

NOTICE TO CENTRES

FAO: Examinations Officer

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Subject: Mark Allocation on GCE Critical Thinking H052/H452 Question Papers

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After the January 2009 examinations, some centres raised a query concerning a difference between the mark allocation to a question on the January 2009 and Specimen question papers.

In order to provide an effective assessment tool that takes into account the nature of Critical Thinking and the relevant source materials, there has to be some flexibility in the mark allocation. Senior examiners use their professional judgement and experience to set questions that provide candidates with the best opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the subject.

Teachers are therefore asked to note that the Specimen question papers are provided as a guide, not a template, and candidates should be prepared with this in mind. Specimen Assessment Materials (SAMs) are written to support centres in the early stages of delivering a new specification. Both SAMs and live question papers will change over time. Centres can expect this but should be reassured that future question papers will not be substantially different from the SAMs and live papers in January 09.

Any enquiry about this notice should be referred to the OCR Customer Contact Centre, (01223 553998), OCR, 1 Hills Road, Cambridge, CB1 2EU.