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# **Unit 1 – Accounting Principles**

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<u>Jill Sport</u> <u>Trading and Profit and Loss Account for t</u> Sales	he year ended	<u>d 30 Sept</u>	<u>ember 2007</u> 189,000
Sales returns			<u>1,400</u> 187,600 <b>(1)</b>
Opening stock Purchases	8,000 <u>97,000</u> 105,000		107,000 (1)
Carriage inwards	<u>1,200</u> 106,200	(1)	
Closing stock Cost of sales	18,000	(1)	88.000 (4)
Gross profit			<u>88,200</u> (1) 99,400
Discounts received			<u>    900</u> <b>(1)</b> 100,300
Carriage outwards	800	(1)	
Rent Insurance	12,000	(2)	
Salaries	2,100 29,000	(1) (2)	
Discounts allowed	1,250	(1)	
General expenses	6,150	(2)	
Repairs and maintenance	2,500	(2)	
Bad debts	450	(1)	
Provision for doubtful debts	300	(2)	
Loan interest Depreciation of shop fittings	1,200 3,850	(2) (2)	
Depreciation of motor vehicles	<u>5,500</u>	(2)	
		. /	65,100

Net profit

<u>65,100</u> <u>35,200</u> (1)

#### F001

Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2007 Fixed Assets					
Motor vehicles			16,500		
Shop fittings			<u>27,150</u>		
			43,650	(2)(1of)	
Current Assets			,	(-/(/	
Stock	18,000	(1)			
Debtors	19,600				
General expenses	450				
Rent	1,000				
	39,050				
Current Liabilities					
Creditors	14,100	(1)			
Bank	1,500	(1)			
Salaries	600				
Loan interest	100	(1)			
Loan	<u>15,000</u>	(1)			
	31,300				
Marking Conital			7 750		
Working Capital			7,750		
Financed by:			<u>51,400</u>		
Capital			36,000	(1)	
Net Profit				(1) (1of)	
Net Font			<u>33,200</u> 71,200	(101)	
Drawings				(2)	
Diawings			<u>51,400</u>	(~)	
			01,100		
					[42]
			QWC		[2]
			Total mar	rks	[44]

F001		Scheme	January 2008			
2						
(a) (i)	31 December 2006	16	0,000 x 3%	4,800	(1) [1]	
(ii)	31 December 2007		2,000 5,000 <u>2,300</u> 4,700 <u>1,700</u> 3,000 x 3%	5,190 <u>1,700</u> <u>6,890</u>	(2) (1) [3]	
(b) (i)	Provis	sion for	Doubtful Debts			
	Bal c/d <b>(1)</b> 6,89		Bal b/d Profit and Loss <b>(1)</b>		(1) (1) [4]	
(ii)		ad Debts				
	Debtors      1,60        S Tapler      3,00        Debtors      2,30 <u>6,900</u>	00 (1) 00 (1)	Profit and Loss	6,900 <u>6,900</u>	(1)	
					[4]	
(iii)			apler			
	Bal b/d 5,00		Bank Bad debts	2,000 3,000 5,000	(1) (1)	
					[3]	
(c)	Profit and Loss Account (extra	acts)				
	Less Expenses Prov for doubtful debts Bad debts	debts 2,090 <b>(1of)</b> 6,900 <b>(1of)</b>			[2]	
(d)	Balance Sheet (extracts)					
	Debtors less prov for doubtful debts	174,7 <u>6,8</u> <u>167,8</u>			[2]	

#### **Mark Scheme**

(e) Provision for doubtful debts is an estimate of the amounts owed by credit customers who might be unable to pay their debt. The amount is not known with certainty. It is an application of the prudence concept in that profit is not overstated in the profit and loss account, and the debtors are not overstated in the balance sheet.

## Candidates are expected to explain provision for doubtful debts and how it would affect the final accounts. [(1+1)x2] [4]

(f) Past experience looking at previous debtors and the proportion of debtors that turn into bad debts.

