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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment.
 Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

For all questions, accept any reasonable answer if it is correct

1(a)	Why is this a form of sales promotion?		
AOs	Mark Allocation	Exemplar Responses	
AO1 MB1 = 1 MB2 = 1 AO2 MB1 = 1 MB2 = 1	1 mark for understanding of term (may be implied) 1 mark for feature of the sales promotion 1 mark for why that would stimulate sales (maximum 2 marks)	 Meaning Stimulation of sales through special offers, giveaways, etc, – the special offer is a free stool – this is only available if customers buy the chair – the offer of the free stool may persuade customers to buy the chair. A promotional feature that is designed to create action by the customer – the stool matches the chair – customers may feel that they need both parts for a complete set – will want to buy the chair as the free stool makes the overall package more attractive to them. 	
	(4 marks)		

1(b)	Explain how this statement would act as a positive form		
	of promotion which	h could help to increase sales.	
AOs	Mark Allocation	Exemplar Responses	
AO1 MB2 = 1 MB3 = 1 AO2 MB2 = 1 MB3 = 1	1 mark for why element of the statement would be positive for customers (maximum 2 marks) 1 mark for why that might lead to increase in sales (maximum 3 marks) (4 marks)	 Customers like to talk to people rather than a machine – they can then ask questions about the products – explanations will be much fuller than is likely to be given by a machine – the detailed information they receive might encourage them to place an order. Customers can contact the business at any time in the week, day or night – this is convenient for customers who work normal business hours – this is good customer service – might encourage people to deal with HSL rather than another business. 	
	(+ marks)		

	With reference to the information given in Figure 1, evaluate the benefits and drawbacks for <i>HSL</i> of using a full page advertisement in the Daily Mail to advertise its chairs.			
Q2		Indicative content		
AO2 MB2 = 1 MB3 = 1 AO3 MB1 = 1 MB2 = 1 MB3 = 1 AO4 MB1 = 2 MB2 = 2 MB3 = 2	coveral Scotla The retained the high mobilithem. There placed marked difficu. There (1) - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 -	Daily Mail is a national paper (1) – this will give <i>HSL</i> wide rage for its chairs (2) – <i>HSL</i> has stores in England, land and Wales (3). readership for people over 55 is 60% (1) – this is one of highest readerships for any newspaper (2) – <i>HSL</i> sells ility products and older people are more likely to need		
		vertisements related to mobility so customers interested se will be looking for these pages.		
Level	Mark	Descriptor		
0	0	No rewardable material		
Level 1	 Selection of appropriate information from Figure 1. Both positive and negative features must be selected for full marks. The candidate uses everyday language and the response lacks clarity and organisation and is difficult to comprehend. Spelling, punctuation and the rules of grammar are used with little accuracy. 			
Level 2	4 – 6			
Level 3	7 – 9	Application of the benefits and drawbacks to the nature of the business and or the details given about the paper itself.		

		The candidate uses some terms and shows some focus and organisation. Spelling, punctuation and the rules of grammar are used with some accuracy.
Level 4	10 –	Justification for why the benefits or drawbacks outweigh
	11	the other
		The candidate uses a range of appropriate terms and
		shows good focus and organisation. Spelling,
		punctuation and the rules of grammar are used with
		considerable accuracy.

3(a)	Explain which two of the following promotional roles the phrase 'OPENING SOON' is most likely to be trying to		
ΔOs	Mark Allocation	Evemnlar Pesnonses	
AOs AO1 MB1 = 2 AO2 MB1 = 2 AO3 MB1 = 1 MB2 = 1	1 mark for showing understanding of the role (may be implied) 1 mark for why the phrase would show that this role was being met 1 mark for why that is promoting the business	 Creating awareness is ensuring people know about the new stores – 'opening soon' tells customers that there will be a new store in their area – as the store is new, potential customers would not have known it would be available soon unless it was included in the list. Providing information is giving factual detail of something about the business – 'opening soon' tells potential customers that there will be a new store in their area in the future – this will promote the business by telling 	
	Repeat for the second role (1 + 1 + 1) x 2	potential customers that they will be able to visit the store when it is opened. (Other roles could be justified but this would require good reasoning)	
	(6 marks)		

