

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Advanced Subsidiary GCE

APPLIED BUSINESS

F243

UNIT 4: The Impact of Customer Service

Thursday 12 JANUARY 2006

Afternoon

1 hour 30 minutes

Candidates answer on the question paper. Additional materials:

Pre-release case study material (clean copy). Calculator.

| Candidate Name | Centre Number | Candidate Number |
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TIME 1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the boxes above.
- Answer all questions.
- Write your answers, in blue or black ink, in the spaces provided on the question paper.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- If you run out of space for an answer, continue on the lined pages at the back of this booklet.
- If you use these lined pages, you must write the question number next to your answer.
- Tell the invigilator if you do not have something that you need.
- You may use an approved calculator.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks available is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The quality of written communication will be taken into account in marking your answer to the question marked with an asterisk (*).
- The total number of marks for this paper is 100.

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| 1 (a) | Identify and describe two reasons why effective customer service is important. |
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| | Reason 1: |
| | Description: |
| | Reason 2: |
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| (b) | Identify and explain three examples of good customer service practice from the case study. |
| | Example 1: |
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| | Explanation: |
| | Example 2: |
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| | Example 3: |
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| (5) | |
| (C) | What is meant by the term 'customer retention numbers were excellent' (line 31)? |
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| (d) | Discuss the possible reasons for LHP becoming more focused on customer service. |
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| - (| (a) | nominate their favourite holiday park. Outline one advantage and one disadvantage to the CHPA of holiday makers filling out a nomination form on the Internet. |
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| | | Advantage: |
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| (c) | Norman 'was well aware that it costs more to attract new customers than to keep the old ones' (lines 44–45). Using the case study, explain how Norman might have formed this opinion. |
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| 3 | (a) | Identify and describe three acts or regulations that would protect customers of businesses such as LHP. |
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| | | Act/Regulation 1: |
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| | | Act/Regulation 2: |
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| | | Description: |
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| | | Act/Regulation 3: |
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| | (b) | Identify and explain two ways in which LHP could measure its customer service performance. |
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| (c) | Analyse the implications for LHP of obtaining and keeping information on customers. |
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| ŀ | (a) | Identify and explain three implications for LHP of the local newspaper running a story about 'The Pool Pollution Peril' (line 70). |
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| | | Implication 3: |
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| | (b) | Identify and describe three actions that LHP could take to make sure that customer service at the swimming pool improves. |
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| (c) | Evaluate the importance of customer service awards to holiday parks such as LHP. |
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