## Answers

## ACCA Certified Accounting Technician Examination - Paper T4

Accounting for Costs

## Section A

1 B
2 A
3 C $(29,764-28,420) \div(12,880-11,600)$
4 C
5 A
6 A $(620 \times 0.50)+(100 \times 0.05)+(20 \times 0.10)$
7 B
8 B
9 D
10 B $(2,180 \times 12 \cdot 00)-25,470$
11 D $(24,030 \div 1,800)$
12 B $(3,633 \div 0 \cdot 7)$
13 C
14 B $(12,800 \div 4,000)+(18,430 \div 3,880)$
15 B
16 C $102,000 \times(88,000 \div 160,000)$
17 B $(4,558 \div 2,120)$
18 D
19 B
20 C $90-(27 \cdot 3+24 \cdot 8+22 \cdot 5 \mathrm{Yrs} 1$ to 3$)=15 \cdot 4$ which is $<20 \cdot 5 \mathrm{Yr} 4$

## Section B

1 (a) Profit statement - absorption costing:

|  | $£$ | £ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sales |  | 547,200 | (45,600 litres at $£ 12 \cdot 00 / \mathrm{litre}$ ) |
| Production costs: |  |  |  |
| Prime costs | 239,200 |  | (46,000 litres at $£ 5 \cdot 20 / \mathrm{litre}$ ) |
| Production overhead | 128,800 |  | (46,000 litres at £2.80/litre) |
| Cost of production less Closing stock | $\begin{array}{r} 368,000 \\ 3,200 \end{array}$ |  | (46,000 litres at $£ 8 \cdot 00 / \mathrm{litre}$ ) <br> (400 litres at $£ 8 \cdot 00 / \mathrm{litre}$ ) |
| Production cost of sales |  | 364,800 | (45,600 litres at $£ 8 \cdot 00 / \mathrm{litre}$ ) |
| Gross profit |  | 182,400 | ( 45,600 litres at $£ 4 \cdot 00 / \mathrm{litre}$ ) |
| Non-production overheads: |  |  |  |
| Variable | 29,640 |  | (45,600 litres at $£ 0 \cdot 65 / \mathrm{litre}$ ) |
| Fixed | 78,200 |  | (46,000 litres at $£ 1 \cdot 70 / \mathrm{l}$ itre) |
|  |  | 107,840 |  |
| Net profit |  | 74,560 |  |

(b) The profits differ because in this example the company has closing stock which is valued differently under the two costing methods.

The profit is higher using absorption costing because some of the fixed production overheads incurred in the period, which are all charged as a period cost using marginal costing, are carried forward to the following period within the closing stock valuation.

Thus the profits differ by $£ 1,120$ (400 units of closing stock at $£ 2 \cdot 80$ per unit fixed production overheads).

2 (a) Output:

| Input <br> Normal loss | 600 tonnes <br> 72 <br> tonnes $(600$ tonnes $\times 0 \cdot 12)$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Normal output | $\underline{528}$ tonnes $(600$ tonnes $\times 0.88)$ |
| Actual output | $\underline{521}$ tonnes |
| Abnormal loss | tonnes |

Costs: £
Materials 430,032
Conversion 119,328
Sales value of normal loss
(18,720) (72 tonnes at $£ 260 /$ /tonne)
Total net cost

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£ 530,640
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Cost per tonne $=£ 1,005$ (£530,640 $\div 528$ tonnes)
(b) Process Account:

|  | tonnes | £ |  | tonnes | £ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Materials | 600 | 430,032 | Finished goods | 521 | 523,605 |
| Conversion costs |  | 119,328 | Normal loss | 72 | 18,720 |
|  |  |  | Abnormal loss | 7 | 7,035 |
|  | 600 | 549,360 |  | 600 | 549,360 |

Workings:
Finished goods $\quad 521$ tonnes at $£ 1,005$ /tonne $=£ 523,605$
Abnormal loss
7 tonnes at $£ 1,005$ /tonne $=£ 7,035$

3 (a) Holding costs: cost of storage space, storage equipment, interest charges, stock obsolescence, stock deterioration, insurance (NB any three required).
(b) Stockout costs: lost contribution from lost sales, production inefficiency due to stoppages/replanning, extra cost of urgent buying, loss of customer goodwill (NB any two required).
(c) Economic order quantity (EOQ):
$\sqrt{ }[(2 \times 60 \times 20,000) \div(2.50 \times 0.15)]$
$=\underline{2,530} \mathrm{~kg}$
(d) Holding costs:

Average stock $(3,000+1,000) \times(2 \cdot 50 \times 0 \cdot 15)$
2
$=2,500 \mathrm{~kg} \times £ 0 \cdot 375 / \mathrm{kg}$
$=£ 937 \cdot 50$

4 (a) Workings:

## £/unit

Selling price to bookshops $12.00(£ 15.00 \times 0.8)$
Variable costs
$5.00 \quad[£ 3.20+(£ 12.00 \times 0.15)]$
Contribution

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7 \cdot 00
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Fixed costs $£ 105,000(£ 25,000+£ 80,000)$
(i) Break-even:
$£ 105,000$ (fixed costs) $\div £ 7 \cdot 00$ (contribution per unit)

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=\underline{15,000} \text { copies }
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(ii) Required sales:
$£ 140,000$ (fixed costs + required profit) $\div £ 7 \cdot 00$ (contribution per unit)

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(b) P/V chart:

PN Chart - book publication:

Section A 2 marks per question
Marks Marks

## Section B

1 (a) sales
1
production cost of sales 3
gross profit (term \& figure) 1
non-production overheads - variable

- fixed
$11 / 2$
$11 / 2$

2
fixed production overhead
reconciliation
2
2

2 (a) normal output
abnormal loss
2
costs
value of normal loss
cost per tonne
(b) debits
finished goods
normal loss
abnormal loss

3 (a) 1 mark for each
3
(b) 1 mark for each
(c) formula
holding costs per kg
solution
(d) average stock
holding costs per kg
solution
(a) selling price
$11 / 2$
variable costs
$21 / 2$
contribution
fixed costs
breakeven
(b) required sales

3
(c) format \& labelling
plotting \& line

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