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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
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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.

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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.

Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)(i)	<p>Identify <u>two</u> internal influences on tourism in Papua New Guinea.</p> <p>Strength</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support of the government (1) • world class dive sites (1) <p>Weakness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • poor internet access in rural areas (1) • private sector businesses do not market the country (1) • infrastructure does not meet international standards (1) • health, safety and security concerns affect the number of international visitors to the country (1) 	2
1(a)(ii)	<p>Describe <u>one</u> negative technological impact on tourism in Papua New Guinea.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • poor internet access in rural areas (1) means that providers may not be able to raise awareness of their products through websites/domestic tourists might not be able to search about attractions in this part of the country/visitors may not come as they are put off by lack of internet (1) • Infrastructure not meeting international standards means that overseas tourists from might not wish to visit (1) because they are not assured of the standard of roads, hotels, hospitals, etc. (1) 	2
1(b)(i)	<p>Explain <u>two</u> reasons why travel and tourism organisations use the product life cycle model.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to identify the popularity of the product in the market/number of visitors/to know if they are growing or declining (1) to help with further marketing decisions (1) and to understand whether to continue the product or to withdraw it from the market (1) • to understand whether product modifications are necessary (1) to increase the product's popularity (1) to diversify the product in the market (1) • to make key marketing decisions (1) about pricing strategies based on popularity of the product (1) based on competitors in the market (1) • to make decisions about promotion (1) whether intensive marketing campaign needed near start of life cycle model (1) or whether rebrand is needed with increased promotional efforts (1) <p>Accept any reasonable response.</p>	4
1(b)(ii)	<p>State at which stage of the product life cycle you would place Papua New Guinea as a tourist destination. Give <u>one</u> reason for your answer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • research and development (1) tourism industry not yet developed, with infrastructure not yet meeting international standards (1) • introduction (1) because dive tourism is growing in popularity and with government support can continue to grow (1) 	2

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1(c)	<p>Explain <u>two</u> reasons why marketing and promotion are important for tourism authorities, such as those in Papua New Guinea.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increased sales/usage/number of visitors (1) marketing raises awareness (1) increases the likelihood of more visitors coming to the destination (1) • competitive advantage (1) marketing allows a destination to increase its market share (1) and to remain competitive with other similar destinations (1) • positive reputation (1) marketing and promotion helps create a positive destination brand image (1) allowing customers and potential customers to create a favourable impression of the destination (1) • customer satisfaction (1) marketing and promotion creates a set of expectations based on an association with the destination (1) where actual experience matches expectation leads to customer satisfaction/repeat business (1) <p>Accept any reasonable response.</p>	6
1(d)	<p>Evaluate the importance of health, safety and security concerns as a factor of location in the tourism industry.</p> <p>Indicative content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • this is an important aspect of character of area; people will not visit an area with known security risks/high crime rates • health and safety are basic human needs according to Maslow; without assurance of these needs, many travellers will be discouraged from travelling • high media coverage of health, safety and security issues raises further concerns for many travellers • more recently, terrorist activity in popular destinations affects the popularity of these destinations • outbreaks of disease may put people off travelling • extreme weather e.g. hurricanes <p>Use level of response criteria.</p> <p>Level 1 (1–3 marks) At this level, candidates will identify 1, 2 or more reasons why health, safety and security are important in tourism.</p> <p>Level 2 (4–6 marks) At this level candidates will explain 1, 2 or more reasons why health, safety and security are important in tourism.</p> <p>Level 3 (7–9 marks) At this level candidates will evaluate 1, 2 or more reasons why health, safety and security are important in tourism.</p>	9