Looking at the credit record of existing debtors.

Specific knowledge of debtors that are known to have financial problems. State of the economy for example in a recession the proportion of bad debts may increase.

[(1+2)x3]

[9]

Candidates are expected to discuss three factors used in determining how the provision for doubtful debts could be calculated.

Total marks [32]

#### F001

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F001

- (i) Ralph should include a proportion of this amount in the current years Profit and Loss Account as £7,200 covers a 6 month period of which 5 months are in the next accounting period. He should therefore include £1,200, which is equivalent of one month's rent should be included in the Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31 December 2007. The remaining £6,000 should be included in the current assets on the Balance Sheet as a prepayment. This is an example of the accruals (matching) concept which states that expenses should be matched against the period that they are incurred.
  - (ii) Ralph should not include the £2,500 for a private holiday in the general expenses. This should be included in Ralph's drawings as it is for personal use. This is an example of the business entity concept which states that the financial transactions of the business should be treated separate from those of the owner. Therefore personal transactions should not be confused with business transactions.
  - (iii) Ralph should not include the sales of £10,000 as the customer has not yet signed the contract. Profit should not be recognised until the exchange of goods or services. This is an example of the realisation concept which states that profit should not be recognised until the goods or service pass to the customer.
  - (iv) Ralph should not include the management as an asset of £50,000 in the Balance Sheet, as no monetary amount has exchanged hands.
     This is an example of the money measurement concept which states that only assets that have a true monetary value can be included in the Balance Sheet. This helps to ensure that amounts on the balance sheet are objective not subjective.

Candidates are expected to identify whether the treatment is correct or not, advise how the item should be treated and related to and apply appropriate accounting concepts.

[(1+3) x 4]	[16]
QWC	[2]

(b)			R	ent			
	Bank	7,200	(1)	Profit and Loss	1,200 <b>(</b>	1)	
				Bal c/d		1)	
		<u>7,200</u>			<u>7,200</u>		
							[3]
		Conora		00000			
		Genera	i exp				
	Bank	15,000	(1)	Drawings	2,500 <b>(</b>	1)	
				Profit and Loss	<u>12,500</u> (	1)	
		<u>15,000</u>			<u>15,000</u>		
							[3]
					Total marks		[24]

# **Unit 2 – Financial Accounting**

## 1 (a)

		The Journal			
		Dr		Cr	
(i)	Suspense	9,000	(1)		
	Wages			9,000	(1)
(ii)	Suspense	3,500	(1)		
	Purchases			3,500	(1)
(iii)	Suspense	4,500	(1)		
	Sales			4,500	(1)
(iv)	J Smith	3,800	(1)		(4)
	J Smythe	0.000		3,800	(1)
(v)	Purchases Returns	6,300	(1)	c 200	(4)
	Suspense	6 300	(4)	6,300	(1)
	Sales Returns	6,300	(1)	6,300	(1)
(vi)	Suspense Bank	1,600	(1)	0,300	(1)
(VI)	Cash	1,000	(1)	1,600	(1)
	Suspense	1,600	(1)	1,000	(1)
	S Jones	1,000	(•)	1,600	(1)
	0 001100			1,000	[16]
					[]

## 1 (b)

		Sus	ense Account				
Wa	Wages 9,000 (1) Bal b/d			6,000	(1)		
Pur	chases	3,500 (1)	Purchases Returns		6,300	(1)	
Sal	es	4,500 (1)	Sales Returns		6,300	(1)	
S J	ones	<u>1,600</u> (1)					
		18,600			18,600		
							[7]
(c)	Net P	rofit per Balance Sheet:			27,000		
	Add	Reduction in wages	9,000	(1)			
		Reduction in purchases	3,500	(1)			
		Increase in sales	<u>4,500</u>	(1)			
					<u>17,000</u>		
					44,000		
	Less	Reduction in purchases retur		(1)			
		Increase in sales returns	<u>6,300</u>	(1)			
					<u>12,600</u>		
					<u>31,400</u>	(1)	[6]

