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Unit 1: Inside Travel and Tourism

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General Guidance for Assistant Examiners of AS and A Level Travel and Tourism

Quality of Written Communication

As required by Ofqual, the marking scheme for this unit includes an overall assessment of quality of written communication. There are no discrete marks for the assessment of written communications, but where questions are 'levels' marked written communication will be assessed as one of the criteria within each level.

Levels Marking – General Criteria

The following criteria relate to knowledge, understanding, critical application and the quality of written communication as outlined in the AQA GCE Travel and Tourism subject specification. They are designed to assist examiners in determining into which band the quality of response should be placed, and should be used when assessing the level of response an answer has reached. It is anticipated that candidates' performances under the various dimensions will be broadly inter-related and the general guidelines for each level are as follows:

Level 1 The answer is basic.

- Some knowledge is given but this is incomplete. It may contain errors and/or misunderstandings.
- Understanding is shown, but this may be partial or superficial.
- Simple skills are shown, but the candidate struggles with more complex skills. Written communication is basic but conveys meaning, despite some spelling and/or grammatical errors.
- There is some reference to the vocational aspects of the course, but the answer does not show a clear understanding of the needs of the working situations that are mentioned.

Level 2 The answer is clear.

- Knowledge is shown and used in a relevant context. There are few errors or misunderstandings.
- Understanding of simple concepts is shown clearly, and there is some understanding of the more complex ideas of the course.
- Competent skill levels are shown, and the candidate uses some more complex skills.
 Written communication is clear and conveys meaning well. There may be some spelling or grammatical errors, but the candidate also uses some more sophisticated and mature constructions.
- There is reference to the vocational aspects of the course, and the answer shows a clear understanding of some of the needs of the working situations that are discussed.
- The candidate shows some ability to evaluate material provided by the examiner or from his/her own research. Where applicable, some predictions are made on the basis of this material.

Level 3 The answer is detailed.

- Detailed knowledge is shown and used well, in a relevant context. There are few, if any, errors or misunderstandings.
- Understanding of most concepts (including the more complex ideas of the course) is shown clearly and in detail.
- Strong skill levels are shown, and the candidate uses a variety of more complex skills. Written communication is almost faultless and conveys meaning in a very clear way. The candidate uses more sophisticated language and mature constructions.
- There is reference to the vocational aspects of the course, and the answer shows a detailed understanding of the needs of the working situations that are discussed.
- The candidate can evaluate material provided by the examiner or from his/her own research. Where applicable, detailed predictions are made, and well justified, on the basis of this material.

NB: A perfect answer is not usually required for full marks. Clearly it will be possible for a candidate to demonstrate variable performance between the levels. In such cases the principle of 'best-fit' should be applied.

Annotation of Scripts for Levels Marked Questions

- In levels marking one tick does **not** necessarily equate to one mark. Ticks should **not** be used in levels of response answers, although they are perfectly acceptable in pointsmarked answers.
- In levels marking underlining should be used very sparingly, to indicate where a section
 of an answer is to be found. For example, where a candidate begins to describe the
 opportunities of an organisation after describing its weaknesses in a SWOT analysis
 without starting a new paragraph.
- Statements that are particularly pertinent or indicate a certain level of understanding should be bracketed in the margin nearby with a note of the level (L1, L2, etc.) attained.
- Use L1, L2, L3, etc. in the left-hand margin. Examiners should note in the margin where a candidate has achieved a particular level of understanding, **each time** that level has been reached in a task. By looking back through the task at the frequency of use of the various levels, the examiner will be able to determine the overall level of the response.
- An up arrow next to the level indicator (e.g. L2↑) would show that the response is at the top end of the level, a down arrow (e.g. L2↓) that it is at the bottom of a level and an equals sign (e.g. L2=) that it is securely within the level. Another acceptable indicator would be 'just' (e.g. L2 just), showing that a response has just achieved a certain level.
- Candidates sometimes produce large amounts of material that is irrelevant to the task or generic/theoretical only and not creditworthy. Sideline this material and make an explanatory note in the margin (e.g. 'theory' or 'not relevant').
- Marks allocated to sections of a question should be written in the margin at the end of the section, but not circled, and the section marks added up to give the final mark.

General Advice

It is important to recognise that many of the answers within this marking scheme are only exemplars. Where possible, the range of acceptable responses is indicated but, because many questions are open ended in nature, alternative answers may be equally credit worthy. The degree of acceptability is clarified through the Standardisation Meeting, and subsequently by telephone with the Team Leader as necessary.

