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Paper 4 Alternative to Coursework
MARK SCHEME
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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)(i)	It is a manufacturing industry.	1
1(a)(ii)	Input: limestone / red alluvium / shale / gypsum / electricity / labour. Process: crushing / milling/ burning / grinding / bagging.	2
1(b)(i)	Systematic sampling – 1 mark reserve. Ask every nth / tenth person / regular pattern (minimum 3); Avoid bias / fair test / quick method / reliable; OR Random sampling – 1 mark reserve. Use random numbers to identify people / ask next person they meet / no system to choose; Random numbers avoid bias / quick method / fair test / reliable / equal chance of anyone being chosen; OR Stratified sampling – 1 mark reserve. Ask appropriate age group / gender (in local population); Avoids bias / fair test / reliable / representative sample.	3
1(b)(ii)	Scale of 1 – 5 / people give a score out of 5 / number scale; 1 shows little concern & 5 shows high level of concern.	2
1(b)(iii)	Plot dangerous traffic = 294.	1
1(b)(iv)	Plot for 21 – 40 age group. looks ugly = 2.8. trees are chopped down = 1.7.	2

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Question		Answer		Marks
1(b)(v)	Credit 2 marks for statements:			3
	Results / average score from different / all age groups / overall are similar similar order /similar rank order;			
	Most scores / scores from are highest for air pollutio OR		es from 3 out of 4 groups	
	Scores for air pollution / n OR		•	
	More people / age groups Most scores / scores from	·		
	are lowest for looks ugly / trees chopped down; OR Scores for trees chopped down / looks ugly are low for all age groups; OR			
	Less people / age groups concerned about trees chopped down / looks ugly Credit 1 mark for data (does not need to support a statement) e.g. 3 out of 4 groups score air pollution at 4.4, 4.0 and 4.4 / 4.0 and over; Air pollution scores between 3.9 – 4.4 / above 3.8.			
Credit variation in scores or average scores:				
		variation	average	
	air pollution	0.5	4.2	
	noise	0.5	3.8	
	traffic	0.8	3.0	
	looks ugly	1.0	2.1	
	trees	1.4	1.75	
1(b)(vi)	Ideas such as: Where they live: people who live near factory (are more concerned);			3
Where they work: their income supports the family / not want to lose their job so will be less concerned; People with: breathing difficulties / illness such as bronchitis / asthma / ey infection / cannot afford treatment (will be more concerned); Views of environment: want to preserve nature / conservationists / care about the environment (will be more concerned); How they get to work OR do they drive: drivers must drive on damaged rounds.				
	/ traffic congestion (will be more concerned); Family with children: children are disturbed by the noise / difficult to concentrate at school / danger on road (will be more concerned); People who produce food: land is infertile / less yield (will be more concerned).			

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(c)(i)	Pie graph completion: Plot 'close down the factory' = 22 and 'build a clinic' = 29.	2
	1 mark for dividing line at 71. 1 mark for shading.	
	Note: Credit 1 mark if wrong way around – line at 78 & correct shading.	
1(c)(ii)	Hypothesis is false – 1 mark reserve (✓HA).	3
	The best / most supported / highest percentage chosen method is to make a law (to reduce the amount of air pollution); OR	
	Close down the factory is not the best / not highest percentage / the third best / third most supported method / two other methods are more popular (or describing the methods); OR	
	More people want to make a new law / build a clinic than close down the factory;	
	Reserve 1 mark for paired data: Make a law to reduce the amount of air pollution = 35%, close the factory = 22% / 13% more.	

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(c)(iii)	Make a law to reduce the amount of air pollution:	4
	Advantages: Factory owners must take action; Can be fined if they don't obey the law; Stops companies producing a lot of air pollution; It will make the air cleaner / healthier to breathe; Reduce the number of illnesses linked to breathing difficulties.	
	Disadvantages: Factory owners may ignore the law; Corruption / may bribe officials to ignore the law; New machinery replaces workers.	
	Grants and loans to buy new machinery: Advantages: New machinery is more efficient / will reduce costs of production; Will reduce the amount of air pollution / noise; It will make the air cleaner / healthier to breathe; Reduce the number of illnesses linked to breathing difficulties.	
	Disadvantages: Grants and loans must be repaid / interest on loans; Factory owners may not want to increase their costs.	
	Close down the factory: Advantages: It will remove the sources of air pollution / noise / amount of traffic / there will be less pollution; It will make the air cleaner / healthier to breathe; Reduce the number of illnesses linked to breathing difficulties / eye infections; It will reduce traffic accidents / less danger from traffic.	
	Disadvantages: People will lose their jobs / incomes / unemployment; Difficult to get another job / may not have the skills needed for other employment; Cannot support the family / buy food; Factory suppliers suffer / negative multiplier; Loss of production / no cement for local industry.	

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(c)(iii)	Build a clinic to treat breathing difficulties and eye diseases: Advantages: People can be treated for eye infection / breathing difficulties; Doctors may treat other illnesses / diseases or e.g., / local residents' health will improve; Will benefit the whole community; Creates jobs for doctors. Disadvantages: Cost of building clinic / employing doctors; Doctors may not be available / shortage of doctors; People cannot afford treatment.	
	Note: Reserve 1 mark for advantages / disadvantages of chosen method.	
1(d)	Do survey / fill in the form at <u>different distances</u> away from the factory / examples of varying distances; Do the survey on the same day / in same conditions; Complete distance away from factory on bi-polar sheet; Decide on the score for each problem / rate the problem; Mark <u>score</u> on form / tick the appropriate <u>score</u> ; Note: If answer is the <u>questionnaire</u> idea – still credit.	4
	Mark score on form / tick the appropriate score.	