(d)	Corrected Balance Sheet as at	31 December 2007		
	Fixed Assets (Net)		310,000	
	<i>Current Assets</i> Stock	20,000		
	Debtors	15,400 <b>(2)</b>		
	Cash	<u>1,400</u> (2)		
		36,800		
	Current Liabilities			
	Creditors	23,000		
	Bank	<u>4,900</u> (2)		
		27,900		
	Working Capital		<u>     8,900                              </u>	
			<u>318,900</u>	
	Financed by			
	Capital		317,500	
	Net Profit		<u>31,400</u> (1 of)	
	Drawings		348,900 _ <u>30,000</u>	
	Diawings		<u>318,900</u> (1)	[8]
			<u>510,300</u> (1)	[0]

 (e) Omission (1) – both debit (1) and credit (1) entries are omitted. Commission (1) – the correct amount (1) is entered in the wrong personal account (1). Principle (1) – the correct amount (1) is entered in the wrong class of account (1). Compensating (1) – two or more errors (1) cancel each other out (1). Original Entry (1) – the original entry is incorrect (1) but the same amount has been debited and credited (1). Reversal (1) – the correct amounts (1) but on the wrong side (1).

One mark for each correct identification up to a maximum of three identifications, plus up to a further two marks for each of the three explanations.

Total marks [46]

#### 2 (a)

Hayley and Siobhan Profit and Loss and Approp	riation Account for th	ne vear ende	ad 31 De	cember 200	7	
Consultancy fees				358,760	(2)	
Less Expenses:						
Consultancy expenses		194,790				
Rent and rates		15,640	(2)			
Staff salaries		24,400	(2)			
Depreciation: equipment		8,125	(1)			
			.,	<u>242,955</u>		
Net profit				115,805	(1)	
Add Interest on drawings:	Hayley	2,665		- ,	()	
ger	Siobhan	2,730	(1)			
		<u></u>	(-)	5,395		
				121,200		
Less Salary: Hayley				10,000	(1)	
Less Galary. Hayley				111,200	(')	
Less Interest on capital:	Hayley	6,240	(1)	111,200		
Less interest on capital.	Siobhan		(')			
	Siddhan	<u>9,600</u>		15 040		
				<u>15,840</u>		
		00 4 4 4		95,360		
Share of profits:	Hayley	38,144				
	Siobhan	<u>57,216</u>	(1)			
				<u>95,360</u>		
						[12]
					QWC	[2]

(b)

			Cu	irrent A	ccounts				
	Hayley		Siobhan			Hayley		Siobhan	
Bal b/d			3,320	(1)	Bal b/d	10,300			
Drawings	53,300	(1)	54,600		Profit share	38,144		57,216 (1of)	)
Int on drawings	2,665		2,730	(1of)	Salary	10,000	(1)		
Bal c/d	<u>8,719</u>	(1)	<u>6,166</u>		Int on capital	<u>6,240</u>		<u>9,600</u> (1of)	)
	<u>64,684</u>		<u>66,816</u>			<u>64,684</u>		<u>66,816</u>	
								[7]	

- (c) (i) Consultancy fees would have to be accrued in the 2007 Profit and Loss Account and shown as a current asset in the 31 December 2007 Balance Sheet.
  - (ii) The cash flow of the partnership would be adversely affected by the delay in receiving the fees.
    The partnership may need to commence debt collection procedures if the fees are not received.