Question	Expected Answers	Mark Allocation	Assessment Evidence Criteria
1(a)	Outbound.	1	AO1
1(b)	Rises steadily then falls sharply.	1	AO3
1(c)	Self-packaging. Tailor Made not considered independent arrangement unless reference to self.	1	AO1
1(d)	1 mark for pattern rising and falling1 mark for detail (percentage) of slow rise in1980s, rapid decline in 2000s.	2	AO3
1(e)	Levels mark		AO2 AO3
	Level 1 – Basic Mention of basic reasons, such as internet since 1990s.	1 – 3	7.00
	Level 2 – Clear Must cover both rise and fall for top L2. Offers depth of explanation, and wider range of reasons.	4 – 6	
	Typical answers Free time and disposable income increased. Overseas holidays were once mainly for the wealthy who made their own arrangements. The number of holidays that were package-based grew to become 2 in every 3, as more and more people went to their travel agent who sold them cheap, trouble-free packages from a tour operator. This kept arrangements very straight-forward and soon exceeded the numbers that were booking flights and accommodation independently. Peaked around 1990 as people tried new types of foreign holiday and internet opened up possibilities to put flight and accommodation together yourself and more cheaply. People visit friends and relatives (VFR). Developments in technology such as in aircraft.		
	Total for question 1	11	

Question	Expected Answers			Mark Allocation	Assessment Evidence Criteria
2(a)	1 mark per answe	r		8	AO1 AO2
	Buckingham Palace, London	Public	Historic		
	Cadbury World, Birmingham	Private	Purpose-built		
	The Farne Islands (National Trust)	Voluntary	Natural		
	The annual Glastonbury Festival	Private	Event		
2(b)	1 mark for justifyin 1 mark for further chosen (× 2) Typical answers (i) intangible - mean product but an experence the atmosphentertainers try to gibig impact (1). (ii) non-standardised experiences the attromake own choices hin a rigidly fixed form visitors are methodice.	 (× 2) Typical answers (i) intangible - means that the visitor gets no lasting product but an experience (1) such as excitement or memorable atmosphere at the Festival (1) where the entertainers try to give a performance that will make a big impact (1). (ii) non-standardised - means that each visitor experiences the attraction in an individual way and can make own choices how to spend time there (1) and not in a rigidly fixed form as at Cadbury World (1) where visitors are methodically 'processed' through the exhibits at a speed and on a route strictly controlled by 		2 x 3 = 6	AO3 AO4
		To	tal for question 2	14	

Question	Expected Answers	Mark Allocation	Assessment Evidence Criteria
3	Levels mark Level 1 – Basic Few examples of modernisation. Limited to how or why changed. General expression of giving	1 – 3	AO1 AO2
	customers what they want. Level 2 – Clear Fuller examples of modernisation, either good range or some depth and detail. Explains both how and why, such as old-fashioned image, competition from foreign holidays and rising	4 – 6	
	customer expectations. Level 3 – Detailed Comprehensive coverage of accommodation, meals, entertainment, etc. Related to a specific customer need or expectation in context.	7 – 8	
	Typical answers Accommodation Chalets rebuilt with furnishings, heating, bathroom/shower, more space and modern facilities including TV, games console, tea/coffee making, DVD player, own parking space. Some replaced by caravans or even shoreline hotel. More independence, comfort, privacy. Meals Mass catering in communal dining halls scrapped, demolished or converted to other uses like cinema. New restaurants gave choice, self-service buffet with healthy/vegetarian options and dishes from round the world provided for those wanting half-board. Self-catering apartments. Brand outlets like Harry Ramsden, Burger King. Entertainment Now shows featuring chart music and links to TV like X Factor, wrestling, or for children Bob the Builder, Barney, Angelina Ballerina etc. Holiday Camp entertainers replaced by travelling troupes. Participation in games and races, too much like schooldays. Replaced by more adventurous activities and sports such as archery, bowls, pool, sports coaching, climbing wall, bungee jumping, trampoline. All-weather facilities, sub-tropical indoor pools, etc. Legal changes Safety e.g. no diving in pool, smoking ban, etc. Transport Arrive by own car instead of by train. Rebranding as Holiday centres, Holiday Worlds and then Butlins Resorts.		
	Total for question 3	8	

Question	Expected Answers	Mark Allocation	Assessment Evidence Criteria
4(a)	Any one of: city centre hotel, B&B, inn, guesthouse, Youth Hostels	1	AO1
4(b)	Levels mark Level 1 – Basic	1 – 3	AO1 AO2
	A list - giving examples of services that match accommodation type.		
	Level 2 – Clear Services described and matched with different types of serviced accommodation e.g. to low and high budget.	4 – 6	
	Typical answer A superior hotel has 24-hour reception, porter, daily room cleaning, bed sheets changed, room service, drycleaning or laundry service bar, maintenance staff always on site, bar, restaurant, telephone, supervised car parking. A budget hotel provides a communal TV room and cleaning every three days.		

4(c)	Levels mark		AO2 AO4
	Level 1 – Basic Describes one or two general benefits, e.g. flexibility, cheapness.	1 – 3	AGA
	Level 2 – Clear Clear reference to how the benefits of self-catering vary and relate to different customer types.	4 – 6	
	Typical answers More connected with local area. Wide choice of properties available, suits any size of group, from couple to a large party, and any budget. Privacy Not disturb other guests or disturbed by housekeeping staff. Cheapness/Value for money that self-catering can offer, e.g. not paying hotel prices for drinks at mealtimes, keep heating low, make drinks or snacks anytime without extra cost. Home-like Families with young children may be more at ease in a home type environment and can maintain their normal schedule. Freedom Vary meals, shop in a local market and cook some yourself or eat out at different restaurants for some meals. Convenient and flexible. People may come and go in their own time, not tied to when meals are served or rooms serviced. Could suit old people. In bad weather can stay in all day. Can accommodate extra guests who may drop in during holiday.		
4(d)	Point mark 1 mark per valid advantage. Typical answers They will have their accommodation independently graded and be awarded stars. They receive a plaque to display outside. They are marketed by listing in tourist board publications. They are on the list recommended by TICs, giving more bookings. Customers find the tourist board guide reliable and trust it. The assessment of accommodation suggests improvements they can make to improve the property. Advice about marketing provided.	4	AO2 AO4
	Total for question 4	17	

