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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 Number	Answer AO2 (14)						
1 (a)		Month One	Month Two	Month Three	Mark		
	Sales Receipts	48,000 (1)	84,000 (1)	121,200 (1)			
	Interest 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	123 200	151,093			
	Net Cash Flow	(34 200)	(39,146)	(29 893)	1		
	Open 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	Mark			
Sales totals	96 000	120 000	144 000				
Sales receipts	48,000	60,000	72,000	1			
(2nd Month)		24,000	30,000	1			
(3rd Month)			19,200	1			
Purchase totals	60 000	60 000	64 000				
Purchases	24,000	24,000	30,720	1			
Purchases		36,000	36,000	1			
Direct Wages	30,400	32,000	36,800				
Wages	22,800	24,000	27,600	1			
Wages (2nd Month)		7,600	8,000	1			
Overheads	19,000	20,000	27,600				
Overheads	11,400	12,000	16,560	1			
Overheads 2nd Month		7,600	8,000	1			

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

Total for Question 1 = 18 marks

Question Number	Answer AO2 (3)			Mar k
2(a)(i)	Award 1 mark for both Award 1 mark for thre and 1 mark for the ba	e entries on the o		
	Raw Ma	terials Account		
	\$		\$	
	Balance b/d 86 250	WIP	500 100	
	Creditors 551 700	Materials - P&L	11 250	
		Prod O/heads	29 700	
		Balance c/d	<u>96 900 (1)</u>	
	<u>637 950</u>		637 950	
				(3)

Question Number	Answer AO2 (3)		Mark					
2(a)(ii)		Award 1 mark for two correct entries and 1 mark for a further two correct entries on the debit side.						
		Award 1 mark for correct entry on the credit and the correct balance.						
		W I P Account						
	Balance b/d Production Overheads Wages	\$ 52 020 129 375 112 125	Finished Goods	\$ 732 435				
	Material	500 100 793 620	Balance c/d	<u>61 185</u> 793 620				
					(3)			

Question Number	Answer AO2	(2)		Mark
2(a)(iii)			ies on the debi	
		Finished \$	Goods Account	\$
	Balance b/d WIP	61 350 732 435 793 785	COS – P & L Balance c/d	
				(2)

Question Number	Answer AO2 (2)				Mark	
2(a)(iv)	Award 1 mark for two correct entries and 1 mark for a further two correct entries on the debit side. Award 1 mark for over recovery of overheads. Award 1 mark for correct entry on the credit side.					
	Pro	duction Ove	erheads Acc	ount		
	Daw Makadala	\$		\$		
	Raw Materials Wages	29 700 41 100	WIP	129 375		
	Creditors/Expenses Machinery depreciatio					
	Over recovery of o/h	<u>480</u> 129 375		<u>129 375</u>		
		129 373		<u>125 575</u>		
					(4)	

Question Number	Answer AO2 (4)				Mark	
2(a)(v)	Award 1 mark for Award 1 mark for debit side. Award 1 mark for Award 1 mark for	a further	two correct entr ies on the credit	ies on the		
	Profit & Loss Account					
		\$		\$		
	Finished Goods	662 345	Sales	694 500		
	Admin o/heads	54 200	Over rec'd o/h	480 (OF)		
	S & D o/heads	32 600				
	Materials written off	11 250	Loss c/d	65 415 (OF)		
		<u>760 39</u>	<u>95</u>	760 395		
					(4)	

Question Number	Answer AO1 (2) AO3 (2)	Mark
2(b)	In a non-integrated system the cost accounts are kept separate from the financial accounts (1) and it will be necessary for the two sets of accounts to be reconciled with the use of control accounts (1).	
	Using control accounts will enable the company to frequently check the accuracy (1) of the accounts and highlight any errors (1) .	
	The financial ledger control account will keep a record of all the individual control account balances (1), as a further means of checking on 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 incorrect.	Award marks for workings where figures in table are incorrect.						
	Variance figure is of -	Variance figure is of - must give correct indication of favourable or adverse						
	Cost element Flexible budget Actual Variance 3 400 units costs							
	Direct materials	157 833	2	154 240	3 5	93 Fav 1of		
	Direct labour	112 428	2	105 980	6 4	48 Fav 1of		
	Production overheads	121 545	3	123 485	1 9	40 Adv 1of		
	Administration overhea	ds 71 325		70 025	1 3	300 Fav 1of		
	Selling overheads	65 205	2	66 700	1 4	195 Adv 1of		
	Workings Direct materials:							
	117 000 / 2 500 = \$46 20 400 kg (3 400 x 6kg less 1 650 (20 400 - 18	s) x \$7.80	= 0.78 =	\$159 12	20 (1) <u>87)</u> (1)			
	Direct labour \$81 000 / 2 500 = \$32 (3 400 - 3050) = 350 u		it x 3 0)50 =	\$98 8	<u>3 608</u> (10F)		
	Production overhead \$122 175 - \$6 750 = \$		\$109 1			able cost p.u (1)		
	Fixed element = $$109 : 3400 \times $6.30 = 214			500 x \$6.	30) = \$93	375 (10F)		
	Selling overheads Fixed element = \$56 00 plus \$34 680 (1) (3					30525 (1)	(14)	

