**Marking Criteria and Mark Scheme for Essay-style Questions – from SBCS essays but Adapted for Nanchang JP**

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|  | **All Levels** | **Levels 5 - 6 Level 6****(Desirable in other years)** |  |  |  |
| **Evidence of Comprehension** | **Breadth and Depth of Knowledge** | **Irrelevant Material and Errors** | **Synthesis & Balance** | **Originality & Innovation** |  |  |  |
| **A+****93-100** | Outstanding. Deep insight | Outstanding. As much as could be expected | Absent or minimal | Evidence of critical analysis | Original ideas and insight. Far beyond lectures and evidence of significant extra reading |  |  |  |
| **A****84-92** | Clear understanding. Shrewd and appropriate | Extensive. Almost as much as could be expected | Minimal or absent | Astute selection and juxtaposition | Some evidence of creative interpretation. Beyond lectures and evidence of extra reading |  |  |  |
| **A-****75-83** | Tending to description rather than interpretation | Extensive | Minimal | Appropriate selection and combination | Some |  |  |  |
| **A—****66-74** | Sufficient to marshal a well-organised, direct response | Most key points but not extensive | Perhaps some minor errors and tangential material | Inappropriate balance, partial synthesis | Limited |  |  |  |
| **B****56-65** | Sufficient to marshal an organised, direct response | Not all key points but comprehensive and accurate | Some minor errors and tangential material | Inappropriate balance, partial synthesis | Limited |  |  |  |
| **C****49-55** | Not a direct response but sufficient for a logical presentation. | Several omissions but some key points | Some errors, tangential material | Minimal | Minimal |  |  |  |
| **D,E****38-48, (43)** | Poor comprehension, muddled organisation | Major omissions. No key points. A few basic facts | Major factual errors. Frequently irrelevant | None | None |  |  |  |
| **F+****28-37** | Almost none | One or two very minor points correct | Extensively irrelevant or wrong | None | None |  |  |  |
| **F****18-27** | None | One or two very minor points just about correct | Extensively irrelevant or wrong | None | None |  |  |  |
| **F-****0-17** | None | No evidence of being better if longer | Almost all irrelevant or wrong | None | None |  |  |  |
| **0** | Nothing written | Nothing written | Nothing written | None | None |  |  |  |

**Notes**:

 This mark scheme applies to all work (including examinations) completed on or after 29/04/13.

 In order to qualify for an "A-grade" the work must meet most of the indicated criteria.

 Grade to % conversion: A+ = 100; A = 92; A- = 83; A-- = 74; B+ = 68; B = 65; B- = 63; C+ = 58; C = 55; C- = 53; D+ = 49; D = 48; D- = 47; E+ = 44; E = 43; E- = 42; F++ = 39; F+ = 37; F = 27; F- = 17; 0 = 0