Question	E	Expected Answers	Mark Allocation	Assessment Evidence Criteria
5(a)	1 mark for each Typical answers	valid example of an impact.	4	AO1 AO2
	Impact of tourism	Example		
	A positive economic impact	Employment or showing how greater income brought in for local people from driving, guiding, hotel work e.g. waiting, housekeeping.		
	A negative environmental impact	Wild animals associate tourists with food and approach all humans, thus becoming dangerous, so are shot. Pollution must be specific. Disturbance must be specific.		
	A positive environmental impact	More rangers to supervise tourism gives presence to protect game from poaching. Must be specific.		
	A negative socio-cultural impact	The Masai culture is trivialised for reasons of performance and presenting it to make money from tourists. "Locals lose their culture" not enough.		
5(b)	•	lated to safaris will move the hin each level, but a general eve L3.	1 – 3	AO1 AO3 AO4
		or the environment. ment statements – could be		
	appropriate to pur communicated in specialist vocabu	use a form and style of writing rpose and subject matter. Ideas are a basic way with limited use of lary. There are noticeable errors in tions of written communication.		
	impact. Wider s	evelopmental ideas to prevent cope of sustainable development 's living and culture as well as	4 – 7	
	Limited use of a f	orm and style of writing appropriate		

Total for question 5	14	
Typical answers Tourists encouraged to come, but some limits on how many in one area or how they behave. Schemes which create work for local people e.g. not self-drive safari but guided. Most fragile areas avoided, sensitive wildlife kept at distance etc.		
Full use of a form and style of writing appropriate to purpose and subject matter. Ideas are communicated using a logical structure, with use of specialist vocabulary where appropriate. There are few errors in accepted conventions of written communication.		
Level 3 – Detailed Specific detailed ideas to develop so that lasting jobs and income are created, environment and culture are preserved. (all 3 included)	8 – 10	
to purpose and subject matter. Ideas are communicated with some structure evident with occasional use of specialist vocabulary. There are some errors in accepted conventions of written communication.		

Question	Expected Answers	Mark Allocation	Assessment Evidence Criteria
6(a)	Tour operator	1	AO1
6(b)	1 mark for each example of a <i>principal</i> up to 3. Do not reward holiday providers or products/services.	3	AO1
	Typical answers		
6(c)	Levels mark Level 1 – Basic States basic reasons for importance e.g. to make money / to meet customer requirements / to meet legal requirements.	1 – 3	AO1 AO4
	Level 2 – Clear Developed answer about why it is important that travel agents offer products and services, e.g. which products give good commission or how needs of different customers are met or which laws are more important.	4 – 6	
	Typical answer Candidate may offer reasons for offering products/services such as: • 'to meet legal or Health & Safety requirements' • 'commercial gain', to earn commission from principals • 'to enhance the service they provide and satisfy customer needs' e.g. car hire for transfer after airport. Possible types of product / service - may include ABTA bonding.		
	Total for question 6	10	
L	Total for question o	10	

Question	Expected Answers	Mark Allocation	Assessment Evidence Criteria
7(a)	Levels mark Level 1 – Basic Partial answer probably focused upon cost or convenience. Simple factors that explain choice of travel. Lacks assessment.	1 – 3	AO2 AO3
	Level 2 – Clear Range of relevant factors, well related to chosen modes of travel. Some assessment and puts a value on the factors at top of level.	4 – 7	
	Level 3 – Detailed Reasoned evaluation of the merits. Relevance of <i>foreign</i> and <i>sightseeing</i> taken into account.	8 – 10	
	Typical answers Candidate can justify any modes by discussing factors such as: Iength of holiday routes available combination of modes cost, discounts e.g. railcard speed of journey city centre arrival carrying luggage benefit of onboard services e.g. guiding customer types (group size, ages etc.)		
7(b)	Levels mark Level 1 – Basic Mentions reason(s) for importance of following Health and Safety.	1 – 3	AO1 AO2
	Level 2 – Clear Range of fuller and detailed reasons e.g. recentness, resources, legal obligation, travel and tourism organisations and degree of importance. Typical answer Health and Safety requirements tightened up a lot in the last 30 years. Severe consequences for organisations e.g. prosecution or image. Health and Safety is important for customers, visitors and staff; duty of care. Costly and demands a lot of resources e.g. maintenance, inspections, risk assessment, remedial measures. Staff resources; need hiring, training and protective equipment. Particular safety needs of children, elderly people and disabled. Total for question 7	4 – 6	
	Total for question 7	10	