

Cambridge IGCSE™

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES Paper 1 Written Exam MARK SCHEME Maximum Mark: 70

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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 descriptions 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.

Social Science-Specific Marking Principles (for point-based marking)

1 Components using point-based marking:

Point marking is often used to reward knowledge, understanding and application of skills.
 We give credit where the candidate's answer shows relevant knowledge, understanding and application of skills in answering the question. We do not give credit where the answer shows confusion.

From this it follows that we:

- a DO credit answers which are worded differently from the mark scheme if they clearly convey the same meaning (unless the mark scheme requires a specific term)
- **b** DO credit alternative answers/examples which are not written in the mark scheme if they are correct
- **c** DO credit answers where candidates give more than one correct answer in one prompt/numbered/scaffolded space where extended writing is required rather than list-type answers. For example, questions that require *n* reasons (e.g. State two reasons ...).
- **d** DO NOT credit answers simply for using a 'key term' unless that is all that is required. (Check for evidence it is understood and not used wrongly.)
- **e** DO NOT credit answers which are obviously self-contradicting or trying to cover all possibilities
- **f** DO NOT give further credit for what is effectively repetition of a correct point already credited unless the language itself is being tested. This applies equally to 'mirror statements' (i.e. polluted/not polluted).
- **g** DO NOT require spellings to be correct, unless this is part of the test. However spellings of syllabus terms must allow for clear and unambiguous separation from other syllabus terms with which they may be confused (e.g. Corrasion/Corrosion)

2 Presentation of mark scheme:

- Slashes (/) or the word 'or' separate alternative ways of making the same point.
- Semi colons (;) bullet points (•) or figures in brackets (1) separate different points.
- Content in the answer column in brackets is for examiner information/context to clarify the
 marking but is not required to earn the mark (except Accounting syllabuses where they
 indicate negative numbers).

3 Calculation questions:

- The mark scheme will show the steps in the most likely correct method(s), the mark for each step, the correct answer(s) and the mark for each answer
- If working/explanation is considered essential for full credit, this will be indicated in the question paper and in the mark scheme. In all other instances, the correct answer to a calculation should be given full credit, even if no supporting working is shown.
- Where the candidate uses a valid method which is not covered by the mark scheme, award equivalent marks for reaching equivalent stages.
- Where an answer makes use of a candidate's own incorrect figure from previous working, the 'own figure rule' applies: full marks will be given if a correct and complete method is used. Further guidance will be included in the mark scheme where necessary and any exceptions to this general principle will be noted.

4 Annotation:

- For point marking, ticks can be used to indicate correct answers and crosses can be used to indicate wrong answers. There is no direct relationship between ticks and marks. Ticks have no defined meaning for levels of response marking.
- For levels of response marking, the level awarded should be annotated on the script.
- Other annotations will be used by examiners as agreed during standardisation, and the meaning will be understood by all examiners who marked that paper.

Annotations guidance for centres

Examiners use a system of annotations as a shorthand for communicating their marking decisions to one another. Examiners are trained during the standardisation process on how and when to use annotations. The purpose of annotations is to inform the standardisation and monitoring processes and guide the supervising examiners when they are checking the work of examiners within their team. The meaning of annotations and how they are used is specific to each component and is understood by all examiners who mark the component.

We publish annotations in our mark schemes to help centres understand the annotations they may see on copies of scripts. Note that there may not be a direct correlation between the number of annotations on a script and the mark awarded. Similarly, the use of an annotation may not be an indication of the quality of the response.

The annotations listed below were available to examiners marking this component in this series.

Annotations

Annotation	Meaning
✓	Correct, creditworthy point
×	Incorrect point
?	Unclear point
EXP	Explanation
EVAL	Evaluation
E	Evidence (from source or own knowledge)
J	Judgement
M	Methods of Research
Р	Perspective
R	Reason/Reasoning
BOD	Benefit of doubt given
^	Omission mark, more required
}	Not Relevant
REP	Repetition
NAQ	Not Answered Question
SEEN	Page or response seen by examiner
Highlighter	Identification of a point

Assessment objectives

AO1 Research, analysis and evaluation

- design, carry out and evaluate research into current global issues, their causes and consequences and possible course(s) of action
- use evidence to support claims, arguments and perspectives
- identify and analyse issues, arguments and perspectives
- analyse and evaluate the evidence and reasoning used to support claims, arguments and perspectives
- analyse and evaluate sources and/or processes to support research, arguments and perspectives
- develop a line of reasoning to support an argument, a perspective or course(s) of action.

