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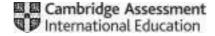
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GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

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- 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
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Question		Answ	ver				Marks
1(a)(i)	Prime cost is the direct (1) cost of a manufactured product. It is the total of direct materials, direct labour and direct overheads/expenses. (1)			2			
1(a)(ii)	Units of production whi	ch are only part completed (1) with regard	I to materials an	id / or labo	ur. (1)		2
1(b)		Manufacturin For the year ended 3		18	0000		13
	Power Deprecial Add: ope Less: cla Cost of p Factory Transfer	wages expenses	40 29 24 120	` '	\$000 385 213 598 23 621 (31) 590 118 708	(1) OF (1) OF	

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Answer	Marks			
The inventory should not have been included at that figure (1) because the figure contains unrealised / factory profit. (1)	8			
Realisation concept (1) – transaction is accounted for when converted into money. (1)				
Prudence concept (1) – inventory and profit should not be overstated/inventory valued at lower of cost and NRV per IAS 2. (1)				
Correct value should be \$33 000 × $\frac{100}{120}$ (1) = \$27 500 (1) or \$33 000 - \$5500 (1) = \$27 500 (1)				
The value after reduction of the unrealised profit is the value to be shown in the statement of financial position. (1)				
A provision for unrealised profit is created (1)				
Max 2 for concept identification; Max 2 for calculation; Max 3 for explanation and 1 mark for correct decision.				
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Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	Profit for the year ended 31 December 2018	3
	Dividend yield = 5% Dividend per share = \$2.4 × 5% = \$0.12 (1) Total dividend paid = \$0.12 × 450 000 = \$54 000 (1) OF Dividend cover = 2.5 times Profit = \$54 000 × 2.5 = \$135 000 (1) OF Alternative approach (market value) 450 000 shares × \$2.40 = \$1 080 000 (1) Dividend = \$1 080 000 × 5% = \$54 000 (1) OF	
	Dividend cover = 2.5 times Profit = $$54000 \times 2.5 = 135000 (1) OF	

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(b)	V plc Statement of financial position at 31 December 2018	
	\$ Non-current assets 505 272	
	Current assets	
	Inventory W1 80 295 (4) Trade and other receivables W2 120 000 (2) Cash at bank (balancing) 54 297 (1) OF 254 592	
	Total assets <u>759 864</u>	
	Equity and liabilities Equity Ordinary shares of \$1 each Share premium Retained earnings Total equity Equity and liabilities 450 000 } (1) both 70 000 } 155 000 (3) OF	
	Liabilities	
	Trade and other payables W4 84 864 (3) Total equity and liabilities 759 864 (1) OF	

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(b)	Workings:	15
	W1 Cost of sales = \$876 000 × 55% = \$481 800 (1) Opening inventory = \$78 105 Inventory turnover = 60 days Closing inventory = 2 × [(\$481 800 × 60) / 365] (1) OF – \$78 105 (1) = \$80 295 (1)OF	
	W2 Credit sales \$876 000 Trade receivables turnover 50 days	
	Trade receivables = $\frac{(\$876000 \times 50)}{365}$ (1) = \$120 000 (1) OF	
	W3 \$ Retained earnings 1 January 2018 74 000 Profit for the year (from 2(a)) 135 000 (1) OF Dividend paid (from 2(a)) (54 000) (1) OF 155 000 (1) OF	
	W4 Cost of sales = \$876 000 × 55% = \$481 800 Purchases = \$481 800 + \$80 295 - \$78 105 = \$483 990 (1) OF Trade payables turnover = 64 days	
2(a)	Trade payables = (\$483 990 × 64) / 365 (1) OF = \$84 864 (1) OF	2
2(c)	Earnings per share = \$135 000 / 450 000 = \$0.30 (1) OF Price earnings ratio = $\frac{$2.40}{$0.30}$ = 8 (1) OF	2
	Alternative approach (market value)	
	\$1 080 000 / \$135 000 (1) OF = 8 (1) OF	

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Question	Answer	Marks		
2(d)	The gross margin / profitability of V plc is better than that of T plc. (1) This suggests that the selling price of V plc is higher / the cost of sales is lower (1) than T plc.	5		
	V plc is more efficient / has a better inventory turnover period than T plc. (1) This suggests that V plc can sell goods at a faster rate (1) or its inventory level is kept at a lower level / has lower storage costs. (1)			
	Accept other valid points. Max 5			

Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)	The answers may include:	2
	Increases the credibility of the financial statements which ensures they are fair and true Helps detect errors and frauds which increases the confidence of shareholders Represents an independent review of the financial statements which increases their reliability	
	1 mark for identifying one benefit and 1 further mark for development, up to a maximum of 2 marks. Accept other valid points.	
3(b)	Item 1 – IAS 36 (1) <i>Impairment of assets</i> suggests that an impairment loss should be made if the carrying amount of an asset is more than its recoverable amount. (1) The carrying amount of the equipment is \$140,000 which is more than the recoverable amount \$136,000, (1) (the higher of \$132,000 fair value and \$136,000 value in use), impairment of \$4000 should be made. (1)	7
	Item 2 – IAS 10 (1) Events after the reporting period is relevant as a proposed dividend is a non-adjusting event (1). In this case, the proposed dividend is not a liability at the year-end and will be disclosed as a note to the accounts. (1)	
	Item 3 – IAS 37 (1) <i>Provision, contingent liabilities and contingent assets</i> suggests that a provision is made only when there is a present obligation arising from a past event. (1) Therefore no provision is recognised for costs that will be incurred in the future. (1)	
	Item 1: Max 3 marks Item 2: Max 2 marks Item 3: Max 2 marks	

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Question	Answer	Marks
3(c)	Revised retained profits at 31 December 2018	6
	Retained earnings	
3(d)	(i) Property, plant and equipment (\$682 000 – \$4000) = 678 000 (1) (ii) Inventory (\$94 200 + \$5400) = 99 600 (1) (iii) Trade receivables (\$87 400 – \$7000) = 80 400 (1) (iv) Other receivables (\$9430 + \$3000) = 12 430 (1) (v) Total assets: = \$678 000 + \$99 600 + \$80 400 + \$12 430 + \$21 170 = \$891 600 (1) OF	5

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Question	Answer	Marks
3(e)	Arguments for increasing the dividend	5
	Existing shareholders will be satisfied resulting in them retaining their shares (1)	
	Higher dividend policy may convey a strong message to shareholders leading to a possible increase in share value (1)	
	Increased dividends may be attractive to potential new investors providing investment for growth (1)	
	Arguments for not increasing the dividend	
	Company may be short of cash (1)	
	Directors are retaining earnings for future development (1)	
	Higher retained earnings may lead to a higher share value in the long run (1)	
	Max 4 for comments plus 1 mark for recommendation Accept other valid points.	

Question	Answer	
4(a)	Roberto and Sasha each contributed \$1000 to start the joint venture. (1) This represented the capital of the joint venture. (1)	2
4(b)	Because they are capital transfers (1) and do not affect the profit of the joint venture. (1)	
4(c)	(2500 + 50) (1) – 2020 (1) = \$530	3
	Roberto \$265, Sasha \$265 (1) OF (correct split)	

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Question	Answer	Marks
4(d)(i)	Roberto account \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	5
4(d)(ii)	Sasha account \$ JV bank (balancing) 1465 (1) OF JV bank 1000 (1) JV account (costs) 200 (1) JV account (profit) 265 1465	4
4(e)	The increase in mark-up could increase Sasha's share of profit (1) by \$237.50 (1) Increasing the prices may not result in all inventory being sold (1) Unsold goods may have to be sold off at discounted prices (1) The experience of previously working together may be beneficial (1) Annual event might encourage competition from other stalls selling sports equipment (1) Competitors may be charging lower prices that would reduce sales (1) It would be better if Roberto had done market research to justify his increase in mark-up (1) This joint venture may lead to future business opportunities between the two (1) (1) for decision, max (4) for comments	

Question	Answer	
4(f)	Business – seeks to make a profit (1) and operates for the benefit of owners (1)	4
	Club – not for profit (1), primarily seeks to provide a service to its members (1), may sell at subsidised prices (1)	
	Max (2) for each organisation	

Question	Answer						Marks
5(a)(i)	Cash Mach Other	inflows from sales outflows for cost of sales ine maintenance cost operating costs ash flow	2020 \$ 840 000 420 000 10 000 120 000 290 000	2021 \$ 882 000 441 000 20 000 120 000 301 000	2022 \$ 926 100 463 050 30 000 120 000 313 050	(1) for all (1) for all (1) for all	5
5(a)(ii)	2 years + [(\$600 000 - \$591 000) / \$313 050 × 365] = 2 years (1) OF 11 days (2) OF						3
5(a)(iii)	2020 2021 2022 Total depreciation Total profit Average profit (\$101 350 / \$300 000*) * = \$600 000 / 2	\$ 290 000 301 000 313 050 904 050 600 000 (1) 304 050 (1) OF 101 350 (1) OF					5