3(b)	Why might placing these details on the website be more, or less, effective than placing them in the Daily Mail newspaper?		
AOs	Mark Allocation	Exemplar Responses	
AO1 MB2 = 1 MB3 = 1 AO2 MB1 = 2 MB2 = 1 MB3 = 1	1 mark for basic reason (maximum 2 marks) 1 mark for comparison with other method (maximum 2 marks) 1 mark for reasoned conclusion (maximum 2 marks)	 Potential customers may not read the Daily Mail – could still access the website if putting in the correct search – would mean more people might read about the new stores on the website. The Daily Mail covers all of the areas where HSL has stores – the internet would cover the same areas – neither would be more or less effective in terms of areas covered. Older people may be less likely to access the internet – may have a regular subscription to their favourite paper – HSL's products are likely to be targeted at older people so the newspaper may be more effective. 	
	(6 marks)		

	Analyse which of these features would be the most effective promotion for <i>HSL's</i> likely target market.		
Q4	enectiv	Indicative content	
<u> </u>			
AO2 MB1 = 1 MB3 = 1 AO3 MB1 = 1 MB2 = 1 MB3 = 1 AO4 MB1 = 2 MB2 = 2 MB3 = 2	these people may find it difficult to gain access to the stores (1) – free delivery means that these people will not need to transport chairs, etc, themselves, which could be difficult (2) – free parking near the store will make access easier for those with mobility problems (2) – people who qualify as having severe mobility problems will have lower prices as there is no VAT (2) – VAT adds 20% to the price of the beds which will be more attractive than free parking or free delivery (3) – however, only those who qualify will get this and it only applies to electrically adjustable beds, so limited attraction (4) – free delivery is to anywhere in the UK whereas free collection is only available for 7 days (3) – for people where there is no store close by, as in Northern Ireland, free delivery would be very attractive for large items (4) – The free catalogue would help people who could not get out of the house if it was being delivered free of		
	charge (3) – but <i>HSL</i> has a website so that is likely to be just as effective for showing what chairs, etc, are available (4) – the catalogue will show the chairs but only trying them out would tell people how comfortable/useful they are for people with mobility problems (3) – therefore the 7-day no quibble money-back guarantee may be more attractive to customers (4).		
Level	Mark	k Descriptor	
0	0	No rewardable material	
Level 1	1 – 2	The basic target is identified. Basic characteristics of	
		this market are given. The candidate uses everyday language and the response lacks clarity and organisation and is difficult to comprehend. Spelling, punctuation and the rules of grammar are used with little accuracy.	
Level 2	3 – 5	· ·	
Level 3	·		

Level 4	9 – 11	Candidates recognize that there will be differences in	
		difference elements of the target market and that	
		effectiveness will depend on those differences.	
		The candidate uses a range of appropriate terms and	
		shows good focus and organisation. Spelling,	
		punctuation and the rules of grammar are used with	
		considerable accuracy.	

5	Why is the promotion on the van a form of ambient advertising?		
AOs	Mark Allocation	Exemplar Responses	
AO1	1 mark for feature	In the environment of the target market – the van will be at shows,	
MB1 = 2	of ambient (maximum 2	festivals, etc – this is where the target market will want to buy the ice	
<u>AO2</u>	marks)	creams.	
MB1 = 2	1 mark how the promotion on the van showed this feature (maximum 3 marks)	 Out of the home – the advertisements are being placed on the side of the van – these will only be seen when customers are outside of the home. Unusual – many commercial vans have the name of business – but this also has pictures of the products as 	
	(4 marks)	well which is fairly unusual.	

AOs	Mark Allocation	Exemplar Responses	
6	Explain how Alessia could effectively use audio		
	promotion when the	ne van is taken to outdoor events.	
AO1 MB1 = 1	1 mark for term (may be implied) 1 mark for a	 Have a PA system on the top of the van (has implied understanding and suitable method for 2 marks) – this broadcasts to people who are not near the van – should encourage people to 	
MB1 = 1	suitable audio	come to the van. • Using sound/music to promote – could	
AO3 MB1 = 1 MB2 = 1 MB3 = 1	2 marks) 1 mark for why this would be suitable/effective (maximum 3 marks) (1 + 2 + 2) or (1 + 1 + 3)	shout out to passing potential customers/play a well known tune – would make them aware that ice creams were available for sale – would be effective for people who were thinking about other things as they passed the van.	
	(5 marks)		

7(a)	What are the benefits of using the sales representative		
	for visiting the cafes and restaurants?		
AOs	Mark Allocation		Exemplar Responses
		•	Can demonstrate the product – will be
<u>AO1</u>	1 mark for benefit		bringing samples – tasting the ice
MB1 = 1	(maximum 2		creams is likely to be the best way of
MB2 = 1	marks)		promoting.
		•	Can talk to potential customers – will
<u>AO2</u>	1 mark for why		feel they are special – can explain how
MB1 = 1	having a Rep would		Alessia's products have the taste of
MB2 = 2	lead to this benefit		Italy.
	for the business	•	Can answer questions – will be visiting
	(maximum 2		new cafes and restaurants – these
	marks)		may not be familiar with home-made
	,		ice creams so the benefits for existing
	(4 marks)		customers can be explained.