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	Learn how to work safely in the river; Practise fieldwork techniques.	2
2(b)(i)	Callipers.	1
2(b)(ii)	Complete histogram for site 3: Plot 2 at 601-900, 10 at 901–1200, 4 at 1201–1500.	2
2(b)(iii)	No pattern / correlation to average pebble size going downstream;	3
	1 mark for statement about variation in pebble numbers e.g., More smaller pebbles / lower average size at site 1 than site 3; More larger pebbles / higher average size at site 5 than site 1; More 1201 – 1500mm pebbles at site 5 than site 1;	
	1 mark for data showing hypothesis is wrong e.g., Average size at site 1 = 633mm and at site 5 = 750mm / 117mm bigger at site 5 (credit any two sites which show an increase downstream); 2 pebbles at site 1 between 1201–1500mm & 4 pebbles at site 5 / 2 more at site 5.	
2(c)(i)	Pebbles crash into each other / attrition; Pebbles crash into bed or banks / bounce along riverbed / abrasion / corrasion; Corrosion / solution / dissolves pebbles; Smaller pebbles are moved further downstream because they are lighter to transport / longer duration of transport / longer time to be eroded / been in river longer / downstream river has less energy to carry big pebbles.	3
2(c)(ii)	Measure 40 pebbles at each site; Bigger sample so less effect of an anomaly; More results to calculate an average; Two students individually measure the length of each pebble; Check the measurement; Make sure mistakes are not made / less chance of making a mistake; Make sure they get the same measurement.	2
2(d)(i)	Use tape measure to measure certain distance / 10m (more than 5m) / measure between breaks of slope; Students hold / put (ranging) poles at either end of measured distance / break of slope; Put two (ranging) poles on riverbed; Make sure poles are vertical; Put string / rope at same height between poles; Student holds clinometer next to top / at certain height on (ranging) pole; Sight other ranging pole at top agreed height / same height on other pole / along string; Student uses clinometer to measure angle / read off angle / read off Degrees.	4

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(d)(ii)	Advantage: Give instant reading / faster / quicker; Precise / accurate measurement or reading / exact figure; Easy / clear to read / easy to measure / large digital readout / hard to read clinometer; Don't need to know how to use a clinometer / don't have to read off clinometer; Less chance of making mistake in reading / misreading; Easy to carry / portable.	2
	Disadvantage: May not understand how to use the app; May drop phone into river / phone is fragile / phone gets wet; Phone may not be charged up / battery may run out; Need to download app.	
2(d)(iii)	Circle measurement 18° at site 1. Measurement is an anomaly / does not fit with other results / too big / much bigger than other measurements; Remove the effect of the anomaly on the average / would affect the results; Give a more reliable / accurate average results.	2
2(d)(iv)	Plot average = 7º at site 4.	1
2(d)(v)	Hypothesis is true / generally true / mostly true / partially true − 1 mark reserve (✓HA). Credit 1 mark for paired average data from different sites e.g., 11° at site 1 or upstream and 5° at site 5 or downstream / 6° decrease between sites 1 and 5; OR Credit 1 mark for range of measurements from different sites e.g., at site 1 between 9 − 13°, at site 5 between 3 − 8°; Credit 1 mark for identifying anomaly <u>at site 3 or 4.</u>	3
2(e)(i)	Hypothesis such as: Channel width increases downstream; Does channel depth increase downstream; River velocity increases downstream; Does river velocity vary downstream. Credit increase / decrease / vary / change. Note: Must state 'downstream'.	1

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Question	Answer	Marks
Question 2(e)(ii)	Example 1 - method to measure channel width: One student / pole on each bank / side of river; Place measuring tape across channel / from one bank to the other / measure distance between poles; Keep tape taut / stretched; Poles must be directly across/ at 90 degrees to banks; Repeat method at all sites / 5 sites / each site. Example 2 - method to measure channel depth: Rest ruler on riverbed / lower rock on string to riverbed; Make sure ruler is upright / vertical / make sure string is taut; Measure depth at regular intervals across channel (every metre); Read off the scale where water level reaches / where ruler is wet; Repeat method at all sites / 5 sites / each site. Example 3 - method of measuring velocity using floats: Put poles / sticks 10 metres or fixed distance along river; Use tape measure to measure distance; Put float / orange in river at start of distance; Start stopwatch / timer when float released at start point; Measure time taken for float to travel between poles; Stop stopwatch / timer when float passes end point; Repeat method at points across the channel; Repeat method at all sites / 5 sites / each site. Example 4 - method of measuring velocity using flowmeter: Put meter / propeller / flowmeter below surface of water / into water; Propeller must face upstream;	Marks 4
	No obstacles in front of propeller; Read / look at digital reading / display to see speed; Take several / repeat readings at points across the channel; Repeat method at all sites / 5 sites / each site.	

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