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Question	Answer						
5(b)	Advantages:						
	Easy to compute (1)						
	Easy to understand (1)						
	Good for initial screening (1)						
	Good for business which requires short time to recover its investment (1)						
	Disadvantages:						
	Does not consider time value of money (1)						
	Does not consider cash flows after the payback period (1)						
	Projects may have different patterns of cash inflows (1)						
	Max 2 for advantages max 2 for disadvantages. Accept other valid points.						
5(c)	Inflows PV	3					
	\$ Year 0						

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Question	Answer	Marks
5(d)	Machine X should be purchased (1) because it has a positive NPV (1) OF	5
	The payback is less than the useful life of the machine (1) OF	
	The ARR is more than the cost of capital (1) OF	
	The quality of the product is better (1)	
	The maintenance costs should be lower than Machine B (1)	
	Machine X may have a positive environmental impact (1)	
	There may be additional training costs incurred with machine X (1)	
	1 mark for decision Max 2 for financial factors Max 2 for non-financial factors	
	Accept other valid points.	

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Question	Answer	Marks
6(a)	Allows targets to be set (1)	2
	Helps to plan / control the use of resources (1)	
	Helps with decision-making (1)	
	Enables regular variance analysis (1)	
	Identifies limiting factors (1)	
	Informs all departments of a common goal (1)	
	Improves communication between managers and departments (1)	
	Improves co-ordination between departments (1)	
	Provides clear areas of responsibility (1)	
	Helps to motivate employees (1)	
	Max 2 Accept other valid points.	

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Question	Workings:					
6(b)						
	Semi-variable overheads – using high / low method					
	\$7500 - \$4000 3000 units - 1000	0 = \$3500 = \$1. 0 units = 2000 units	75 (1) × 3000 units = $\mathbf{or} \times 1000 \text{ units} =$	\$5250 variable cost \$1750		
	Total cost less variable cost = fixed cost	\$7500 or \$4000 \$5250 <u>\$1750</u> \$2250 (1) OF <u>\$2250</u>				
	Semi-variable overheads at actual level of activity					
	\$1.75 × 250 Total semi-variable overhea	00 units = \$4375 variable cost \$2250 fixed cost d \$6625 (1) OF				
	Total Seriii Vallable Overnea	u <u>00025</u> (1) 01				
			Flexed budget \$			
	Sales	(25 000 / 1000) or (75 000 / 3000) × 2500 units	62 500 (1)			
	Direct labour	(5000 / 1000) or (15 000 / 3000) × 2500 units	12 500 (1)			
	Direct material	(6000 / 1000) or (18 000 / 3000) × 2500 units	15 000 (1)			
	Semi variable overheads Fixed costs Profit	See separate working above	6625 (3) OF 5000 (1) 23 375 (1) OF			

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Question	Answer				Marks	
6(c)	Profit from flexed budget	\$ 2500 units		\$ 23.375	(1) OF both profits	6
	Add favourable variances:	2500 units		23 37 3	(1) Or both profits	
	Selling price			500	(1)	
	Direct material			500	_ (1)	
	Deduct adverse variances:			24 375		
	Direct labour	300	(1)			
	Semi-variable overheads	625	(1)			
	Fixed costs	200	(1)	1125		
	Actual profit			23 250	<u>.</u>	
6(d)(i)	Direct material favourable variance:					
	Material price could have been reduced (1) due to lower quality / decrease in market price / cheaper supplier. (1)					
	Material usage could be less (1) due to better quality material / less wastage / skilled workforce. (1)					
	1 mark for each element and 1 mark for development up to max 2					
6(d)(ii)	Direct labour adverse variance:					
	Direct labour may have worked more hours	s (1) due to poor quality mat	erials / I	ower skilled	workforce. (1)	
	Labour rate could be higher (1) due to more skilled workforce / overtime paid which wasn't budgeted for. (1)					
	1 mark for each element and 1 mark for development up to max 2					

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Question	Answer			
6(e)	Yes: It reflects any changes in activity and is therefore more realistic / accurate / reliable (1)	5		
	It enables like for like / better comparisons (1)			
	It is easier to identify variances (1)			
	It enables a clearer understanding of the corrective action required (1)			
	No: It can be time consuming (1)			
	It may be complex / need an expert / training to calculate the flexed budget. (1)			
	Managers may become de-motivated [if the target is constantly changing] (1)			
	Managers may resent having to re-calculate budgets on a regular basis (1)			
	Decision (1), Yes (max 2) and No (max 2)			
	Accept other valid points.			

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