7(b)	Assess the cost constraints that are likely to arise as a		
	result of using the sales representative.		
AOs	Mark Allocation	Exemplar Responses	
AO1 MB3 = 1 AO2 MB3 = 1 AO3 MB1 = 1 AO4 MB1 = 2	1 mark for understanding of the term (may be implied) 1 mark for a cost constraint (maximum 2 marks) 1 mark for why this came from the business's use of the representative (maximum 2 marks) 1 mark for assessing the constraint (maximum 2 marks) NB – All parts of the Mark Allocation must be covered for full marks)	 A cost that makes it more difficult for the business to achieve what it wants – promotion will have an added cost – the Rep has to be paid – the Rep only works part-time so this is unlikely to be a major cost. Will need to pay for travelling to cafes and restaurants (term and constraint, 2 marks) – the Rep is visiting potential business customers in the local area – this could include many venues that are not interested – will leave less monies for promoting to a wider target. 	
	(5 marks)		

8(a)	Describe the main elements of the pop-up or temporary								
	advertisement which made it stand out.								
AOs	Mark Allocation	Mark Allocation Exemplar Responses							
		(Vistaprint has been used as an example							
<u>AO1</u>	1 mark for element	for Q8)							
MB1 = 1	(maximum 2	Name of business - Vistaprint/business							
MB2 = 2	marks)	<u>cards</u>							
MB3 = 1		<u>Website – BT Yahoo</u>							
	1 mark for why	 The advertisement is animated – shows a pack of business cards building up – the movement catches 							
	that made it stand								
	out (maximum 2								
	marks)	the eye.							
		The emboldened '250' was crossed out							
		and replaced by '500' – FREE was also							
	(4 marks)	written in large bold letters – both							
		suggested a bargain and made the							
		advertisement stand out.							

8(b)	Identify why the business chose this particular website							
		ts pop-up or temporary						
	advertisement.							
AOs	Mark Allocation	Exemplar Responses						
		 Many visitors to the website – means 						
<u>AO1</u>	1 mark for feature	that the advertisement will be seen by						
MB1 = 1	of the website	a wide target market – people use the						
MB2 = 1	(maximum 2	site to check and send emails – it						
MB3 = 1	marks)	therefore has regular use – the pop-up						
		is likely to be seen by people each day						
<u>AO3</u>	1 mark for why	so it will stick in their minds.						
MB1 = 2	that made it an	The site offers advertisers behavioural						
MB2 = 1	appropriate site to	targeting Yahoo can target the						
	place the pop-up	advertisements at people with						
	(maximum 4	expressed interests – this is done by						
	marks)	recording the type of sites they visited						
	·	- this means <i>Vistaprint</i> can reach a its						
	(6 marks)	own target market – for Vistaprint the						
		target would be people showing						
		interest in business.						

9(a)	Why was the statement considered to be misleading?								
AOs	Mark Allocation Exemplar Responses								
AO1 MB1 = 2 MB2 = 1	1 mark for what the statement said	(Active Drainage Ltd has been taken as an example for Q9) Name of business – Active Drainage Ltd							
AO2 MB1 = 1	1 mark for what was incorrect about the statement 1 mark for why it was likely to mislead (maximum 2 marks)	 No need to compare, we are the cheapest on the market with the fastest service – there had been no checks by the business to confirm this – potential customers would believe that the business had checked competitor's prices – they would not then bother to do this themselves. 							
	(4 marks)								

9(b)	Identify the code the ASA would have used when investigating this misleading statement.								
AOs	Mark Allocation Exemplar Responses								
AO1 MB1 = 1	1 mark for the code (1 mark)	 Committee of Advertising Practice/CAP. The code that set out the rules advertiser need to follow. 							

9(c)	State the action that was required by the ASA as a result of the investigation.									
AOs	Mark Allocation Exemplar Responses									
AO1 MB2 = 1	1 mark for action (1 mark)	The advertisement must not appear again in its current form.								