Introduction

Most questions are marked holistically using levels of response mark schemes. The marks awarded for an answer are usually based on a judgement of the overall quality of the response, rather than on awarding marks for specific points and accumulating a total mark by adding points.

Inevitably, the mark scheme cannot cover all responses that candidates may make for all of the questions. In some cases candidates may make very strong responses which the mark scheme has not predicted. These answers should nevertheless be credited according to their quality.

Levels of response

For answers marked by levels of response, the following is intended to describe the quality of the response required (level of skill that should be demonstrated) for the award of marks at different points in the mark range for the question.

In the levels of response mark scheme positive achievement is being rewarded. For answers marked by levels of response:

- a Marking grids describe the top of each level.
- b **To determine the level** start at the highest level and work down until you reach the level that matches the answer.
- c To determine the mark within the level, consider the following:

Descriptor	Award mark
Consistently meets the criteria for this level	At top of level
Meets the criteria but with some slight inconsistency	Above middle and either below top of level or at middle of level (depending on number of marks available)
Just enough achievement on balance for this level	Above bottom and either below middle of level or at middle of level (depending on number of marks available)
On the borderline of this level and the one below	At bottom of level

Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)	According to Source 1, how many girls around the world are not going to school?	1
	Main Annotations 💙 🗙	
	From Source 1, candidates are expected to identify:	
	• 129 million	
	Award 1 mark for the correct answer.	
1(b)(i)	Identify one example of a claim from Source 2.	1
	Candidates may identify the following claims from source 2:	
	 Education is a fundamental human right for girls and boys. Education turns girls into leaders capable of changing the world. Education for girls promotes sustainable development. Education for girls builds stronger economies and fairer societies. 	
	Award 1 mark for a correct answer.	
1(b)(ii)	Explain why the example you identified is a claim.	2
	Indicative content	
	A claim is a statement or assertion that something is true or accurate or a fact, often without evidence or proof.	
	Award 2 marks for a response which clearly explains why the identified example is a claim.	
	Award 1 mark if the response shows understanding of a claim but the relationship to the example is not clear.	
	Award 0 if there is no credible response.	

Question		Answer		Marks		
1(c)	From So	urce 2, describe the perspective of Education Unlim	ited.	6		
	Main Anr	notations E				
	Table A					
	Use this table to give marks for each candidate response.					
		Analysis of issues and perspectives (AO1)				
	Level	Description	Marks			
	3	Clear analysis of the source Describes a wide range of elements of the perspective. Frequent use of relevant material and examples taken from the source.	5–6			
	2	 Some analysis of the source Describes a range of elements of the perspective. Some use of relevant material and examples taken from the source. 	3–4			
	1	 Limited analysis of the source Describes a limited range of elements of the perspective. Little or no use of material and examples taken from the source. 	1–2			
	0	No creditable response	0			
	Indicativ	ve content				
	Candidat	es may describe the following elements of the perspectiv	e:			
	suppValuesocieCons	e/cause – gender inequality/unequal access to education porting equality and a better future for girls es – education is a human right everyone (girls and boys) ety sequences of education – more female leaders/sustainabelopment/stronger economies/fairer societies/better future); a fair le			
	 Action 	on – support girls in their fight for equality/organise tors/tutors/after school clubs	(101 gillo)			