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)(i)	<p>Describe, using an example, what is meant by health and wellness tourism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • health and wellness tourism is travel for the purpose of promoting health and well-being through physical, psychological, or spiritual activities (1) • e.g. massages/reflexology/facials/manicures/pedicures (1) <p>Accept any reasonable response.</p>	2
2(a)(ii)	<p>Explain why products and services in health and wellness tourism are inseparable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it is not possible to separate the products and services from the person providing the service. (1) A trained professional often must be present to provide the service. (1) <p>Accept any reasonable response.</p>	2
2(b)	<p>Explain <u>two</u> likely reasons for the appeal of a destination spa, such as the Silver Sanctuary Spa Resorts, for leisure travellers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • range of treatments on offer (1) traditional, alternative and modern therapies (1) to help meet a range of different needs (1) • offers luxury packages (1) includes treatments, healthy eating and fitness programmes (1) for a complete retreat experience (1) • staffed by wellness experts (1) professional services on offer (1) seen as a guarantee of quality (1) • all-inclusive holidays offered (1) accommodation, meals and transfers (1) convenient for customers (1) <p>Accept any reasonable response.</p>	6
2(c)	<p>Suggest <u>two</u> pricing policies that might be used for health and wellness tourism products and services. Explain how each policy works.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prestige or premium pricing (1) customers associate the quality and exclusiveness of the product with high prices (1) used with the luxury market/spa tourism is associated with luxury (1) • price bundling (1) a 'package' of treatments can be put together and charged as a bundle (1) customer feels they are gaining value for money (1) • promotional pricing (1) special offers, vouchers or free gifts offered to entice bookings (1) e.g. vouchers may entitle guests to one free 20-minute treatment on a return visit (1) • psychological pricing (1) price set at 4.99 instead of 5.00 (1) this would seem cheaper (1) <p>Accept any reasonable response.</p>	6

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2(d)	<p>Evaluate the effectiveness of the Silver Sanctuary Spa Resorts' chosen distribution channels for its spa tourism products.</p> <p>Indicative content:</p> <p>Online booking portal (GDS/internet):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • used by a range of different spa providers so in with the competition • keeps overheads low as no expensive premises needed • low commission costs to the portal operators • 24/7 availability for customers in all time zones <p>Global sales hotline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sales staff may use personal selling skills and may upsell better packages • customers often prefer the personal touch and will feel more assured to buy • 24-hour availability for customers in all time zones • immediacy of response to queries <p>Use levels of response criteria.</p> <p>Level 1 (1–3 marks) At this level candidates will identify 1, 2 or more benefits of at least one of the chosen distribution channels.</p> <p>Level 2 (4–6 marks) At this level candidates will explain 1, 2 or more benefits of at least one of the chosen distribution channels.</p> <p>Level 3 (7–9 marks) At this level candidates will evaluate 1, 2 or more benefits of both distribution channels and/or evaluate which distribution channel is most effective.</p>	9

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3(a)(i)	<p>Explain what is meant by the term inbound tourism, giving reference to its market segment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • international tourists entering a country (1) from different geographic regions such as from China to Russia (1) <p>Accept any reasonable response.</p>	2
3(a)(ii)	<p>Identify <u>two</u> strategies the Government in Russia has taken to attract more inbound tourists.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promoted the favourable exchange rate (1) • improved the infrastructure (1) • simplified the visa processes (1) • hosting football world cup/major sporting events (1) • offering a new range of packages, including football/non-football related activities (1) 	2
3(b)	<p>Explain <u>two</u> benefits of using a mascot to market major events such as the Football World Cup.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mascots are a form of merchandising or sales promotion (1) they help create a brand image (1) and build brand association/represent the country/event (1) • mascots can be used as points of sale material by creating souvenirs of the event/t-shirts/toys (1) to increase sales and profitability of the event (1) and to generate interest in the destination/event (1) • mascots are fun and appeal to younger generations (1) can help increase the customer base for the event (1) and help market the destination to a range of different market segments (1) <p>Accept any reasonable response.</p>	6
3(c)	<p>Explain <u>two</u> reasons why the AIDA principle (Attention, Interest, Desire and Action) is considered when producing marketing materials to promote tourism.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to determine whether marketing materials will reach their target audience with a powerful message (1) allows providers to consider various aspects of the promotional material (1) as a check list in determining effectiveness (1) • ensures that materials are persuasive (1) that customers are drawn to what is on offer (1) and know how to find further information or make a purchase (1) • advertising media is extremely expensive to use (1) AIDA allows organisations to ascertain that the money is going to good use (1) that the materials meet the marketing needs of both the organisation and the customer (1) <p>Accept any reasonable response.</p>	6