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

Question Number	Answer AO1 (2) AO3 (2)	Mark
3(c)	Award 1 mark for explanation and 1 mark for development for each of the TWO suggestions. Accept other reasonable suggestions linked to the characteristics of good management	
	Budgeting provides a means of communicating management's plans throughout the organisation (1) so that various levels of the workforce are informed of the company's intentions. (1)	
	Budgeting forces managers to think about and plan for the future (1) . In the absence of the necessity to prepare a budget, managers might spend their time dealing with daily issues (1) .	
	The budgeting process provides a means of allocating resources (1) to those parts of the organisation where they have been proved to be required and can be used most effectively. (1)	
	Budgeting co-ordinates the activities of the organisation (1) by integrating the plans of the various departments (1) thus helping to ensure that everyone is pulling in the same direction.	
	Budgets define goals and objectives (1) that can serve as benchmarks for evaluating subsequent performance (1) .	
	The actual results can be compared with the budget (1) which might allow for corrective action to be undertaken (1).	
	Budgets provide the means of controlling the direction of the departments (1) they can act as an incentive to motivate the workforce. (1)	(4)

Total for Question 3 = 22 marks

Question Number	Answer AO2 (3)						Mark
4(a)(i)	Product Aye Contribution per unit Material per unit Contribution per kg Order of priority	Bee Ce 50 90 2 25 4	e Dee <u>140</u> 3 30 3	160 4 35 2	4 40 1	(1) (1) (1)	
							(3)

Question Number	Answer AO2 (3)		Mark
4(a)(ii)	Production schedule Kg material available Dee $800 \times 4 = 3200$ Cee $700 \times 4 = 2800$ Bee $700 \times 3 = 2100$ Balance	8 100 (10F) (10F) (8 100) (10F) NIL	(3)

Question Number	Answer AO2 (4)	Mark
4(a)(iii)	Contribution schedule Dee $800 \times \$160 = 128\ 000$ Cee $700 \times \$140 = 98\ 000 (1 \text{ for all three})$ Bee $700 \times \$90 = 63\ 000$ Total contribution $289\ 000 (10F)$ Less fixed cost $105\ 000 (10F)$ Profit $184\ 000 (10F)$	
	Fixed overhead: Sales demand 3,000 units x \$35 per unit = \$105,000	(4)

Question Number	Answer AO2 (4)	Mark
4(a)(iv)	Sales revenue in optimum mix: Dee 800 x \$480 = \$384 000 Contribution from 4aiii = \$289 000 Cee 700 x \$420 = \$294 000 Bee 700 x \$340 = \$238 000 Total \$916 000 (10F) \$289 000 / \$916 000 = 31.55% (10F) Break-even in sales revenue Fixed costs \$105 000 (OF) / 31.55% (10F) = \$332 805 (10F)	(4)

Question Number	Answer AO1 (2)	Mark
4(b)	Answers may include:	
	Direct labour (1) Machine hours (1)	(2)

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

Total for Question 4 = 20 marks

Question Number	Answ	ver AO2 (4	4)						Mark
5(a)(i)		Net prese	ent valu	е					
		_	Projec	t Exe		Project Whye			
	Year	Cash flow	Factor P	resent value	Cash	flow	Factor Prese	nt value	
		\$000	15%	\$000		\$000	15%	\$000	
	0	(580)	1.000	(580.00)		(920)	1.000	(920.00)	
	1	160	0.870	139.20		250	0.870	217.50	
	2	350	0.756	264.60		440	0.756	332.64	
	3	210	0.658	138.18		320	0.658	210.56	
	4	120	0.572	<u>68.64</u>	(1)	180	0.572	102.96 (1)	
				<u>30.62</u>				<u>(56.34</u>)	
		NPV	= \$30,6	20 1 OF	NP	V= \$(5	6,340) 1 OF		
									(4)
									(4)

Question	Ansv	ver AO2 (6)						Mark
Number								
5(a)(ii)								
		Internal ra	te of retu	rn				
	_	ect Exe			Project V	-		
	Year	Cash flow	20%	resent value	Cash flow		esent value	
	\$000	\$000	20%	\$000	\$000	12%		
	0	(580)	1.000	(580.00)	(920)	1.000	(920.00)	
	1	160	0.833		250	0.893	223.25	
	2	350	0.694		440			
	3	210	0.579		320			
	4	120	0.482	<u>57.84</u>	180	0.636	<u>114.48</u>	
				<u>(24.39)</u>	(1)		(<u>3.75)</u> (1)	
	10F						OF = 17.78% F = 11.79%	
	Make	e sure IRR o	calculatio	n is sensibl	e if OF is b	eing awa	nrded	
								(6)

Question Number	Answer AO5 (6)	Mark
5(b)	Needs to look at both projects. Must indicate that Whye has a negative NPV and a poor IRR to gain the full marks. Answers are based on own figures.	
	Project Exe has a positive NPV of \$30 620 (1) and an IRR of 17.78% which is above the 15% cost of capital (1) (2 max)	
	Project Whye generates a negative NPV of \$56 340 (1) and an IRR 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. The IRR method takes a rate of return which is higher than the cost of capital.	
	Project Exe would be selected (1) because it meets the above criteria (1)	
	Project Exe also has the lowest capital cost which might make it more appropriate as finding the funding might be easier. (1)	(6)

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

Total for Question 5 = 20 marks

Total for Paper= 100 marks