#### Max 3 marks for analysis and 4 marks for evaluation

Total marks [27]

## 3 (a)

Trad Sales Oper Purcl Closi Cost Gros Busir		<u>d Loss Account for the year ended 31 December 200</u> 1,350, 135,000 (1) <u>912,000</u> (2) 1,047,000 <u>147,000</u> (1) <u>900,0</u> 450, 77,880 (2)	000	(2)
Depr	eciation	<u>20,000</u> 97,3	<u>880</u>	
Net p	profit	<u>352.</u>	<u>120</u>	(2)(1of)
				[10]
(b)		$\frac{900,000 \text{ (1of)}}{(135,000 + 147,000)/2 \text{ (1)}} = 6.4 \text{ times (1)}$		101
(c)		ibility expertise		[3]
	Risk of disagree Profits have to b	o take decisions on your own ement between partners be shared ots including those incurred by the other partner		
		or analysis and Max 8 marks for evaluation, clude both advantage(s) and disadvantage(s).		[12]
				QWC [2]

Total marks [27]

[6]

## **Unit 3 – Management Accounting**

1 (a)\*

<u>Cost</u> Ind wages Rep & maint	<u>Basis</u> Employees Mach hrs	(1) (1)	<u>Mach</u> 742,000 369,000		<u>Assy</u> 1,102,400 41,000	<u>Canteen</u> 106,000	<u>Maint</u> 169,600	
Rent & rates	Area Mach cost	(1) (1) (1)	23,850 15,600		21,200 8,400	2,650	5,300	
Ins prem	Area		12,600	(1)	11,200	1,400	2,800	
Elect	% usage		26,400	(1)	16,800	2,400	2,400	
Dep mach Cons	Mach cost Actual		9,100 9,550	(1) (1)	4,900 9,800	<u>550</u> 113,000 <b>(</b>	1,250	
Reapp	Canteen	(1)	39,550		67,800	( <u>113,000</u> )	5,650	
							187,000	(1)
	Maint		149,600		37,400		<u>(187,000)</u>	
			<u>1,397,250</u>	(1)	<u>1,320,900</u>	(1)		
Overhead rate	9		<u>1,397,250</u>		<u>1,320,900</u>			
			202,500	(1)	314,500	(1)		
			£6.90 DMH	(1)	£4.20 DLH	(1)	QWC	[17] [2]

(b) (i)

	<u>Mach</u>	<u>Assy</u>	
Actual overhead	1,410,000	1,312,000	
Absorbed overhead			
(195,000 x 6.90)	1,345,500		
(318,000 x 4.20)		1,335,600	
	Under 64,500 (2)(1of)	over 23,600 (2)(1of)	
	(), (), (), (), (), (), (), (), (), (),		[4]

(ii) The machine department has not worked the planned hours, therefore, was unable to charge out to customers. Its actual overhead was greater than that budgeted for, giving increased costs.

The assembly department has worked more hours than planned, and has charged them out to customers. Its budgeted figure was greater than actual, showing a cost saving.

#### Candidates are expected to evaluate both departments. Max 3 marks for analysis and 3 marks for evaluation. Candidates may score max 3 marks for each department.

(c) Use of estimated data which could be inaccurate, leading to under/over absorption.

Over absorption, too much overhead charged to production, overpriced and uncompetitive, fall in demand and subsequent loss of revenue/reduction profit.

Under absorption, insufficient overhead charged to production, lower price to customer, costs not covered and subsequent reduction in profits.

#### Candidates are expected to evaluate both under and over absorption. Max 3 marks for analysis and max 6 marks for evaluation.