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3(d)	<p>Discuss the advantages to tour operators in Russia of changing their product and service mix.</p> <p>Indicative content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • product innovation – keeps existing customers interested • product diversification – attracts customers from different market segments • to extend the product life cycle • to keep ahead of competition • to remain profitable <p>Use levels of response criteria.</p> <p>Level 1 (1–3 marks) At this level candidates will identify 1, 2 or more advantages of changing the product and service mix.</p> <p>Level 2 (4–6 marks) At this level candidates will explain 1, 2 or more advantages to tour operators in Russia of changing their product and service mix.</p> <p>Level 3 (7–9 marks) At this level candidates will discuss 1, 2 or more advantages to tour operators in Russia of changing their product and service mix.</p>	9

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4(a)	<p>Describe <u>two</u> features of the accommodation provided at this facility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • self-catering, serviced apartments (1) means that meals are not provided but housekeeping services are available (1) • spacious, open plan accommodation (1) means the accommodation is bigger than an average hotel room (1) • outdoor swimming pool (1) for leisure time (1) • fitness centre (1) for guests to keep fit (1) • free Wi-Fi (1) so that guests can remain in contact via social networks (1) • multi-lingual staff (1) allows guests communicate (1) • dining room (1) to be able to eat in private (1) • kitchen (1) prepare food to own preference (1) • TV (1) to relax, watch movies, play games, etc.(1) <p>Accept any reasonable response.</p>	4
4(b)	<p>Explain <u>two</u> reasons why independent travellers might choose to stay at this accommodation facility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low rates (1) independent travellers includes students and backpackers (1) these types of travellers like to travel on a budget (1) • accommodation is centrally located (1) independent travellers often do not have their own transport (1) so walking distance to other attractions is important (1) • near to affordable cafes and restaurants (1) independent travellers often prefer to eat out (1) but do not want to pay for fine dining (1) • flexible booking arrangements (1) allows travellers to change plans at short notice (1) independent travellers do not always stick to a fixed timetable (1) • online booking (1) is the preferred option for independent travellers (1) who like to search and compare deals (1) • 100% positive reviews (1) independent travellers do not have travel agents to advise them (1) so rely on reviews to help them make a decision (1) <p>Accept any reasonable response.</p>	6

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4(c)	<p>Explain how the following factors might affect the price that guests are charged for staying at an apartment at this facility:</p> <p>the likely number of customers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • this is based on the principles of simple supply and demand (1) the more customers there are likely to be, the higher the likely price (1) when something is in high demand, the provider benefits from being able to increase the price as customers are willing to pay (1) <p>the number of competitors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the accommodation provider is likely to follow the price maker, i.e. the accommodation provider with the greatest market share (1) this will often mean using the going rate so that the price is in line with what others are charging (1) to prevent customers choosing a cheaper substitute product (1) <p>Accept any reasonable response.</p>	6
4(d)	<p>Discuss the importance of brand loyalty for travel and tourism providers, such as the 26 Windows accommodation facility.</p> <p>Indicative content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in a competitive market brand loyalty is important • brand loyalty leads to repeat business and customer retention • brand loyalty can lead to word of mouth recommendation • loyal customers can be targeted through direct marketing, which saves costs in broader promotion – it costs much more to advertise to new customers than to existing ones • returning (brand loyal) customers tend to spend more than new customers <p>Use levels of response criteria.</p> <p>Level 1 (1–3 marks) At this level candidates will identify 1, 2 or more reasons why brand loyalty is important.</p> <p>Level 2 (4–6 marks) At this level candidates will explain 1, 2 or more reasons why brand loyalty is important.</p> <p>Level 3 (7–9 marks) At this level candidates will discuss 1, 2 or more reasons why brand loyalty is important.</p>	9