases and/or statutory authority, and legal terminology.	**2–3 marks** • Some reasoned application. • The application is supported by some partially developed use of legal concepts, principles and rules, examples, cases and/or statutory authority.	**3–5 marks** • Some evaluation, reasoned at times, of some of the relevant issues. • Supported by some relevant material. • Some coherent argument.

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Level	AO1 Knowledge and understanding 12 marks	AO2 Analysis and application 5 marks	AO3 Evaluation 8 marks
1	**1–3 marks** • Limited accuracy. • Limited knowledge and understanding of legal concepts, principles and rules, examples, cases and/or statutory authority, and legal terminology.	**1 mark** • Limited application. • The application is supported by limited use or makes no use of legal concepts, principles and rules, examples, cases and/or statutory authority.	**1–2 marks** • Limited evaluation of a relevant issue. • Limited or no use of relevant material. • Limited or no argument.
0	**0 marks** • No creditable content.	**0 marks** • No creditable content.	**0 marks** • No creditable content.

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Question	Answer	Marks
1	**Advise the parties of their rights, responsibilities and potential remedies.** Use Table A to mark candidate responses to this question. AO1 out of 12 marks. AO2 out of 5 marks. AO3 out of 8 marks. **Indicative content** Responses may include: John and Frank **AO1 Knowledge and understanding** • Identify issue of negligent misstatement • Distinguish between pure economic loss and consequential loss • Explain the elements required to establish a duty of care for negligent misstatement • Explain the standard of care required of a professional accountant • Explain the rules relating to breach of duty and damage • Explain the possible remedy **AO2 Analysis and application and AO3 Evaluation** • Analyse whether duty of care is established • Assess whether John has breached the duty of care • Assess whether the breach caused the damage • Consider possible defences • Assess the losses which may be recoverable Credit all valid responses.	**25**
	AO1	12
	AO2	5
	AO3	8

Question	Answer	Marks
2	**Advise the parties of their rights, responsibilities and potential remedies.** Use Table A to mark candidate responses to this question. AO1 out of 12 marks. AO2 out of 5 marks. AO3 out of 8 marks. **Indicative content** Responses may include: Barchester Council, Andy and Colm **AO1 Knowledge and understanding** • Identify the issue as one of occupiers' liability • Explain key terms – occupier, premises, visitor and trespasser • Explain the duty owed by an occupier to a visitor under the OLA 1957 • Explain the rules relating to an independent contractor • Explain possible defences and remedies **AO2 Analysis and application and AO3 Evaluation** • Assess whether Barchester Shopping Centre own a duty to Colm under the OLA 1957 • Assess whether the duty has been discharged through the hiring of an independent contractor • Assess whether any defences are available • Discuss which losses are recoverable Barchester Council and Liam **AO1 Knowledge and understanding** • Identify the issue as one of occupiers' liability • Explain the duty of care owed to a trespasser under the OLA 1984 • Explain the special rules in relation to a child trespasser • Explain the rules relating to warning signs • Explain the possible defences • Identify possible remedies in relation to personal injury and damage to property **AO2 Analysis and application and AO3 Evaluation** • Analyse whether the duty of care under OLA 1984 has been breached • Assess whether there are any defences available • Consider the which losses are recoverable Credit may be awarded for an alternative approach based on negligence Credit all valid responses.	**25**
	AO1	12
	AO2	5
	AO3	8

Section B

Table B

Use this table to give marks for each candidate response for **Questions 3**, **4** and **5**.