Question		Answer		Marks
1(d)	Sources	1 and 2 describe some benefits of educating girls.		8
	Which be Explain	enefit of educating girls do you think is the most sig why.	gnificant?	
	Main Anr	notations J R EXP		
	Table B			
	Use this	table to give marks for each candidate response.		
		Analysis of issues and perspectives (AO1)		
	Level	Description	Marks	
	4	 Clear justification of an opinion The opinion is clearly explained and supported. The explanation is credible and clearly related to the identified issue. 	7–8	
	3	 Some justification of an opinion The opinion is explained with some support. The explanation is mainly credible and related to the identified issue. 	5–6	
	2	 Partial justification of an opinion The opinion is partly explained and has minimal support. The explanation is partly related to the identified issue. 	3–4	
	1	A limited opinion The opinion is asserted with limited explanation. Any explanation may be general, tangential to the issue and lacking credibility.	1–2	
	0	No creditable response	0	
	Candidate Redu Pron Impre Empe Help	es may identify one of the following consequences: uces rates of child marriage and early pregnancies. notes healthier and smaller families. oves wages and jobs for women. owers women to become leaders. s economic/sustainable development. s people escape from extreme poverty. Is fairer societies.		

Question	Answer	Marks
1(d)	Candidates may give the following reasons to justify their opinion: Has greatest impact on girls. Affects the most people locally, nationally or internationally. Ethically or morally most important. Has multiple positive consequences. Solves other problems. Creates a virtuous circle. Affects other aspects of life for different groups in society. Reflects expert opinion. Other relevant response.	

Question		Answer		Marks
2(a)	Source 3 Main Ann Table C	EVAL FYD	ned in	8
		Evaluate research into current global issues (AO1)		
	Level	Description	Marks	
	4	Consistently evaluative Reasoned explanation of a wide range of evaluative points, including both strengths and weaknesses. Explanations are credible and clearly related to the research.	7–8	
	3	Mainly evaluative Reasoned explanation of a range of evaluative points. Explanations are mostly credible and related to the research.	5–6	
	2	Partly evaluative A range of evaluative points that are mostly descriptive with little explanation. Explanations may lack some credibility and are implicitly related to the research.	3–4	
	1	Limited evaluation A limited range of evaluative points without explanation; the research or topic in the source is only described. Evaluative points are asserted and/or not credible and/or not related to the research.	1–2	
	0	No creditable response	0	
		ve content es may identify the following strengths and weaknesses of	of the	

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	Strengths: Background research from a well-known/reliable/trustworthy organisation (UNICEF) has informed the research purpose and question Clear, focused research question that guides the research and keeps it on track Observation method is relevant to the research question and will gather appropriate evidence (primary) Data (primary) is measurable and can be analysed to answer the question factually/statistically in a systematic way Recorded results that are likely to be accurate Real life evidence gathered in the field that is likely to be valid evidence Other relevant response Weaknesses: Small sample size that may not be representative/not enough data to generalise Unrepresentative sample – only three teachers in one school/from two subjects so results may not reflect other places/subjects Observation based on school subjects that are often linked to males therefore may be biased/untypical Presence in classroom of researcher may change behaviour of teacher and/or students leading to false/inaccurate results Potential bias/selective perception due to gender of the researcher Past research not referenced or cited so cannot be verified/checked The research is dated 1987 and may be out-of-date and therefore not relevant/inaccurate as the situation has changed	

Question	ľ	Answer		Marks
2(b)	'Schools	s often discriminate against girls.'		8
		how this claim could be tested. You should conside methods and evidence that could be used.	r the	
	Main Anr	notations M EXP		
	Table D			
	Use this	table to give marks for each candidate response.		
		Design research into current global issues (AO1)		
	Level	Description	Marks	
	4	 An appropriate and fully justified research design Reasoned explanation of a wide range of methods and evidence. Explanations are credible and explicitly related to testing the claim/purpose of the research. 	7–8	
	3	 An appropriate and justified research design Reasoned explanation of a range of methods and evidence. Explanations are mostly credible and related to testing the claim/purpose of the research. 	5–6	
	2	 A partly justified research design A range of methods and/or evidence that are mostly descriptive with little explanation. Explanations lack some credibility and/or are implicitly related to testing the claim/purpose of the research. 	3–4	
	1	Limited research design A limited range of methods and/or evidence without explanation; the research or topics is only described. Methods and evidence are not credible and/or not related to testing the claim/purpose of the research.	1–2	
	0	No creditable response	0	
		ve content es may discuss the following ways to test the claim stated	in Source	

