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Question	Expected Answer	Additional Guidance
1(a) Explain why it is important for Butlins to know who are its customers. [3 marks] [1+2]	 Likely approach: One mark for correct identification, plus up to an additional two marks for explanation. In order to provide right products (√) at right time (√) and right place (√) and right price (√). Take up of their products/services will make them successful (√) (bookings and profit) (√). In order that they can target promotions correctly (√) place in the market (√). 	Compulsory annotation: √ X No other possible answers accepted.
1(b) Explain three methods of primary market research which Butlins could use to find out who might be its potential customers. [6 marks] [1+1]*3	 One mark for each correct identification to a maximum of three identifications, plus up to an additional one mark for each of three explanations. Postal Surveys (√) can be administered through Royal Mail and targeted directly per region (√). Observation (√) the behaviour of customers whilst choosing or participating in (√). Focus groups (√) where people are encouraged to discuss options and feelings about a particular organisation (√). Telephone questionnaires (√) can be automated or not to gather specific information (√). Internet questionnaires (√) large usage from computer users (√). 	Compulsory annotation: √ X Accept if candidates use qualitative and quantitative methods.
1(c) Butlins first opened in 1936 but is now at the rejuvenation/revamp stage of the product life cycle. With reference to Fig.1 and Fig.2 explain why this is the case. [4 marks] [4*1]	 Likely approach: Up to four marks for explanation. Growth attributed to investment (√) and economic slump of recent years where more holidays are taken in UK (√). Revival due to new hotels (√). Market worth £1.3billion (√). New production company (√). Butlins now in vogue, linked to promotions such as Xfactor and popular music bands which supplement the original Red Coats (√). Econ revival of camps 6.4million visitors (√) encouraged by the new facilities in hotels, e.g. spa, etc (√). 	Compulsory annotation: √ X

Question	Expected Answer	Additional Guidance
1(d)	Levels of response marking.	Compulsory annotation L1,
Assess the likely		L2 or L3 at end of response.
advantages and	0 marks	
disadvantages to Butlins	No response or no response worthy of credit.	Level 1:
of market segmentation.		List – maximum 2 marks.
[12 marks]	Level 1: [1-4 marks]	2 identifications plus one
Levels	Candidate identifies/describes some possible advantage(s)/disadvantage(s) to Butlins	description – 2 or 3 marks.
	of market segmentation. Information may be in the form of a list of	3 identifications and
	advantage(s)/disadvantage(s). There is little or no attempt to assess. The answer is	unsupported judgement – 4
	basic and shows limited knowledge and understanding of concepts and principles	marks.
	with limited use of specialist vocabulary.	Level 2:
	Level 2: [5-8 marks]	No list – must at least
	Candidate describes a number of possible advantage(s)/disadvantage(s) to Butlins of	'describe'.
	market segmentation. Candidate will show an understanding of the question and	Description only – 5 marks.
	include explanations of a number of the possible advantage(s)/disadvantage(s) which	Explanation/analysis – 6 or 7
	may be assessed with some success. The assessment in the most part is accurate	marks.
	and relevant. The answer is relevant and accurate and shows reasonable knowledge	Evaluative comment –
	and understanding of concepts and principles with some use of specialist vocabulary.	(becausemeans that) – 8
		marks.
	Level 3: [9-12 marks]	
	Candidate will show a clear understanding of the question and include detailed	Level 3:
	identification and explanation of the possible advantage(s)/disadvantage(s) to Butlins	Identification/description
	of market segmentation. Candidate effectively assesses a range of possible	implied/assumed.
	advantage(s)/disadvantage(s). There is sound and frequent evidence of thorough,	Explanation/analysis/compariso
	detailed and accurate knowledge and understanding of concepts and principles using	n of more than one point/both sides – 9 or 10 marks.
	specialist vocabulary.	An evaluation/judgement
	Indicative content:	without overall
	maiodire content.	conclusion/prioritisation – 11
	Advantages	marks.
	Segmentation ensures marketing aimed at correct people such as the	With overall supporting
	conference, wedding markets.	conclusion – 12 marks.
	Allows Butlins to target specific groups such as midweek breaks, weekend	
	breaks.	

