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## General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

| Question | Answer AO2 (14) |  |  |  |  | Mark |
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| 1 (a) |  | Month One | Month Two | Month <br> Three | Mark |  |
|  | Sales <br> Receipts | $48,000$ <br> (1) | $84,000$ <br> (1) | $121,200$ <br> (1) |  |  |
|  | Interest <br> Received |  | 54 |  | 1 |  |
|  | TOTAL RECEIPTS | 48,000 | 84,054 | 121,200 |  |  |
|  | Payments |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Purchases | 24,000 | 60,000 | 66,720 | 2 |  |
|  | Wages | 22,800 | 31,600 | 35,600 | 2 |  |
|  | Overheads | 11,400 | 19,600 | 24,560 | 2 |  |
|  | Fixed overheads | 12,000 | 12,000 | 12,000 | For both |  |
|  | Asset Purchase | 12,000 |  | 12,000 | 1 |  |
|  | Interest Charged |  |  | 213 | 1 |  |
|  | TOTAL OUTFLOWS | 82,200 | 123200 | 151,093 |  |  |
|  | Net Cash Flow | (34 200) | $(39,146)$ | (29 893) | 1 |  |
|  | Open <br> Balance | 45,000 | 10,800 | (28 346) |  |  |
|  | Closing Balance | 10,800 | ( 28 346) | (58 239) | 1 | (14) |


| Cash Budget - for marking purposes |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  Month One Month Two Month Three <br>  Mark   <br> Sales totals 96000 120000 144000 <br> Sales receipts 48,000 60,000 72,000 <br> (2nd Month)  24,000 30,000 <br> (3rd Month)   1 <br> Purchase totals 60000 60000 64000 <br> Purchases 24,000 24,000 30,720 <br> Purchases  36,000 36,000 <br> Direct Wages 30,400 32,000 36,800 <br> Wages 22,800 24,000 27,600 <br> Wages (2nd Month)  7,600 1 <br> Overheads 19,000 20,000 27,600 <br> Overheads 11,400 12,000 16,560 <br> Overheads 2nd  7,600 8,000 <br> Month   1 |  |  |  |


| Question <br> Number | Answer (AO4) 4 | Mark |
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| $\mathbf{1 ( b )}$ | Two required |  |
|  | Offer discounts to customers to speed up payments <br> (1). The company is too generous with its credit <br> terms, offering as much as 60-90 days credit (1). |  |
| The company should have been advised NOT to <br> purchase a new <br> non-current asset if possible, as this has used up vital <br> cash flow (1). With so many companies offering <br> assets for lease or hire, they should have taken this <br> option (1). <br> Any other reasonable answer. | (4) |  |

Total for Question 1 = 18 marks

| Question Number | Answer AO2 (3) |  |  |  | Mar k |
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| 2(a)(i) | Award 1 m Award 1 m and 1 mark <br> Balance b/d Creditors | ark for b ark for th for the | entries on the entries on the nce. <br> rials Account <br> W I P <br> Materials - P\&L <br> Prod O/heads <br> Balance c/d | bit side. redit side $\begin{gathered} \$ \\ 500100 \\ 11250 \\ 29700 \\ \underline{96900}(\mathbf{1 )} \\ \underline{637950} \end{gathered}$ | (3) |




| Question Number | Answer AO2 (2) | Mark |
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| 2(a)(iv) | Award 1 mark for two correct entries and 1 mark for a further two correct entries on the debit side. <br> Award 1 mark for over recovery of overheads. <br> Award 1 mark for correct entry on the credit side. | (4) |


| Question Number | Answer AO2 (4) | Mark |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2(a)(v) | Award 1 mark for two correct entries on the debit side. Award 1 mark for a further two correct entries on the debit side. <br> Award 1 mark for both entries on the credit side. <br> Award 1 mark for the LOSS figure on the credit side. | (4) |


| Question <br> Number | Answer AO1 (2) AO3 (2) | Mark |
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| 2(b) | Two required <br> In a non-integrated system the cost accounts are <br> kept separate from the financial accounts (1) <br> and it will be necessary for the two sets of <br> accounts to be reconciled with the use of <br> control accounts (1). <br> Using control accounts will enable the company <br> to frequently check the accuracy (1) of the <br> accounts and highlight any errors (1). |  |
| The financial ledger control account will keep a <br> record of all the individual control account <br> balances (1), as a further means of checking on <br> the accuracy of the control accounts (1). | (4) |  |

