

# OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS Advanced Subsidiary GCE

## APPLIED BUSINESS

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UNIT 3: Understanding the Business Environment

Thursday **8 JUNE 2006** Morning 1 hour 30 minutes

Candidates answer on the question paper.

Additional materials:

Pre-release case study material (clean copy);

Calculator.

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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.
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- 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) Cheeky Monkies Nursery Ltd is a private limited company.

Describe <b>one</b> advantage and <b>one</b> disadvantage of this type of ownership.
Advantage:
Disadvantage:
[4]

(b) The diagram below shows two internal and two external stakeholders in Cheeky Monkies Nursery Ltd.

Identify on the diagram:

- two other internal;
- two other external;

stakeholders in Cheeky Monkies Nursery Ltd.

[4] **Playmates** Ltd **Martin** Cheeky Monkies Nursery Ltd Michele **Smith Andrea** 

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(a)	What is meant by the term 'cash flow forecast'?
	[2]
(b)	Identify and explain <b>two</b> benefits to Cheeky Monkies Nursery Ltd of the preparation of a cash flow forecast.
	Benefit 1:
	Explanation:
	Benefit 2:
	Explanation:
	[6]

(c) Andrea has prepared the following cash flow statement.

Complete the unshaded boxes in the cash flow statement below.

[6]

	Nov-05	Dec-06	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06
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Inflows							
Sales revenue	25000	23000	21000	21000	18000	16000	15000
Total inflows	25000	23000	21000	21000	18000	16000	15000
Outflows							
Rent and rates	8000	8000	8000	8000	8000	8000	
Wages	11500	11500	11500	11500	11500	11500	11000
Materials	2500	2300	2100	2100	1800	1600	1500
Loan	600	600	600	600			
Other expenses	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	
Total outflows	23600	23400	23200	23200	22300	22100	
Net cash flow	1400	-400	-2200		-4300	-6100	
Opening balance	4000		5000	2800	600	-3700	-9800
Closing balance	5400	5000	2800	600	-3700	-9800	

(d)	Andrea recognises that the cash flow position of Cheeky Monkies Nursery Ltd is an issue that needs to be addressed.
	Discuss the possible causes of the current cash flow position of Cheeky Monkies Nursery Ltd.
	[9]

[Total: 23]

3	(a)	Define the term 'budget'.
		[2]
	(b)	Andrea has suggested to Mrs Miggins that a greater use of budgetary control might be of benefit to Cheeky Monkies Nursery Ltd.
		State <b>two</b> purposes of a budget.
		Purpose 1:
		Purpose 2:
		[2]
	(c)	Andrea has been analysing Mrs Miggins' food budget. Identify and explain <b>two</b> benefits
	(0)	to Cheeky Monkies Nursery Ltd of using variance analysis.
		Benefit 1:
		Explanation:
		Benefit 2:
		Explanation:
		[6]

(d) Complete the variance analysis statement below. Write your responses in the unshaded spaces in the grid provided. [9]

Item cost per week	Budget (£)	Actual (£)	Variance (£)
Bread	28	37	
Milk	32	34	
Pre-packed sandwiches	110	123	
Cheese	32	23	
Crisps	40	42	
Pre-packed meals	160	178	
Biscuits	17	14	
Fruit and vegetables	29	24	
Sundry items	35	37	

(e)	Analyse the variances in Mrs Miggins' food budget.
	[6]

[Total: 25]

4 (a) Using evidence from the case study, complete the SWOT analysis grid below identifying three strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to Cheeky Monkies Nursery Ltd. [12]

Strengths	1
	2
	3
Weaknesses	1
	2
	3
Opportunities	1
	2
	3
Threats	1
	2
	3

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(b)	Discuss the likely impact of the opening of Playmates Ltd on Cheeky Monkies Nursery Ltd.
	[8]

- (c\*) Andrea and Michele recognise that the first decision they will need to make is either to:
  - Option 1 reduce their classrooms to three to create the separate dining room;
  - Option 2 build a new dining room.

options.	case for and against <b>each</b> of these
	[12]

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