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	 Identifies market segments only approximate way of targeting customers Allows good use of marketing resources. Gives Butlins chance to establish and retain market position in a dynamic and competitive market. Customer focussed. Segmentation vital in order that products and services offered by Butlins are effective and not wasted. 	
	 Disadvantages Small shift in population can affect results. Small shift in consumer tastes will affect results. Costs – segments may not be large enough to be profitable. Segments may not be accessible. May be instability between the segments. 	
	Advantages for Butlins include finding out who your customers are. You can aim information at different groups of people - this helps as you will save money and not waste valuable marketing budget. If you do not target correctly you will lose money, time and effort; this will result in lost sales and may in fact lead to Butlins closing more sites (L3).	

Question	Expected Answer	Additional Guidance
2(a)	Levels of response marking.	Compulsory annotation L1,
Butlins uses discounting		L2 or L3 at end of response.
to promote late deals.	0 marks	
Evaluate other	No response or no response worthy of credit.	Level 1:
appropriate pricing		List – maximum 2 marks.
policies for Butlins.	Level 1: [1-3 marks]	2 identifications plus one
[9 marks]	Candidate identifies/describes some possible other appropriate pricing policies for	description – 3 marks.
Levels	Butlins. Information may be in the form of a list of pricing policies. There is little or no	2 identifications and
	attempt to evaluate. The answer is basic and shows limited knowledge and	unsupported judgement – 3
	understanding of concepts and principles with limited use of specialist vocabulary.	marks.
	Level 2: [4-6 marks]	Level 2:
	Candidate describes a number of possible other pricing policies for Butlins.	No list – must at least
	Candidate will show an understanding of the question and include explanations of a	'describe'.
	number of the possible other pricing policies which may be evaluated with some	Description only – 4 marks.
	success. The evaluation in the most part is accurate and relevant. The answer is	Explanation/analysis – 5
	relevant and accurate and shows reasonable knowledge and understanding of	marks.
	concepts and principles with some use of specialist vocabulary.	Evaluative comment –
		(becausemeans that) – 6
	Level 3: [7-9 marks]	marks.
	Candidate will show a clear understanding of the question and include detailed	
	identification and explanation of the possible other pricing policies for Butlins.	Level 3:
	Candidate effectively evaluates a range of possible pricing policies. There is sound	Identification/description
	and frequent evidence of thorough, detailed and accurate knowledge and	implied/assumed.
	understanding of concepts and principles using specialist vocabulary.	Explanation/analysis/compariso n of more than one point/both
	Indicative content:	sides – 7 marks.
		An evaluation/judgement
	Market skimming.	without overall
	Cost-plus pricing.	conclusion/prioritisation – 8
	Penetration pricing.	marks.
	Competitive pricing.	With overall supporting
	Peak/off peak.	conclusion – 9 marks.
	Market-led pricing.	
	Variable.	

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	Exemplar response: Butlins can use variable pricing; this will mean offering prices that are split according to visitor types. The Butlins product range allows plenty of scope to cover this type of	
	pricing strategy as children will be cheaper and sometimes may go free. Variable is good as it seems a fairer system for pricing - it might make the customer feel that they are receiving a good deal as long as the customer prices are not unrealistic (L3).	
2(b) Butlins has a loyalty scheme called 'Premier	 One mark for each correct identification to a maximum of two identifications, plus up to an additional one mark for each of two explanations. Encourages customers to return and rebook (√). Gives Butlins more 	Compulsory annotation: √ X
Club'. Explain two benefits to	business/profit ($$).	
Butlins of offering such a scheme.	• Butlins know who their customers are (repeat visitors) ($$) therefore can cater for them specifically ($$).	
[4 marks] [1+1]*2	 It is a useful marketing tool (√) able to keep mailing list of serious customers (√) Monitor bookings (√) spending habits can be analysed (√). 	
2(c) Butlins is a name	Levels of response marking.	Compulsory annotation L1, L2 or L3 at end of response.
synonymous with holiday camps.	0 marks No response or no response worthy of credit.	Level 1:
Assess the importance	No response of no response worthy of credit.	List – maximum 2 marks.
to organisations such as	Level 1: [1-4 marks]	2 identifications plus one
Butlins of having a	Candidate identifies/describes some possible reasons why it is important to	description – 2 or 3 marks.
strong brand.	organisations such as Butlins of having a strong brand. Information may be in the	3 identifications and
[12 marks]	form of a list of reasons. There is little or no attempt to assess. The answer is basic	unsupported judgement – 4
Levels	and shows limited knowledge and understanding of concepts and principles with limited use of specialist vocabulary.	marks.
		Level 2:
	Level 2: [5-8 marks]	No list – must at least 'describe'.
	Candidate describes a number of possible reasons why it is important to organisations such as Butlins of having a strong brand. Candidate will show an	Description only – 5 marks.
	understanding of the question and include explanations of a number of the possible	Explanation/analysis – 6 or 7
	reasons which may be assessed with some success. The assessment in the most	marks.
	part is accurate and relevant. The answer is relevant and accurate and shows	Evaluative comment –

