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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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Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)	Two examples of: Any meaningful name for an array related to Task 1 – one mark, e.g.  TileDescription  TilePrice  TileCode  Correct data type and purpose related to Task 1 – one mark, e.g.  string to store the name / description of the tiles  real to store the price of the tiles  string to store the tile codes	4
1(b)	Any meaningful name for a variable related to Task 2 – one mark, e.g.  NumberOfWalls TotalArea TotalCost  Relevant data type for the variable related to Task 2 – one mark, e.g.  Integer Real	4
	<ul> <li>Relevant purpose for the variable related to Task 2 – one mark, e.g.</li> <li> to store the number of walls that need to be tiled</li> <li> to store the total area / cost</li> <li>One mark for a correct reason, e.g.</li> <li>Variables allow the storage of values within a program that may change as the program runs // Variables are used to store values that are input or calculated</li> </ul>	

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# Cambridge IGCSE – Mark Scheme

Question	Answer	Marks
1(c)	Six from:  MP1 Input for height and width of the wall to tile and tile code  MP2 Prompts for all inputs seen  MP3 Validation of height and width  MP4 Reasonable attempt at validation of tile code  MP5 Calculation of the area of the wall  MP6 Calculation of the number of boxes rounded up  MP7 Looking up the cost of the tiles  MP8 Calculation of the cost of the boxes of the tiles  MP9 Output of area of the wall, the number of boxes and cost of tiles needed  MP10 Appropriate message(s) with output	6
	Example algorithm REPEAT OUTPUT "Please enter height of wall " INPUT Height UNTIL Height > 0	
	REPEAT OUTPUT "Please enter width of wall " INPUT Width UNTIL Width > 0	
	<pre>REPEAT    Found ← FALSE    Counter ← 0 REPEAT    OUTPUT "Please enter tile identification code "    INPUT MyTileId    IF MyTileId = TileCode(Counter)         THEN         MyCost ← TilePrice(Counter)         Found ← TRUE    ENDIF    Counter ← Counter + 1</pre>	
	UNTIL Found  Area  — Height * Width  NoBoxes  — Int(Round (Area + 0.5))  // Rounds up to nearest Integer  TotalPrice  — NoBoxes * MyCost  OUTPUT ("Area of wall is ", Area, " metres")  OUTPUT ("Number of boxes of tiles is ", Area, " NoBoxes)  OUTPUT ("Cost of Tiles is ", TotalPrice, " dollars"	

Question	Answer	Marks		
1(d)	<ul> <li>Three from:</li> <li>Adding an extra user input for number of walls</li> <li> using this value as a loop counter</li> <li> so that separate inputs of height and width can be made for each wall</li> <li>Calculating a running total for the final area using the results of the area calculation for each wall</li> <li>Rounding the final area or using previously rounded areas for the final total</li> <li>Displaying with a suitable message final area, final number of boxes of tiles required and final cost</li> <li>If only program statements given with no explanation, zero marks.</li> </ul>			
1(e)	<ul> <li>Three from:</li> <li>Check that only numbers are accepted // type check</li> <li>Check that the values are within boundaries // range check</li> <li>Check that a value has been entered // presence check</li> <li>Using an IF / conditional statement</li> <li>Identification of suitable lower value / acceptable value</li> <li>Identification of suitable upper value / unacceptable value</li> <li>Alerting the user with an error message if the input is unacceptable</li> </ul>	3		

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Question	Answer				
2	<ul> <li>Two from</li> <li>Sub-program / system not the whole program / system</li> <li>To perform a frequently used operation within a program</li> <li>That can be called when needed</li> <li>That can be reused by another program</li> </ul>	2			

Question		Answer	Marks
3	•	FOR ( TO NEXT) loop	3
	•	WHILE ( DO ENDWHILE) loop	
	•	REPEAT ( UNTIL) loop	

Question	Answer				
4(a)	Conditional / selection statement				
4(b)	Four from:  MP1	4			

Question	Answer					Marks	
5(a)	First	Last	UserIn	Middle	Found	OUTPUT	6
	0	16			FALSE		
	0	16	10	8	FALSE		
	0	7	10	3	FALSE		
	4	7	10	5	TRUE	TRUE	
o	ne mark per	correct colu	ımn	'			

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Question	Answer	Marks
5(b)	Two from:  Search for the value input  using an array  of sorted data	2

Question	Answer				
6	One mark for each correct symbol and name / description / example of use (maximum four marks)				
	Symbol	Description of use			
		Terminator – start / end the flowchart			
		Process – to show calculations, etc.			
		Input / Output			
		Decision – to show condition			
		Continuation – to extend the flowchart and allow it to join up			

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Question	Answer							
7(a)	<ul><li>Number of Fields: 4</li><li>Number of Records: 32</li></ul>							
7(b)		eld is suitable as a cause none of the		nique // duplicates o	could occur	2		
7(c)	Field:	FirstName	LastName	Y10TestScore		4		
	Table:	MARKBOOK	MARKBOOK	MARKBOOK				
	Sort:			Descending				
	Show:	$\overline{\checkmark}$	V	$\overline{\checkmark}$				
	Criteria:			>=50				
	or:							
	One mark for each completely correct column down to and including 'Show' row (maximum three marks) One mark for correct search criteria rows							

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