Question	Answer	Marks
2(b)	 Methods: Interviews with experts that have ability to know/relevant information about the issue Interviews with teachers; students; parents; headteachers who have direct experience of the issue and provide personal testimony/first hand data Observation of different sexes in schools to gather first-hand evidence in the field Review of relevant secondary sources/literature/research/documents to provide background information/context Internet and media search to provide background information/context Questionnaires and surveys to gather quantitative data from a large representative sample Case studies of people or different types of school to provide indepth/detailed information Other relevant response Evidence: Statistics/information on educational achievement and outcomes Individual testimony or personal experience Material from pressure groups/charities/governments/international organisations concerned about education and gender inequality Primary and secondary research data and information Quantitative and qualitative research data and information Other relevant response. 	

Question		Answer		Marks
3	Your ans cons eval supp Main An	rgument is more convincing, Fleur's or Dion's? swer should: sider both arguments uate their reasoning, evidence and use of language bort your judgement with their words and ideas. notations and F e tables to give marks for each candidate response.		16
		Analysis (AO1)		
	Level	Description	Marks	
	4	 Consistently analytic throughout and fully supported Analyses a wide range of aspects of both arguments. Frequent use of relevant material taken from the source. Clear and explicit comparison of the two arguments. 	7–8	
	3	 Mainly analytic and supported Analyses a range of aspects of both arguments. Some use of relevant material taken from the source. Clear comparison of the two arguments. 	5–6	
	2	 Partly analytic and descriptive with some support Analyses a limited range of aspects of both arguments. Occasional use of material taken from the source. Implied comparison by simple juxtaposition of the two arguments. 	3–4	
	1	Descriptive and unsupported Analyses a limited range of aspects of one argument. Little or no use of material taken from the source.	1–2	
	0	No creditable response	0	

Question		Answer		Marks
3	Table F			
		Evaluation (AO1)		
	Level	Description	Marks	
	4	 Consistently evaluative throughout and fully explained Detailed and reasoned explanation of a wide range of evaluative points throughout the response. Both reasoning and evidence within the arguments in the source are evaluated explicitly. Clear, supported judgement consistent with the candidate's argument. 	7–8	
	3	 Mainly evaluative and explained Reasoned explanation of a range of evaluative points within most of the response. Reasoning and/or evidence within the arguments in the source are evaluated. Judgement generally consistent with the candidate's argument. 	5–6	
	2	 Partly evaluative with little explanation A limited range of evaluative points that are mostly descriptive and/or asserted with little explanation. Reasoning and/or evidence within the arguments in the source are mostly described. Judgement lacks some clarity and may be partly inconsistent with the candidate's argument. 	3–4	
	1	Descriptive without explanation One or two evaluative points that are asserted, tangential or not relevant. The topic or the arguments in the source are described. Judgement is unclear and inconsistent with the candidate's argument or may not be included.	1–2	
	0	No creditable response	0	
	Candidate They sho person h	ve content es are expected to evaluate the arguments presented in solution with some explanation at as the most convincing argument. Candidates may support by considering some of the following aspects of the argument.	bout which ort their	
	Use of la	nguage: – emotive, exaggerated, precise, measured	gao	

Question		Answer		Marks
3	Strength of reasoning: logic structure balance claims Evidence: range of information and depth relevance sufficiency – sample size source – media; internet date – how recent different types of information – fact, opinion, value, anecdote testimony – from experience and expert Sources of bias or vested interest: local interest economic personal values experience Possible consequences of the ideas or actions presented Acceptability of their values to others: how likely other people are to agree with their perspective/view Other relevant responses should be credited.			
	follows.			
	Argument	Strengths	Weaknesses	
	Fleur	 Uses relevant examples as evidence. Passionate about subject. Clear, logical argument. Refers to mother's experience as evidence. Some reference to research. Measured language. Other relevant response. 	 Not much evidence. Mother may be biased. May be vested interest. Some assertion. Not balanced. Emotional language. Other relevant response. 	

