

Customer Service Principles Level 3

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Sample Paper 1

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the candidate's work, otherwise the
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be issued.



Candidate's name (Block letters please)

Centre no

Date

Time allowed: 2 hours
(Plus 5 minutes reading time)

You must attempt **all** the tasks in the order given.

Section A Answer **all** 12 questions in Section A. Your answers should be written in the spaces provided.

Section B Answer **all** questions in Section B.

All final answers must be in blue or black ink.
If additional separate sheets of paper are used,
make sure each page is clearly labelled with your
name.

Calculators and English and mother tongue dictionaries can be used.

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Section A	Section B	Total
48	32	80

Section A

Answer **all** questions in this section - 48 marks

- 1. a) Describe what is meant by a Service Level Agreement (SLA) and how it can be used to monitor customer service delivery.

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- b) Give **two** examples of performance measures within a service level agreement (SLA).

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- 2. Describe **two** factors which may impact upon the fulfilment of an SLA and explain why.

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- 3. Identify **four** sources of information for customers on an organisation's products and services.

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- 4. Identify **four** implications of not keeping organisational and customer information confidential.

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5. Identify **three** different customer behaviours and explain how a service provider may effectively deal with **each**.

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(6 marks)

6. Identify **two** ways of compensating a valid customer complaint.

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(2 marks)

7. Identify **two** methods of evaluating the customer service process and describe reasons why **each** of these contributes to continuous improvement.

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(4 marks)

8. Describe how the promotion of a feature or benefit of a product or service can influence a customer's choice.

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(2 marks)

9. a) Describe **three** unique selling points that could be used to increase a car hire company's custom.

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(3 marks)

b) Identify **three** different types of customer to whom these points would be of interest.

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(3 marks)

10. a) Describe **two** factors which can help to get the team dynamics right when putting a customer service team together.

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(2 marks)

b) Identify **two** contributions an effective customer service team makes to an organisation's aims and objectives.

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(2 marks)

11. As part of your job role you are responsible for staff development.

a) Describe **three** advantages of carrying out a staff appraisal.

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(3 marks)

b) Describe **two** features of staff assessment.

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(2 marks)

12. Describe **three** reasons why it is important for teams and individuals to have development plans in place.

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(3 marks)
(Total 48 marks)

Section B Answer **all** questions in this section – 32 marks.

Scenario

You are the assistant manager of Rushleigh, a small, independent hotel catering for business travellers using the airport terminal a few miles away. The hotel manager is Joan Mattingly and you have the following tasks to complete today:

- Formal report on promoting a service
- Letter of apology
- Email on obtaining customer feedback

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- 1 Joan is keen to increase business and wants to introduce a package whereby guests can obtain free parking while they are away and a shuttle service to the airport. She has asked you to report back on ways of promoting this new service. Write up the various methods into a formal report, evaluating the likely success of each and recommending suitable and cost effective methods for the hotel.

(14 marks)

2 The following was recorded by a regular client in the customer complaints book this morning. The cause was a technical fault in the kitchen coupled with a shortage of personnel. Using the letterhead below, write a letter of apology to deal with the matter effectively.

Rushleigh Hotel
Station Way
Corby
LE1 2AE
Tel 01294 393949

www.rushleigh.com / email: res@rushleigh.com

Rushleigh Hotel COMPLAINT FORM

Customer Name	Rebecca Eldridge	Complaint Taken by	Sally James, Receptionist
Customer Address	8 Rivermead Littletown CR12 9TT	Complaint Date	(today)

Complaint:

Even though I arrived in plenty of time at the breakfast room this morning, I was kept waiting for more than half an hour at the table without even the offer of tea or coffee. In the end I had to leave without breakfast in order to catch my flight. The receptionist was unable to offer any explanation and I was by then in too much of a hurry to wait and see the Duty Manager. The room rate includes breakfast in the price but I had to purchase my own at the airport. I am usually satisfied with the service here, but this morning I feel very disappointed.

(10 marks)

3 Reply to Joan's email, in the space provided below.

From...	Joan Mattingly
To...	(Candidate)
Cc...	
Subject:	Client feedback

Do you think you could let me know your thoughts on ways we can gather feedback from guests on how satisfied they are with the level of service we offer here and possible improvements we can make? Please let me know which method you think would be the best to implement first.

Thanks
Joan

From:
To:
Subject: Client Feedback

(8 marks)
(Total 32 marks)