(a)	(i)	Sales Variable costs Contribution/flight x flights	18,000 <u>13,000</u> 5,000 <u>600</u> 3,000,000	(1) (1)		
		Fixed costs Profit	<u>1,800,000</u> <u>1,200,000</u>	(1) (1)		[4]
	(ii)	B/E <u>1,800,000</u> (1) = 3 5,000 (1)	360			[2]
	(iii)	MOS 600 <b>(1)</b> – 360 <b>(</b>	<b>1 of)</b> = 240			[2]
(b)	(i)	Sales Variable costs Contribution/flight Total positive contrib Abton Byton 1,800 x 400 Darton 800 x 550	Byton 15,500 <u>13,700</u> <u>1,800</u> <b>(1)</b> ution:	72 <u>4</u> 4	$\begin{array}{c} \underline{\text{Darton}}\\ 14,000\\ \underline{13,200}\\ 800 \end{array} \textbf{(1)}\\ 00,000 \textbf{(1)}\\ 20,000 \textbf{(2)}\\ \underline{40,000}\\ \textbf{(2)} \end{array}$	
		Fixed costs	1,800,000 <b>(1)</b>		50,000	
		Two new airports Profit	780,000 <b>(1)</b>	<u>2,58</u>	<u>30,000</u> 30,000 <b>(1)</b>	[10]
	(ii)	Flights 600 <b>(1)</b> + 950 <b>(1)</b> = 1	,550			[2]

#### Total marks [38]

[9]

2

(c) Currently making a profit of £1,200,000. Expanding would increase profit by 31.7% to £1,580,000. New airports would have higher costs and lower revenue at start up, but over time this may change.

Although Cosley shows a negative contribution, it is fairly small and operating on a wider base might bring benefits to the company. The company may consider running Cosley at an initial loss and developing over time.

All figures are estimates and may not materialise. Social factors such as global warming may decrease demand, although demand may increase with increasing leisure time/development/reputation.

# Candidates are expected to evaluate in relation to current and different options. Max 2 marks for analysis and max 4 marks for [6] evaluation.

#### Total marks [26]

3	(a)	(i)	MPV (8-8.50) 12,000	6,000 A <b>(2)</b>	[2]
		(ii)	MUV [7(1,850) - 12,000]8	7,600 F <b>(2)</b>	[2]
		(iii)	LRV (10-10.50) 4,800	2,400 A <b>(2)</b>	[2]
		(iv)	LEV [3(1,850) - 4,800]10	7,500 F <b>(2)</b>	[2]
		(v)	SVV (1,750 – 1,700)125	6,250 F <b>(2)</b>	[2]
		(vi)	SPV (130-125) 1,750	8,750 F <b>(2)</b>	[2]
		(vii)	F O/H (5x1,850) – 9,000	250 F <b>(2)</b>	[2]
		(viii)	V O/H (9x1,850)-16,000	650 F <b>(2)</b>	[2]

(b) Material

Possible better quality building material, being more expensive, therefore, adverse price variance. Better quality leading to less scrap and favourable usage.

#### Labour

Possible more expensive labour, therefore, adverse rate variance. Labour greater skilled and more efficient, leading to favourable efficiency variance.

Candidates are expected to evaluate material and labour. Max 2 marks for analysis and 4 marks for evaluation. Candidates may score max 3 marks for each type.

[6]

#### (c)\* Benefits

Allows management by exception. By studying variances management attention is directed towards those areas which are not proceeding to plan.

Variance analysis enables comparison of actual and predetermined standards. Management can be held responsible for those variances under its control.

Aid to pricing, product and price policies can be formulated before production takes place. Prices can be calculated based on standard costs.

A properly designed system creates a positive attitude throughout the company. Can be used as the basis for incentive schemes.

#### **Limitations**

Volatile conditions in certain markets may mean standards continually being out of date.

There are different types of standard and need to decide on the most appropriate, ideal or attainable.

Might conflict with modern management where employees are expected to strive for continuous improvement rather than just to meet a standard.

System may be expensive to set up and time consuming to keep up to date. Costs may outweigh potential benefits.

Candidates are expected to evaluate both benefits and limitations. Max 6 marks for analysis and max 6 marks for evaluation. Candidates may score max 6 marks for either benefits or limitations.