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	reasonable knowledge and understanding of concepts and principles with some use	(becausemeans that) – 8
	of specialist vocabulary.	marks.
	Level 3: [9-12 marks]	Level 3:
	Candidate will show a clear understanding of the question and include detailed	Identification/description
	identification and explanation of the possible reasons why it is important to	implied/assumed.
	organisations such as Butlins of having a strong brand. Candidate effectively	Explanation/analysis/compariso
	assesses a range of possible reasons. There is sound and frequent evidence of	n of more than one point/both
	thorough, detailed and accurate knowledge and understanding of concepts and	sides – 9 or 10 marks.
	principles using specialist vocabulary.	An evaluation/judgement
	Indicative content:	without overall conclusion/prioritisation – 11
	indicative content.	marks.
	Gives it a distinct image/influence.	With overall supporting
	Reinforces image.	conclusion – 12 marks.
	Powerful marketing tool.	
	Easily identifiable.	
	Helps establish specific segments.	
	Converts into business/profit/turnover.	
	Increase market share.	
	Increase sales.	
	 Create new business. Butlins may still have a negative link to poor quality, cheap, working class 	
	Butlins may still have a negative link to poor quality, cheap, working class accommodation/entertainment – brand in 2011 needs to be able to shake off	
	such an image.	
	Exemplar response:	
	A strong brand is always useful in the tourism industry; it makes you stand out from the crowd like Virgin. Without having this strong brand Butlins would possibly lose its market share. Losing the share of its market will result in greater negative coverage and Butlins already suffers from a working-class tag that it is clearly trying to distance itself from (L3).	

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3(a) Describe how the advertisement shown in Fig. 4 is likely to grasp the Attention and Interest of the reader. [4 marks] [4*1]	Likely approach: Up to two marks for description related to attention and up to two marks for description related to interest. Indicative content: Attention: Font size $()$. Colour $()$. Clarity $()$. Boldness $()$. Picture $()$. Use of words and use of pictures $()$. Interest: Use of children in the picture $()$. Activities in the hotel $()$. Bear with message $()$. Price details for today only $()$.	Compulsory annotation: √ X
3(b)* Butlins is keen to increase its conference and wedding bookings. Evaluate how Butlins might increase the bookings of its conference and wedding facilities. [12 marks] Levels	O marks No response or no response worthy of credit. Level 1: [1-4 marks] Candidate identifies/describes some possible ways in which Butlins might increase the bookings of its conference and wedding facilities. Information may be in the form of a list of ways. There is little or no attempt to evaluate. The answer is basic and shows limited knowledge and understanding of concepts and principles with limited use of specialist vocabulary. Candidate communicates at least one point using some appropriate terminology. Sentences have limited coherence and structure, often being of doubtful relevance to the main focus of the question. Errors of grammar, punctuation and spelling may be noticeable and intrusive.	This is the question assessing QWC. Compulsory annotation L1, L2 or L3 at end of response. Level 1: List – maximum 2 marks. 2 identifications plus one description – 2 or 3 marks. 3 identifications and unsupported judgement – 4 marks. Level 2:

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	Level 2: [5-8 marks]	No list – must at least
	Candidate describes a number of possible ways in which Butlins might increase the	'describe'.
	bookings of its conference and wedding facilities. Candidate will show an	Description only – 5 marks.
	understanding of the question and include explanations of a number of the possible	Explanation/analysis – 6 or 7
	ways which may be evaluated with some success. The evaluation in the most part is	marks.
	accurate and relevant. The answer is relevant and accurate and shows reasonable	Evaluative comment –
	knowledge and understanding of concepts and principles with some use of specialist vocabulary.	(becausemeans that) – 8 marks.
	Candidate has a limited ability to organise relevant material. Some appropriate	
	terminology used. Sentences are not always relevant with material presented in a	Level 3:
	way that does not always address the question. There may be noticeable errors of	Identification/description
	grammar, punctuation and spelling.	implied/assumed.
		Explanation/analysis/compariso
	Level 3: [9-12 marks]	n of more than one point/both
	Candidate will show a clear understanding of the question and include detailed	sides – 9 or 10 marks.
	identification and explanation of the possible ways in which Butlins might increase the	An evaluation/judgement
	bookings of its conference and wedding facilities. Candidate effectively evaluates a	without overall
	range of possible ways. There is sound and frequent evidence of thorough, detailed and accurate knowledge and understanding of concepts and principles using	conclusion/prioritisation – 11 marks.
	specialist vocabulary.	With overall supporting
	Candidate presents relevant material in a well planned and logical sequence.	conclusion – 12 marks.
	Material clearly structured using appropriate terminology confidently and accurately.	Corloidsion 12 marks.
	Sentences, consistently are well structured in a way that directly answers the	
	question. There will be few, if any errors of grammar, punctuation and spelling.	
	Indicative content:	
	Offers/deals/pricing must be carefully targeted – adverts, internet, radio,	
	television.	
	Seasonal/times of the year placement.	
	Use of professional/trade journals/magazines/newspapers/brochures.	
	Wedding brochures.	
	Attendance at Wedding and Conference fairs/exhibitions.	

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	Exemplar response: Butlins can increase the bookings by doing a lot more advertising and promotional work that is aimed at the correct market. They could target people at certain times of the year and make discounts although this might be costly to them. Accurate targeting would involve the use of professional journals or magazines where these types of customers would naturally look to book. This might allow a strong opportunity for success if the cost is not too prohibited - the take up would need to monitored and seasonality of adverts would need to be checked (L3).	
3(c) Butlins brochures are available by post or to download on the Internet. Discuss the reasons why Butlins provides its brochures through both of these types of media communication. [9 marks] Levels	Levels of response marking. O marks No response or no response worthy of credit. Level 1: [1-3 marks] Candidate identifies/describes some possible reasons why Butlins provides its brochures through both of these types of media communication. Information may be in the form of a list of reasons. There is little or no attempt to discuss. The answer is basic and shows limited knowledge and understanding of concepts and principles with limited use of specialist vocabulary. Level 2: [4-6 marks] Candidate describes a number of possible reasons why Butlins provides its brochures through both of these types of media communication. Candidate will show an understanding of the question and include explanations of a number of the possible reasons which may be discussed with some success. The discussion in the most part is accurate and relevant. The answer is relevant and accurate and shows reasonable knowledge and understanding of concepts and principles with some use of specialist vocabulary. Level 3: [7-9 marks] Candidate will show a clear understanding of the question and include detailed identification and explanation of the possible reasons why Butlins provides its brochures through both of these types of media communication. Candidate effectively discusses a range of possible reasons. There is sound and frequent	Compulsory annotation L1, L2 or L3 at end of response. Level 1: List – maximum 2 marks. 2 identifications plus one description – 3 marks. 2 identifications and unsupported judgement – 3 marks. Level 2: No list – must at least 'describe'. Description only – 4 marks. Explanation/analysis – 5 marks. Evaluative comment – (becausemeans that) – 6 marks. Level 3: Identification/description implied/assumed. Explanation/analysis/compariso n of more than one point/both