9(d)	Advise the business on the actions it should take when planning future statements about its products to avoid										
100	being investigated again by the ASA. Mark Allocation Exemplar Responses										
AOs	Wark Allocation										
		 Check what the CAP codes say - will 									
<u>AO2</u>	1 mark for action	then know what the ASA considers is									
MB1 = 1	(maximum 2										
MB2 = 1	marks)	can ensure that the required standards are met.									
AO4	1 mark for why	• Check the truth of the statements that									
MB1 = 2	that would help avoid investigation (maximum 2 marks)	will be made – if there is any doubt do not use them /change them so that they will not be misleading - if they are clearly truthful the ASA is unlikely to start an investigation.									
	(4 marks)										

10(a)	How did the business you have selected achieve each of the following objectives with its press release?							
AOs	Mark Allocation	Exemplar Responses						
AO1 MB1 = 2 AO2 MB1 = 1 MB2 = 1 AO3 MB1= 1 MB2 = 1	(i) 1 mark for detail of the content of the press release (maximum 2 marks) 1 mark for how this created awareness and increase sales (maximum 2 marks) (ii) 1 mark for why costs were kept very low (maximum 2 marks)	(Terrys Fabrics has been taken as an example for Q10) Name of business – Terrys Fabrics Change to business or product – provided customers with free details about fashion trends in the market Create awareness of the change in the business or product and increase sales Providing a series of On Trend guides – giving homeowners details of the latest design trends – customers will know what is currently in fashion – will be able to work with Terrys Fabrics to refresh home décor economically. Creating little cost The only cost was in writing out the short press release – no payment was made to publications which printed the press release.						
	(2 marks)							

10(b)	Discuss which publication would be the best in which to							
	place the press release.							
AOs	Mark Allocation	Exemplar Responses						
AO1 MB2 = 1 MB3 = 1	1 mark for name or nature of publication (maximum 2 marks)	FX Magazine – this magazine specialises in the interior design – it is considered as being at the top end of the market – a press release here would suggest to potential customers that Terrys Fabrics was also at the top						
AO3 MB1 = 1 AO4 MB1 = 1	1 mark for why this would be the best publication (maximum 3 marks)	 end of the market. The glossy magazines of weekend national newspapers – these have a wide readership – people interested in style and design will be reading through these magazines – will give 						
	(4 marks)	Terrys Fabrics high profile exposure.						

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Content area distribution

Question		Content area									
	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.4	Total						
1 (a)	4				4						
1 (a)	2			2	4						
2		9		2	11						
3 (a)	6				6						
3 (b)		6			6						
4	5			6	11						
5		4			4						
6		5			5						
7 (a)		4			4						
7 (b)			3	2	5						
8 (a)		3		1	4						
8 (b)		4		2	6						
9 (a)			2	2	4						
9 (b)			1		1						
9 (c)			1		1						
9 (d)			2	2	4						
10 (a) (i)	2	1		1	4						
10 (a) (ii)	1	1			2						
10 (b)	2	1		1	4						
Total	22	38	9	21	90						
Target	22	38	9	21	90						

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Question			nd	AO	2: Ba	nd	AO	3: Ba	and	AO	4: Ba	nd	
	equ	equivalent equivalent		equ	uival	ent	equ	uivale	ent				
	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	
1 (a)	1	1		1	1								4
1 (b)		1	1		1	1							4
2					1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	11
3 (a)	2			2			1	1					6
3 (b)		1	1	2	1	1							6
4				1		1	1	1	1	2	2	2	11
5	2			2									4
6	1			1			1	1	1				5
7 (a)	1	1		1	1								4
7 (b)			1			1	1			2			5
8 (a)	1	2	1										4
8 (b)	1	1	1				2	1					6
9 (a)	2	1		1									4
9 (b)	1												1
9 (c)		1											1
9 (d)				1	1					2			4
10 (a) (i)	1			1			1	1					4
10 (a) (ii)	1				1								2
10 (c)		1	1				1			1			4
Total	14	10	6	13	7	5	9	6	3	9	4	4	90
Target													
If Top	18	12	6	16	8	7	9	8	5	10	4	4	
Тор		36			31			22			18		
Bottom		27			22			14			9		
If Bottom	13	9	5	11	6	5	6	5	3	5	2	2	
Balance	45	27	18	90									
Target	45	27	18	90									

