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Mark Scheme

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This mark scheme has been written by the Assessment Writer and refined, alongside the relevant questions, by a panel of subject experts through the external assessment writing process and at standardisation meetings.

The purpose of this mark scheme is to give you:

- examples and criteria of the types of response expected from a learner
- information on how individual marks are to be awarded
- the allocated assessment objective(s) and total mark for each question.

Marking guidelines

General guidelines

You must apply the following marking guidelines to all marking undertaken throughout the marking period. This is to ensure fairness to all learners, who must receive the same treatment. You must mark the first learner in exactly the same way as you mark the last.

- The mark scheme must be referred to throughout the marking period and applied consistently. Do not change your approach to marking once you have been standardised.
- Reward learners positively giving credit for what they have shown, rather than what they might have omitted.
- Utilise the whole mark range and always award full marks when the response merits them.
- Be prepared to award zero marks if the learner's response has no creditworthy material.
- Do not credit irrelevant material that does not answer the question, no matter how impressive the response might be.
- The marks awarded for each response should be clearly and legibly recorded in the grid on the front of the question paper.
- If you are in any doubt about the application of the mark scheme, you must consult with your Team Leader or the Chief Examiner.

Guidelines for using extended response marking grids

Extended response marking grids have been designed to award a learner's response holistically and should follow a best-fit approach. The grids are broken down into levels, with each level having an associated descriptor indicating the performance at that level. You should determine the level before determining the mark.

When determining a level, you should use a bottom up approach. If the response meets all the descriptors in the lowest level, you should move to the next one, and so on, until the response matches the level descriptor. Remember to look at the overall quality of the response and reward learners positively, rather than focussing on small omissions. If the response covers aspects at different levels, you should use a best-fit approach at this stage, and use the available marks within the level to credit the response appropriately.

When determining a mark, your decision should be based on the quality of the response in relation to the descriptors. You must also consider the relative weightings of the assessment objectives, so as not to over/under credit a response. Standardisation materials, marked by the Chief Examiner, will help you with determining a mark. You will be able to use exemplar learner responses to compare to live responses, to decide if it is the same, better or worse.

You are reminded that the indicative content provided under the marking grid is there as a guide, and therefore you must credit any other suitable responses a learner may produce. It is not a requirement either, that learners must cover all of the indicative content to be awarded full marks.

Assessment objectives

This unit requires learners to:

A01	Recall of knowledge and understanding
AO2	Application of knowledge and understanding
AO3	Analysis
AO4	Evaluation

Qu		Total marks					
1	Describe ways that practitioners promote children's healthy eating in an early years setting.						
	Level	Marks	Description				
	4	13 – 15	Response shows accuracy and development of knowledge.				
	3	9 – 12	Understanding shown, relevant examples or links to practice may be given.				
	2	5 – 8	Mainly correct with some development.				
	1	1 – 4	Basic recall of knowledge relevant to the question.				
		0	No relevant material.				
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4 13–16 Response shows development of knowledge	
and understanding of the subject.	
Development <i>may</i> be shown through	
appropriate links to legislation / initiatives /	
theory or frameworks or evidence of analysis	
3 9–12 Understanding mainly correct with some	
development.	
May include views, opinions or links to	
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2 5–8 Relevant knowledge shown.	
1 1–4 Basic knowledge shown; simple statements.	
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3	8–10	Response shows accurate knowledge and understanding of the subject with depth.
2	4–7	Understanding shown with some development.
		May use relevant examples or give links to practice.
1	1–3	Basic recall of knowledge relevant to the
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5	17–20	Coherent discussion with reasoned judgements.	
4	13–16	Analysis from more than one perspective. Development of knowledge and	
		understanding of the subject. Development of discussion to include relevant	
		links to legislation/initiatives/theory or frameworks.	
		Evidence of analysis.	
3	9–12	Understanding mainly correct with some development.	
		May include views, opinions and/or application to practice.	
2	5–8	Relevant knowledge and understanding	
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4	13–15	Evaluation of relevant issues to form a valid conclusion.	
3	9–12	Coherent discussion to include links to legislation/initiatives/theory or frameworks.	
2	5–8	Understanding mainly correct with some development.	
		May include valid views, opinions and/or application to practice.	
1	1–4	Basic knowledge shown relevant to the question.	
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5	17–20	Accurate application of knowledge with	
		coherent discussion and valid conclusion(s).	
4	13–16	Response shows development of knowledge and understanding of the subject.	
		Development <i>may</i> be shown through	
		appropriate links to legislation / initiatives /	
		theory or frameworks or evidence of analysis.	
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1	15				15
2		20			20
3	10				10
4			20		20
5				15	15
6		20			20
Total	25	40	20	15	100

Assessment Objective Grid