Question	Answer			Marks
3	Argument	Strengths	Weaknesses	
	Dion	 Balanced argument. Acknowledges counterarguments. Uses statistical evidence. Refers to research that is cited. Evidence is used to support argument. Respectful language. Other relevant response. 	 Vague reference to UN sustainability goals. Few examples. Little expert opinion. Some assertion. Research not referenced. Other relevant response. 	
	AO1 Analysis			8
	AO1 Evaluation	on		8

Question		Answer		Marks
4	An educational charity wants to improve the education of girls			20
	The following actions are being considered:			
	 Build a new school for girls in a developing country. Organise teacher training on girl-friendly education. Employ mentors for girls in secondary schools. 			
	Which one of these actions would you recommend to the education charity, and why?			
	In your a	answer, you should:		
	giveusecons	state your recommendation give reasons and evidence to support your choice use the material in the sources and/or any of your own ideas consider different arguments and perspectives. n Annotations		
	Tables G, H and I			
Use these tables to give marks for each candidate response.				
	Table G			
		Use evidence and reasons to support arguments (AO1)		
	Level	Description	Marks	
	4	 Effective use of evidence and reasons to support arguments Uses a wide range of evidence and reasons to fully support the candidate's argument. Evidence and reasons are clearly relevant to the issue in the question. 	7–8	
	3	Mainly uses evidence and reasons to support arguments Uses a range of evidence and reasons to support the candidate's argument. Evidence and reasons are relevant to the issue in the question.	5–6	

Question		Answer		Mark		
4		Use evidence and reasons to support arguments (AO1)				
	Level	Description	Marks			
	2	Some use of evidence and reasons to support arguments Uses a limited range of evidence and reasons to partly support the candidate's argument. Evidence and reasons are not always relevant to the issue in the question.	3–4			
	1	 Limited use of evidence and reasons to support arguments Uses one or two pieces of evidence and/or reasons and these give very little support the candidate's argument. Evidence and reasons are tangential or not relevant to the issue in the question. 	1–2			
	0	No creditable response	0			
	Table H					
		Develop a line of reasoning (AO1)				
	Level	Description	Marks			
	4	 Convincing and clear reasoning Clear, convincing and sustained lines of reasoning related to the issue in the question and the candidate's argument. Well-structured and explicit consideration of different perspectives or actions. 	7–8			
	3	 Clear reasoning Clear lines of reasoning mainly related to the issue in the question and the candidate's argument. Structured consideration of different perspectives or actions. 	5–6			
	2	 Some reasoning Lines of reasoning are difficult to follow at times and not always related to the issue in the question and the candidate's argument. Some consideration of different perspectives or 	3–4			

actions.

Question	Answer		
4		Develop a line of reasoning (AO1)	
	Level	Description	Marks
	1	Limited reasoning Lines of reasoning lack clarity and are often unrelated to the issue in the question and the candidate's argument. Little or no consideration of different perspectives or actions.	1–2
	0	No creditable response	0
	Table I		
		Judgements about perspectives and action (AO1)	
	Level	Description	Marks
	4	Judgements are fully supported • Judgements are clearly related to the issue, clearly explained and consistent with the candidate's argument.	4
	3	Judgements are supported Judgements are related to the issue, explained and consistent with the candidate's argument.	3
	2	 Judgements are partly supported Judgements are partly related to the issue, partly explained and not consistent with the candidate's argument. 	2
	1	Asserted judgements • Judgements are asserted and not explained.	1
	0	No creditable response	0
	Candidat courses Candidat go beyor	ve Content es are expected to make a judgement about the recomme of action using reasons and evidence to justify their choices may use and develop material found in Sources 1 to 4 and simply repeating or recycling without interpretation. Other other of the content of the con	ce. but should

Question	Answer	Marks		
4	 Candidates may consider some of the following: Reference to scale of impact on girl's education and schooling Reference to different consequences and implications for individuals/groups/government. How long it might take to make a difference. Barriers to change. The power of collective action, e.g. cooperation between people to achieve change. The role of vested interests and power differences. Potential conflicts of interest. Difficulties in planning and coordinating action Cost and access to resources to implement change. Reach of the different methods Priorities and values of citizens, politicians, United Nations, etc. Other reasonable response. 			
	AO1 Use evidence and reasons to support arguments	8		
	AO1 Develop a line of reasoning			
	AO1 Judgements about perspectives and action			