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	evidence of thorough, detailed and accurate knowledge and understanding of concepts and principles using specialist vocabulary.	sides – 7 marks. An evaluation/judgement without overall
	Indicative content:	conclusion/prioritisation – 8 marks.
	 Internet cheap and good to monitor (numbers of interest/hits). Quick responses. Instant collect of names/addresses no time delay. Customers can view products straight away. Not good if you don't have the Internet or if Internet crashes. Some people like to look through brochures and don't trust the Internet. Internet may not be to the liking of some target markets, e.g. grey market. 	With overall supporting conclusion – 9 marks.
	Exemplar response:	
	Its good that Butlins offers both types of media as it helps to cover all types of people Not everyone has Internet particularly the older generation. This would allow Butlins to cover all customer types and postal brochures can be simply downloaded and look the same so no-one is missing out (L3).	

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4(a) Discuss the benefits to	Levels of response marking.	Compulsory annotation L1 or L2 at end of response.
Butlins of winning	0 marks	
industry awards.	No response or no response worthy of credit.	Level 1:
[6 marks]	Level A. M. Ouverhall	List of points – maximum 1
Levels	Level 1: [1-3 marks] Condidate identifies/describes some possible benefits to Butling of winning industry	mark.
	Candidate identifies/describes some possible benefits to Butlins of winning industry awards. Information may be in the form of a list of benefits. There is little or no	Description – up to 2 marks. Explanation/unsupported
	attempt to discuss. The answer is basic and shows limited knowledge and	judgements/limited discussion
	understanding of concepts and principles with limited use of specialist vocabulary.	– up to 3 marks.
	Level 2: [4-6 marks]	Level 2:
	Candidate will show a clear understanding of the question and include detailed	Identification/description
	identification and explanation of the possible benefits to Butlins of winning industry awards. Candidate effectively discusses a range of possible benefits. There is sound	implied/assumed. Explanation/analysis/compariso
	and frequent evidence of thorough, detailed and accurate knowledge and	n of more than one point/both
	understanding of concepts and principles using specialist vocabulary.	sides – 4 marks.
	and or control to a mark principles doing openiance recast and y	An evaluation/judgement
	Indicative content:	without overall
		conclusion/prioritisation – 5
	Recognition by general public.	marks.
	May increase bookings.	With overall supporting
	Publicity in promotions.	conclusion – 6 marks.
	Use on all print/Internet to advertise.	
	 Reputation; enhances prestige shows good standards; gives consumer confidence. 	
	Can be costly, time consuming for staff, completing forms and gathering	
	evidence, may not always succeed in gaining award. Not taken seriously by	
	general public, has little meaning therefore poor significance to customer.	
	Exemplar response:	
	Butlins can advertise that they have won awards - it sounds good and people will be impressed. It may lead to a growth in bookings - this may be hard to quantify as you may never know what made that person be impressed. The time and effort involved in	
	these awards is sometimes too great to justify (L2).	

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4(b)(i) Discuss the likely benefits to Butlins of television advertising. [6 marks] [Levels]	Levels of response marking. O marks No response or no response worthy of credit. Level 1: [1-3 marks] Candidate identifies/describes some possible benefits to Butlins of television advertising. Information may be in the form of a list of benefits. There is little or no attempt to discuss. The answer is basic and shows limited knowledge and understanding of concepts and principles with limited use of specialist vocabulary. Level 2: [4-6 marks] Candidate will show a clear understanding of the question and include detailed identification and explanation of the possible benefits to Butlins of television advertising. Candidate effectively discusses a range of possible benefits. There is sound and frequent evidence of thorough, detailed and accurate knowledge and understanding of concepts and principles using specialist vocabulary. Indicative content: Extensive coverage. Can choose timing and placement to fit with budget. Can link to programme(s) that are appropriate to the product. Timing. Can be costly. Needs to look professional for take up to be successful. If bookings are already up why go to the expense? Exemplar response: Television advertising is the best as television advertising is watched by virtually everyone. Buttlins can have colour, movement and music to help you remember the advertisement. The advertisements are not cheap but regional advertisements can be made to make it more appealing to the local market (L2).	Compulsory annotation L1 or L2 at end of response. Level 1: List of points – maximum 1 mark. Description – up to 2 marks. Explanation/unsupported judgements/limited discussion – up to 3 marks. Level 2: Identification/description implied/assumed. Explanation/analysis/compariso n of more than one point/both sides – 4 marks. An evaluation/judgement without overall conclusion/prioritisation – 5 marks. With overall supporting conclusion – 6 marks.