[12] QWC [2]

Total marks [36]

## **Unit 4 – Company Accounts and Interpretation**

#### 1 (a)

Waldie plc Profit and Loss Account for the year ende	od 31 May 200	7		
Turnover	<u>a 51 May 200</u>	<u></u>	1,494,400	(1)
Cost of sales			698,500	(1)
Gross profit			795,900	(.)
Distribution costs	324,600	(4)	,	
Administrative expenses	214,700	(̀5)	539,300	
Profit on ordinary activities		( )	256,600	
Other income			41,200	(1)
Profit on ordinary activities before tax			297,800	
Corporation tax			65,000	(1)
Profit after tax			232,800	
Profit and loss b/f			<u>(36,000)</u>	
			196,800	
Dividends	125,000	(1)		
Reserves	<u>45,000</u>	(1)	<u>170,000</u>	
Retained profit			<u>26,800</u>	(1)

<u>Cost of sales</u> 54,000 + 700,000 - 55,500 = 698,500

<u>Distribution costs</u> 185,000 + 2,800 + 95,000 + 32,800 + 9,000 = 324,600

Administrative expenses

110,000 + 95,000 - 3,500 + 7,200 - 3,000 + 9,000 = 214,700

Balance Sheet as at 31 May 2007 Calls not paid			8,000	(1)
<u>Fixed assets</u> Land and buildings Delivery vehicles Office equipment			650,000 131,200 _42,000	(1)
			823,200	(1)
<u>Current assets</u> Stock Debtors Prepayments Commission owing Bank	55,500 58,200 3,500 1,200 <u>75,000</u> 193,400	(1) (1) (1) (1)		
Creditors amounts falling due within one year	,			
Creditors Accruals Dividends Corporation tax	37,400 2,800 125,000 <u>65,000</u> 230,200	• •		
Net current assets Total assets less current liabilities	200,200	(-)	<u>(36,800)</u> <u>794,400</u>	
			<u>794,400</u>	
<u>Capital and reserves</u> Ordinary share capital Share premium Revaluation reserve General reserve Profit and loss			40,000 100,000 132,600 135,000 <u>26,800</u> <u>794,400</u>	(1) (1) (1) (1)

[31] [2]

QWC

					y transferring profit to the ge		
		Maximum 4 mar Minimum 2 poin <sup>-</sup>	-	lity o	f explanation.		[4]
	(ii)	issuing bonus sha	ares and w	riting gene	m account can be used for off the costs of an issue of ral reserve can be used to p of bonus shares.	ay	
		Maximum 2 mar Maximum 2 mar					[4]
						Total ma	arks [41]
2 (a)				Ba	nk		
(i)		on and allotment on and allotment final call	40,000 52,500 59,200	(1) (1) (1)	Application and allotment	2,500	(1)
			,	(-)			[4]
			Applicat	tion ar	nd allotment		
(ii)	Bank		2,500		Bank	40,000	(1)
		emium (1)	30,000	• •	Bank	52,500	· · /
	Ordinary	share capital (1)	60,000	(1)			[7]
(iii)			Ordin	ary sł	nare capita <u>l</u>		
. ,					Application and allotment		<b>``</b>
					First and final call	60,000	• •
(1.2)				oro -	romium		[2]
(iv)			51	iare p	remium Application and allotment	30,000	(1)
						30,000	[1]

#### [1] (v) First and final call Ordinary share capital 59,200 (1) 60,000 (1) Bank [2]

(i) Debentures are long-term debt capital. Debenture bonds could be issued by (b) Paras plc to raise capital and the bond holder will receive a fixed rate of interest on the debenture. Debentures are secured on the assets of the company. Paras plc may decide to issue debenture when it requires an injection of capital in the business and consider an issue of debentures as an alternative to an issue of shares because debenture holders do not have a vote.

#### (1 mark for analysis 2 marks for evaluation).

(ii) Paras plc could hire or lease assets from another company. They will pay a charge each month for the use of the asset. The company could enter into a finance lease or an operating lease. Paras plc could use leasing for assets such as motor vehicles because it does not have to purchase the assets and will preserve the cash flow by stopping large cash outflows for the purchase. Leasing arrangements will include repairs and maintenance, and Paras plc can update the asset when required.

