## Answers

ACCA Certified Accounting Technician Examination - Paper T4
Accounting for Costs

## Section A

1 C
2 D
3 D
4 B
5 B
6 C
7 C
8 D
9 A
10 B
11 D
12 D
13 A
14 D
15 C
16 C
17 B
18 B
19 A
20 C
Workings to computational MCQs:
$5 \quad[156,980-(7,400 \times 12.20)]$
$6[(102 \div 6)-(126 \div 8)]$
$8(410 \times 13 \cdot 00)$
$10\left[\left(800^{2} \times 1 \cdot 5\right) \div(2 \times 12,000)\right]$
$14(42,293 \div 2,640=£ 16 \cdot 02$ per m/c hr) - highest rate
$15\{700,000-[(56,000 \times 7 \cdot 9)+144,000]\}$
$17\{[17 \cdot 50-(7 \cdot 60+1 \cdot 40)] \div(17 \cdot 50 \div 100)\}$
18 ( $11.50-8.00=3.50$ per unit) - min extra cost of buying-in
$19[14+6(16,000 \div 26,500)]$
$20(8,000 \times 4 \cdot 791)$

## Section B

1 (a) Estimated production costs of the job

|  | $£$ | £ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Direct materials |  | 2,893 |  |
| Direct labour: |  |  |  |
| Basic | 1,680 |  | (210 hours $\times £ 8 / \mathrm{hr}$ ) |
| Bonus | 252 |  | (210 hours $\times £ 1 \cdot 2 / h^{*}$ ) |
| Total |  | 1,932 |  |
| Prime cost |  | 4,825 |  |
| Production overhead: |  |  |  |
| 20\% of prime cost | 965 |  | (£4,825 $\times 0.2$ ) |
| $£ 9 \cdot 00$ per direct labour hour | 1,890 |  | (210 hours $\times £ 9 / \mathrm{hr}$ ) |
| Total |  | 2,855 |  |
| Total production cost |  | 7,680 |  |

(b) Quote for the job

| Total production cost | 7,680 |
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| Other overheads | $1,920(£ 7,680 \times 0 \cdot 25)$ |
| Total cost | $\mathbf{9 , 6 0 0}$ |
| Profit | 2,400 |
| ( $9,600 \div 0 \cdot 8)-9,600]$ |  |
| Selling price | $\underline{12,000}$ |

2 (a) (i) $£ 400,000$ (where the profit line of Company $A$ crosses the horiontal axis)
(ii) $£ 180,000$ (the loss at zero activity for Company A)
(iii) Company A (steeper slope of profit line, compared with Company B)
(iv) $£ 480,000$
(sales at the point where the profit lines of the two companies cross)
(b) Company A - contribution/sales ratio

Contribution to break even
Sales at break-even point
$=£ 180,000$ (fixed costs)

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£ 400,000
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$=45 \%$
Thus $180,000 \div 0.45=£ 400,000$

3 (a) (i) A code is 'a system of symbols designed to be applied to a classified set of items to give a brief, accurate reference facilitating entry, collection and analysis' (CIMA Official Terminology).
(ii) A coding system should:
for example:

- be easy to use
- allow room for expansion
- have a unique code for each item
(b) (i) Allocated and apportioned overheads by cost centre

|  | Cost Centre |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | P1 | P2 | Materials Store | Employee Facilities | Total |
|  | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Allocated | 107,000 | 89,000 | 68,000 | 84,000 | 348,000 |
| Apportioned: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Building depreciation \& insurance | 15960 | 19,740 | 2520 | 3,780 | 42,000 |
| Management salaries | 15,960 | 19,740 | 2,520 | 3,780 | 42,00 |
| (on the basis of number of employees) | 9,000 | 12,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 27,000 |
| Power to operate machinery (on the basis of machine hours) | 6,510 | 6,090 | - | - | 12,600 |
| Other utilities (on the basis of \% share given) | 3,290 | 4,230 | 940 | 940 | 9,400 |
|  | 141,760 | 131,060 | 74,460 | 91,720 | 439,000 |

(ii) Re-apportionment

Employee Facilities


4 (a) Gross profit statement

|  | Product $Y$ | Product Z |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | $£$ | $£$ |  |
| Sales | 24,000 | 56,000 |  |
| Joint costs | 15,600 |  | 36,400 |
|  | 8,400 |  | 19,600 |
| Gross profit (total) | $4 \cdot 20$ | $5 \cdot 60$ |  |
| Gross profit (per unit) |  |  |  |

Workings:
Sales value:
Product Y 2,000 units at $£ 12 /$ unit $=£ 24,000(30 \%)$
Product Z 3,500 units at $£ 16 /$ unit $=£ 56,000$ (70\%)
£80,000

Joint cost apportionment:
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Product Y } & £ 15,600 & (£ 52,000 \times 0 \cdot 3) \\ \text { Product Z } & £ 36,400 & (£ 52,000 \times 0 \cdot 7)\end{array}$
£52,000
(b) Further processing decision
(i) Using weight of output as the basis of apportionment it is irrelevant whether each joint product is covering its apportioned costs: the key is whether the joint process as a whole is profitable.

The correct justification for further processing should be on the basis of incremental revenue and cost.
(ii) Incremental profit is the correct basis for justifying further processing and it is correct to state that further processing of Product A, to form Product AA, is justified (on the assumption that the joint process as a whole is justified). An incremental profit arises as follows:
£ per kg
Incremental revenue $\quad 2.50 \quad(11.50-9.00)$
Incremental cost
$2 \cdot 10$
$0 \cdot 40$

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1 (a) direct materials
Marks Marks

- bonus 4
production overhead - \% of prime cost 2
- rate per labour hour
(b) other overhead
selling price

2
(a) (i) breakeven 2
(ii) fixed costs 2
(iii) higher $C / S$ ratio 3
(iv) common level of sales 2
(b) $\mathrm{C} / \mathrm{S}$ ratio 3
breakeven
1
4
13

3 (a) (i) system of symbols 1
classification 1
referencing
(ii) $1 \frac{1}{2}$ marks for each

1
(b) (i) allocated
apportioned $-1 \frac{1}{2}$ marks for each
(ii) re-apportioned - 2 marks for each

4 (a) sales value 2
joint cost apportionment 3
statement 4
(b) (i) correct justification - up to 2 marks irrelevance of cost share - up to 2 marks
(ii) correct basis

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\max 3
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9

4
16