Total for Question 2 = 20 marks

| Question Number | Answer AO2 (14) | Mark |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3(a) | Award marks for workings where figures in table are incorrect. <br> Variance figure is of - must give correct indication of favourable or adverse <br> Workings <br> Direct materials: <br> $117000 / 2500=\$ 46.80$ per unit $/ 6=\$ \mathbf{7 . 8 0}$ per kg <br> $20400 \mathrm{~kg}(3400 \times 6 \mathrm{kgs}) \times \$ 7.80=\quad \$ 159120 \quad$ (1) <br> less 1650 (20 400-18 750) $\times \$ 0.78=\frac{(\mathbf{1} 287)}{\$ 157833}$ (1) <br> Direct labour <br> $\$ 81000 / 2500=\$ 32.40$ per unit $\times 3050=\quad \$ 98820 \quad$ (1) <br> $(3400-3050)=350$ units $\times(32.40+20 \%) \$ 38.88=13608$ (10F) <br> \$112 428 <br> Production overheads <br> \$122 175-\$6 $750=\$ 115425-\$ 109125=\$ 6300 / 1000=$ <br> \$6.30 variable cost p.u (1) <br> Fixed element $=\$ 109125-\$ 15750(2500 \times \$ 6.30)=\$ 93375$ <br> (10F) <br> $3400 \times \$ 6.30=\$ 21420+\$ 93375+\$ 6750=\$ 121545$ (10F) <br> Selling overheads <br> Fixed element $=\$ 56025$ less $£ 25500(2500 \times \$ 10.20)=\$ 30525 \quad$ (1) <br> plus $\$ 34680$ (1) $(3400 \times \$ 10.20)=\$ 65205$ | (14) |


| Question <br> Number | Answer AO3 (2) AO4 (2) | Mark |
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| 3(b) | Effective budget setting would mean the company has small <br> variances. (1) As the company variances are quite small <br> Mazuch Odubaju Ltd's budget setting is realistic. (1) <br> Favourable variances might imply that the budgets set are too <br> easy to achieve. (1) <br> Adverse variances might suggest that the budgets set are too <br> difficult to achieve. (1) | (4) |


| Question <br> Number | Answer AO1 (2) AO3 (2) | Mark |
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| 3(c) | Award 1 mark for explanation and 1 mark for <br> development for each of the TWO suggestions. Accept <br> other reasonable suggestions linked to the <br> characteristics of good management <br> Budgeting provides a means of communicating <br> management's plans throughout the organisation (1) so <br> that various levels of the workforce are informed of the <br> company's intentions. (1) <br> Budgeting forces managers to think about and plan for <br> the future (1). In the absence of the necessity to prepare <br> a budget, managers might spend their time dealing with <br> daily issues (1). <br> The budgeting process provides a means of allocating <br> resources (1) to those parts of the organisation where <br> they have been proved to be required and can be used most <br> effectively. (1) | Budgeting co-ordinates the activities of the organisation <br> (1) by integrating the plans of the various departments <br> (1) thus helping to ensure that everyone is pulling in the <br> same direction. <br> Budgets define goals and objectives (1) that can serve <br> as benchmarks for evaluating subsequent performance (1). |