#### (1 mark for analysis 2 marks for evaluation).

- (b) (i) The share premium account is a capital reserve and created when shares are issued above nominal value. The general reserve is a

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(iii) Paras plc could consider a factoring arrangement with a bank or factoring company. The factoring company would pay a proportion of the amount of the debtors owed. Factoring is used to maintain the cash flow because the factoring company will pay an amount on the invoice value of Paras plc. Paras plc may require a constant cash flow and do not want to have the problems of managing debtors and chasing bad debts would consider a factoring agreement.

#### (1 mark for analysis 2 marks for evaluation).

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(iv) Paras plc could be offered trade credit terms by its suppliers. The company could be given 30-60 days before it has to pay the outstanding amount this would help the cash flow of the business if payments from debtors are received before the payment to the trade suppliers. Trade credit would be appropriate for the short term to improve the management of working capital.

(1	mark for analysis 2 marks for evaluation).	[3]
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Total marks [28]

3 (a) (i)

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(ii)  $\frac{200,000}{250,000}$  (1) = 80 pence (1) [3]

(iii) 
$$\frac{1}{4}$$
 (1) × 40% (1) = 10% (1) [3]

(iv) 
$$\frac{4}{.80} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 5$$
 times/years (1) [3]

(b) The price earnings ratio is important to an investor because it is an indicator of the markets confidence in the shares of the company.

A company with a high ratio indicates that the market anticipates good growth in the share price and that investors are willing to pay a higher price for the shares than what is justified by the historical earnings.

A company with a low ratio is out of favour with investors and the market has low confidence in the company.

#### Maximum 2 marks for analysis. Maximum 2 marks for evaluation.

(c) Ratio analysis can only be of use if firms of the same type are compared a like with like situation.

Figures used in ratios and the ratio calculation should only be used to compare if they have been built on a similar basis. For example the profit figures of company A and company B may have been calculated using different accounting policies.

Ratios are calculated using historic costs. In considering trends from ratios problems may arise during a period of price increases because of inflation.

The date of the ratios calculated for two similar types of business could give misleading information because of the seasonal factors involved. For example toy shops will have very large stock before Christmas and very low stocks after Christmas.

Maximum 2 marks for analysis. Maximum 6 marks for evaluation.

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(d) An issue of preference share capital will increase the gearing of the company.

An issue of preference shares would increase the amount of capital by £200,000 and this would allow the company to invest in new markets or technology.

Which could lead to increased returns on capital and higher dividends and market prices for the equity holders.

Preference shares are debt capital and the owners of preference shares take preference over the equity holders. The preference dividend of £14,000 must be paid before the equity holders are paid a dividend.

When company profits are low the preference dividends will reduce the amount of return for the equity holders as shown by the earnings per share.

Maximum 2 marks for analysis. Maximum 4 marks for evaluation.

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Total marks [31]

## **Grade Thresholds**

#### GCE Accounting H001/H401 January 2008 Examination Series

#### **Unit Threshold Marks**

U	nit	Maximum Mark	Α	В	С	D	E	U
F001	Raw	100	74	65	56	47	39	0
	UMS	100	80	70	60	50	40	0
F002	Raw	100	72	64	56	48	41	0
	UMS	100	80	70	60	50	40	0
F003	Raw	100	78	68	58	48	39	0
	UMS	100	80	70	60	50	40	0
F004	Raw	100	79	69	60	51	42	0
	UMS	100	80	70	60	50	40	0

#### **Specification Aggregation Results**

Uniform marks correspond to overall grades as follows. Advanced Subsidiary GCE (H001):

Overall Grade	Α	В	С	D	E
UMS (max 200)	160	140	120	100	80

#### **Cumulative Percentage in Grade**

Advanced Subsidiary GCE (H001):

Α	В	С	D	E	U
13.20	32.40	48.50	79.40	91.20	100.00
There were 70 candidates aggregating in Jan 2008.					

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