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4(b)(ii) Explain two roles of the ASA (Advertising Standards Authority). [4 marks] [1+1]*2	 One mark for each correct identification to a maximum of two identifications, plus up to an additional one mark for each of two explanations. Regulates all advertising on commercial television (√) and sets over 40 different standards that advertisers must comply with (√). Must comply with Race Relations Act and Sex Discrimination Act (√). Alcohol, lottery, etc cannot be aimed at under 16 year olds (√). Products cannot be described as free unless there is no cost other than package and posting (√). Drinking of alcohol must not be seen as an essential attribute of masculinity (√). No advert may lead children to believe that if they do not have a product or service that they will be inferior to other children (√). 	Compulsory annotation: √ X
4(c) Discuss the importance of public relations (PR) to Butlins during the launch of the Ocean Hotel at Bognor Regis. [9 marks] Levels	O marks No response or no response worthy of credit. Level 1: [1-3 marks] Candidate identifies/describes some possible reasons why PR is important to Butlins during the launch of the Ocean Hotel at Bognor Regis. Information may be in the form of a list of reasons. There is little or no attempt to discuss. The answer is basic and shows limited knowledge and understanding of concepts and principles with limited use of specialist vocabulary. Level 2: [4-6 marks] Candidate describes a number of possible reasons why PR is important to Butlins during the launch of the Ocean Hotel at Bognor Regis. Candidate will show an understanding of the question and include explanations of a number of the possible reasons which may be discussed with some success. The discussion in the most part is accurate and relevant. The answer is relevant and accurate and shows reasonable knowledge and understanding of concepts and principles with some use of specialist vocabulary.	Compulsory annotation L1, L2 or L3 at end of response. Level 1: List – maximum 2 marks. 2 identifications plus one description – 3 marks. 2 identifications and unsupported judgement – 3 marks. Level 2: No list – must at least 'describe'. Description only – 4 marks. Explanation/analysis – 5 marks. Evaluative comment – (becausemeans that) – 6 marks.

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	Level 3: [7-9 marks]	Level 3:
	Candidate will show a clear understanding of the question and include detailed identification and explanation of the possible reasons why PR is important to Butlins	Identification/description implied/assumed.
	during the launch of the Ocean Hotel at Bognor Regis. Candidate effectively	Explanation/analysis/compariso
	discusses a range of possible reasons. There is sound and frequent evidence of	n of more than one point/both
	thorough, detailed and accurate knowledge and understanding of concepts and	sides – 7 marks.
	principles using specialist vocabulary.	An evaluation/judgement without overall
	Indicative content:	conclusion/prioritisation – 8
		marks.
	Creates instant awareness if undertaken correctly.	With overall supporting
	Proactive PR – will give positive national coverage and Butlins will gain more	conclusion – 9 marks.
	 sales. Strong relationship with media generated and this can be used to help launch 	
	the newly opened hotel.	
	Careful planning and schedules of PR helps Butlins to keep story in the papers and other media.	
	 Can convert to links in monetary value that can be assessed by Butlins and monitored for future campaigns. 	
	Creates a positive image.	
	Creates interest in the product.	
	Extends the target market.	
	Makes customers aware of the product.	
	Encourages previous customers to return.	
	Exemplar response:	
	When you are launching a new product it is vital that PR works for you. By getting lots of coverage you will let everyone know that Butlins has something new, even if they might not be interested at first. PR is a very effective tool at getting just the right information over to the customer - this will create a better opportunity for Butlins to succeed in the long term (L3).	

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