Total for Question 3 = 22 marks

| Question | Answer AO2 (3) |  |  |  |  |  | Mark |
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| 4(a)(i) | Product Aye | Bee | Dee |  |  |  | (3) |
|  | Contribution per unit Material per unit | $\frac{50}{2} \underline{90}$ | $3^{\underline{140}}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | Contribution per kg | 25 | 30 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Order of priority | 4 | 3 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Question <br> Number | Answer AO2 (3) |  | Mark |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- |
| 4(a)(ii) | Production schedule |  |  |
|  | Kg material available | 8100 |  |
|  | Dee $800 \times 4=3200$ | (10F) |  |
|  | Cee $700 \times 4=2800$ | (10F) |  |
|  | Bee $700 \times 3=\underline{2100}$ | $\frac{(8100)(10 F)}{\text { (1L }}$ |  |
|  | Balance | (3) |  |


| Question Number | Answer AO2 (4) | Mark |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4(a)(iii) | ```Contribution schedule Dee \(800 \times \$ 160=128000\) Cee \(700 \times \$ 140=98000(\mathbf{1}\) for all three) Bee \(700 \times \$ 90=63000\) Total contribution 289000 (10F) Less fixed cost 105000 (1) Profit 184000 (10F)``` <br> Fixed overhead: Sales demand 3,000 units $\times \$ 35$ per unit $=\$ 105,000$ | (4) |


| Question Number | Answer AO2 (4) | Mark |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4(a)(iv) | Sales revenue in optimum mix: <br> Dee $800 \times \$ 480=\$ 384000$ <br> Contribution from 4aiii $=\$ 289000$ <br> Cee $700 \times \$ 420=\$ 294000$ <br> Bee $700 \times \$ 340=\$ 238000$ <br> Total $\$ 916000$ (10F) <br> $\$ 289000 / \$ 916000=31.55 \%$ (10F) <br> Break-even in sales revenue <br> Fixed costs \$105 000 (OF) / 31.55\% (10F) = <br> \$332 805 (10F) | (4) |


| Question <br> Number | Answer AO1 (2) | Mark |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 4(b) | Answers may include: |  |
| Direct labour (1) <br> Machine hours (1) | (2) |  |


| Question <br> Number | Answer AO1 (2) AO3 (2) | Mark |
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| 4(c) | In terms of behaviour, costs in the short-term can be <br> thought of as variable, semi-variable or fixed (1) However, <br> as time progresses, all costs are thought to be variable (1). |  |
|  | An example of this is factory rent, which in the short term is <br> fixed. (1) <br> This cost will increase when (over time) output increases <br> beyond the capacity of the existing premises and further <br> premises have to be rented (1). | (4) |

Total for Question 4 = 20 marks


| Question Number | Answer AO2 (6) | Mark |
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| 5(a)(ii) |  |  |
|  |  | (6) |


| Question <br> Number | Answer AO5 (6) | Mark |
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| $\mathbf{5 ( b )}$ | Needs to look at both projects. Must indicate that Whye has <br> a negative NPV and a poor IRR to gain the full marks. <br> Answers are based on own figures. |  |
|  | Project Exe has a positive NPV of $\$ 30620$ (1) and an IRR of <br> $17.78 \%$ which is above the $15 \%$ cost of capital (1) (2 max) | Project Whye generates a negative NPV of $\$ 56340$ (1) and an IRR <br> of $11.79 \%$ which is lower than the $15 \%$ cost of capital (1) (2 max) |
| The NPV method selects a project which has a positive cash flow. <br> The IRR method takes a rate of return which is higher than the cost <br> of capital. <br> Project Exe would be selected (1) because it meets the above criteria <br> (1) <br> Project Exe also has the lowest capital cost which might make it mor <br> appropriate as finding the funding might be easier. (1) | (6) |  |


| Question <br> Number | Answer AO1 (2) AO3 (2) | Mark |
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| $\mathbf{5 ( c )}$ | An example of a short-term decision might be "increasing <br> production over the next three months in order to meet an <br> unexpected increase in demand" (1). The technique that is <br> used here is marginal costing (1). Also accept answers that <br> are examples of break-even analysis and limiting factors. |  |
| An example of a long-term decision might be the need to build <br> a new production line to introduce a new (or improved) <br> product (1). The techniques that are used come under the <br> heading of 'capital investment appraisal': payback; discounted <br> cash flow; average rate of return; and internal rate of return <br> (1). <br> Accept any other reasonable answer. | (4) |  |

Total for Question 5 = 20 marks
Total for Paper= 100 marks

