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Paper 2 Geographical Skills
MARK SCHEME
Maximum Mark: 60

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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.

Marking annotations

Examiners must use the following annotations:

Annotation	Meaning
✓	Correct point
×	Incorrect point
BOD	Benefit of the doubt given
IRRL	Irrelevant to the question being asked
NAQ	Material that does not answer the question
REP	Point has been repeated
TV	Point is too vague
LNK	Two or more ideas or paired data have been linked together for credit
٨	Omission mark; the answer does not go quite far enough to gain a mark
Highlight	Highlight used to show a significant part of the response or can be used with another annotation e.g.
[]	Brackets used to show a significant part of the response or can be used with another annotation e.g.
SEEN	Used to show that questions with no response have been checked and all additional pages have been checked

Question	A	nswer	Marks
1(a)(i)	Gailbach		1
1(a)(ii)	Spring		1
1(a)(iii)	Path (with signs)		1
1(a)(iv)	Refreshment point/Schöne Aussicht		1
1(a)(v)	1660 (metres)		1
1(b)(i)	Height Tassenbach low and Tessenberg hig Tassenbach 1079 m and Tessenberg Tassenbach lower/Tessenberg highe Slopes Tassenbach gentle/flat and Tessenberg Tassenbach gentler/flat/Tessenberg Must be comparative Reserve 1 mark for height and 1 mar	y 1340 <u>m;</u> (allow 1050–1100/1250–1350.) <u>rr;</u> erg steep; steep <u>er</u> .	2
1(b)(ii)	Tassenbach	Tessenberg	2
	Main road	Minor road/no main road	
	Both have minor roads/other roads		
	Both have junctions		
	Tassenbach has a <u>main</u> road junction junction = 2 marks	on vs. Tessenberg has a minor road	
	Railway/line/station	No railway/line/station	
	Bus stop(s)	No bus stop(s)	
	Larg <u>er</u> river(s)	Small <u>er</u> river(s)	
	Allow both have rivers	Allow both have rivers	
	Cycle track	No cycle track	
	No mountain bike route	Mountain bike route	
1(c)(i)	2450 m (allow tolerance 2350–2550 m.)		1
1(c)(ii)	East/E		1
1(c)(iii)	94°–96°		1

Question	Answer	Marks
1(c)(iv)	063803 063804 064803 064804	1
1(d)	There is land over 1400 m; There are steep slopes; There are V-shaped valleys; Rivers flow south; There are small rivers.	5
1(e)	One mark for higher valley (left side), one mark for lower valley (right side), with ridge in middle.	2

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)(i)	30 (thousand).	1
	Note: Allow mark if candidates have drawn the bar accurately on the graph. If graph drawn incorrectly but correct answer written in answer space give credit.	
2(a)(ii)	75 (thousand).	1
	Note:Allow mark if candidates have drawn the bar accurately on the graph. If graph drawn incorrectly but correct answer written in answer space give credit.	
2(b)	British (UK) increase/increase to 2019 then decrease; British (UK) has changed from negative to positive; European fluctuates/no pattern/increase to 2019 then decrease/(overall) decrease/drops in 2017 and 2020; Irish (RoI) increase/decrease in emigration; Rest of world increase/doubled/increase then levelled out/increase to 2018 then decrease; British (UK) least change/range/Irish (RoI) most change/range. Note: Look for patterns not a year-by-year description.	4
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Question	Answer	Marks
2(c)	Advantage More/many (skilled) workers/boost workforce/more taxpayers/younger population; Can fill shortfalls in particular types of jobs or named example e.g. more doctors or nurses; Cultural diversity e.g. food, music, religion/new language; Disadvantage Increased competition for jobs; Wages sent to home country; Racial tensions; Increased pressure on housing/healthcare/schools; Increased pressure on food/water/energy. Note: Reserve 1 mark for advantage and 1 mark for disadvantage Must be in correct section.	2

Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)(i)	Correct plot of 5 small towns.	1
3(a)(ii)	Inverse/negative relationship; The higher the number of settlements the lower in the hierarchy/the lower the number of settlements the higher in the hierarchy.	1
3(b)(i)	(Weak) positive relationship; The higher in the hierarchy the more the population/the lower in the hierarchy the less the population.	1
3(b)(ii)	Larger population (than expected); High population but low in hierarchy.	1
3(c)(i)	Largest population/therefore (more) services/businesses; Central position; Surrounded by (several) small towns/villages/small settlements; Route focus (allow junction of several main roads)/6 roads/(main) roads/road junctions/can reach from all directions.	2
3(c)(ii)	Few/no roads/inaccessible/remote; Highland/mountains/steep slopes; Poor soils/agriculture; Important land for agriculture; (Note: allow agriculture only once.) Low-lying land subject to flooding; Lack of water (supply)/sewage/sanitation/electricity/gas; Marshland/swamps.	2

Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)	A = sand dune B = headland C = wave-cut platform D = beach E = stack	5
4(b)	Layers of hard/more resistant and softer/less resistant rock; At right angles to coast/correct position on diagram/discordant coastline; Waves erode (cliffs)/attack cliffs/caused by erosion/hydraulic action; Cliff retreats; Differential erosion/cliffs along the coastline do not erode at the same rate; Soft rock/clay is less resistant than hard rock so is easier to erode and creates bays; Hard rock/chalk/granite is more resistant than soft rock so sticks out/headland; Soft rock eroded faster than hard rock; Deposition in sheltered bays. Note: Max 1 mark if no labels on diagram. Look for key ideas labelled on diagram. e.g.: Formation of headlands and bays (Less resistant thander) (Resistant thander) (Resistant thander) (Resistant thander)	3
	chalk or imestone Clay Clay Clay Clay Clay Clay Clay	
	Sea attacking a coastline of varying resistance will erode the weaker rock more quickly The result is that a series and sheltered bays form in the weaker rocks harder rocks	

Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)	Two converging arrows. Arrows can be drawn anywhere on Fig. 5.2 (allow on 5.1). Allow horizontal arrow on RH side and oblique arrow on LH side (following the line of subduction).	1
5(b)	V – oceanic plate Y – rising magma W – subduction zone X – volcano	4
5(c)	Layers of lava and ash; Conical/cone/concave; Steep (sides); Crater; Parasitic/secondary cones; Violent/high pressure eruptions/explosive/explosive lava; Dormant phases; Subject to landslides; Viscous/thick/slow-moving lava; Pyroclastics/ ash clouds/gas; Volcanic bombs; Lahars/mudflows/mudslides.	а

Question	Answer	Marks
6(a)	Mixed Subsistence	2
6(b)	Arable Subsistence	2
6(c)	River can be used <u>for irrigation/water for crops</u> ; River <u>for alluvium/fertile soil</u> ; River for <u>transporting crops</u> ; Rich green colour <u>suggests fertile land</u> ; Can be flooded <u>to allow rice production</u> ; Land above flood level; Some flat land available <u>for use of machinery/planting crops/harvesting</u> ; Sloping land <u>can be terraced</u> ; Hill <u>for shelter</u> ; Different crop areas/different types of crops can be planted in different areas; e.g. tree crops/banana on slopes/rice; No dense vegetation <u>to clear</u> . Note: A list of 2 or more factors without explanation = Max. 1.	4