Level	AO1 Knowledge and understanding 12 marks	AO2 Analysis and application 5 marks	AO3 Evaluation 8 marks
	Description	**Description**	**Description**
4	**10–12 marks** • Accurate and detailed in most relevant areas. • Thorough knowledge and understanding of the most appropriate legal concepts, principles and rules, key examples, cases and/or statutory authority, and legal terminology.		
3	**7–9 marks** • Mostly accurate but may not be detailed in some relevant areas. • Good knowledge and understanding of appropriate legal concepts, principles and rules, examples, cases and/or statutory authority, and legal terminology.	**4–5 marks** • Mostly focused and reasoned analysis throughout. • The analysis is supported by effective and well-developed use of legal concepts, principles and rules, key examples, cases and/or statutory authority.	**6–8 marks** • Mostly focused and reasoned evaluation of all the relevant issues. • Effectively supported by relevant material. • Coherent argument.
2	**4–6 marks** • Some accuracy but lacks detail in relevant areas. • Some knowledge and understanding of mostly appropriate legal concepts, principles and rules, examples, cases and/or statutory authority, and legal terminology.	**2–3 marks** • Some reasoned analysis. • The analysis is supported by some partially developed use of legal concepts, principles and rules, examples, cases and/or statutory authority.	**3–5 marks** • Some evaluation, reasoned at times, of some of the relevant issues. • Supported by some relevant material. • Some coherent argument.

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Level	AO1 Knowledge and understanding 12 marks	AO2 Analysis and application 5 marks	AO3 Evaluation 8 marks
1	**1–3 marks** • Limited accuracy. • Limited knowledge and understanding of legal concepts, principles and rules, examples, cases and/or statutory authority, and legal terminology.	**1 mark** • Limited analysis. • The analysis is supported by limited use or makes no use of legal concepts, principles and rules, examples, cases and/or statutory authority.	**1–2 marks** • Limited evaluation of a relevant issue. • Limited or no use of relevant material. • Limited or no argument.
0	**0 marks** • No creditable content.	**0 marks** • No creditable content.	**0 marks** • No creditable content.

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Question	Answer	Marks
3	**The standard of care in negligence is an objective one. However, in a limited number of circumstances the court should take into consideration the individual characteristics of the defendant.** **Assess the validity of this statement.** Use Table B to mark candidate responses to this question. AO1 out of 12 marks. AO2 out of 5 marks. AO3 out of 8 marks. **Indicative content** Responses may include: **AO1 Knowledge and understanding** • Explanation of the standard of care • Explanation of the reasonable man test • Explanation of the nature of an objective test • Explanation of the application of the test to children • Explanation of the application of the test to professionals **AO2 Analysis and application and AO3 Evaluation** • Analysis of the use of an objective test • Analysis of the use of the test in relation to children • Analysis of the use of the test in relation to professionals • Assess whether the current approach provides just outcomes Some credit may be awarded for an explanation of the elements of negligence but in order to achieve the highest marks the candidate must focus on the standard of care. Credit all valid responses.	**25**
	AO1	12
	AO2	5
	AO3	8

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Question	Answer	Marks
4	**Evaluate the operation of the defence of contributory negligence.** Use Table B to mark candidate responses to this question. AO1 out of 12 marks. AO2 out of 5 marks. AO3 out of 8 marks. **Indicative content** Responses may include: **AO1 Knowledge and understanding** • Explain the development of the defence of contributory negligence. • Explain the operation of contributory negligence as a partial defence. • Explain the factors required to establish the defence. • Explain the operation of the defence in relation to specific torts. **AO2 Analysis and application and AO3 Evaluation** • Analyse the elements of the defence. • Analyse the extent to which the defence provides justice for the parties.	**25**
	AO1	12
	AO2	5
	AO3	8

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Question	Answer	Marks
5	**The rule in *Rylands v Fletcher* is no longer necessary as a remedy can generally be found in private nuisance.** **Assess the validity of this statement.** AO1 out of 12 marks. AO2 out of 5 marks. AO3 out of 8 marks. **Indicative content** Responses may include: **AO1 Knowledge and understanding** • Explain the development of the action in *Rylands v Fletcher* • Explain the elements which must be present to establish liability. • Explain the defences which are available. • Explain the remedies which may be awarded in a case of *Rylands v Fletcher* • Explain the use of private nuisance in relation to cases involving accumulation, non-natural use, escape and damage. **AO2 Analysis and application and AO3 Evaluation** • Assess the extent to which *Rylands v Fletcher* is still a useful action. • Assess the extent to which private nuisance can be used instead of *Rylands v Fletcher* • Assess whether the action in *Rylands v Fletcher* is still necessary. Credit all valid responses.	**25**
	AO1	12
	AO2	5
	AO3	8

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