Answers

ACCA Certified Accounting Technician Examination – Paper T4 Accounting for Costs

Section A

1	D
2	D
3	В
4	С
5	В
6	Α
7	С
8	D
9	Α
10	D
11	В
12	С
13	D
14	С
15	Α
16	В
17	Α
18	С
19	С
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20 B

Workings to computational MCQs:

- **5** (\$52,000 ÷ 5,000 units) + {[(\$760,000 (50,000 units x \$10.40/unit)] ÷ 54,000 units}
- **7** [(8 units x \$260/unit) + (12 units x \$270/unit)]
- 8 [(3,400 kg + 600 kg) ÷ 2]
- **11** [(\$44,210 x 1.4) + \$3,190]
- **12** {[$$4,250 \div (420 \text{ units good output} + 20 \text{ units abnormal loss})] x 20 units}$
- **14** {\$71,628 ÷ [9,000 + (1,000 x 0.4) units]}
- **16** [(\$39,420 + \$11,880) ÷ 5,400 units]
- **20** {11% + [4% x (\$35,170/\$29,130)]}

Section B

1 (a) Absorption costing profit statement

	\$	\$	
Sales		162,400	(11,200 units at \$14.50)
Production cost of sales:			
Cost of production	98,040		(11,400 units at \$8.60)
less Closing inventory	1,720		(200 units at \$8.60)
		96,320	(11,200 units at \$8.60)
Gross profit		66,080	(11,200 units at \$5.90)
Selling & administration costs		43,680	(11,200 units at \$3.90)
Net profit		\$22,400	(11,200 units at \$2.00)

(b) Marginal costing

(i) Total contribution

Contribution per unit = selling price - variable costs = \$14.50 - \$5.80 = \$8.70Total contribution = contribution/unit x sales units = \$8.70/unit x 11,200 units = \$97,440<u>or</u> Contribution/sales (C/S) ratio = $[(\$8.70 \div \$14.50) \times 100] = 60\%$ Total contribution = sales revenue x C/S ratio = $\$162,400 \times 0.6 = \$97,440$ (ii) Total net profit Total fixed costs = (\$3.80/unit x 11,400 units) + (\$2.90/unit x 11,200 units) = \$43,320 + \$32,480 = \$75,800Total net profit = contribution - fixed costs = \$97,440 - \$75,800 = \$21,640(iii) Break-even sales revenue Break-even sales revenue = total fixed costs x (selling price \div contribution/unit) = $\$75,800 \times (\$14.50 \div \$8.70) = \$126,333$ <u>or</u> Break-even sales revenue = total fixed costs $\div C/S$ ratio = $\$75,800 \div 0.6 = \$126,333$

(c) Difference in net profit

Profit differs because of the inclusion of fixed production overheads in inventory valuation using absorption costing. 200 units inventory increase x \$3.80 per unit fixed production overhead

= <u>\$760 profit difference</u> (\$22,400 - \$21,640)

2 Transport company

(a) Total cost per coach on each route

		Route A \$		Route B \$	
	Drivers' wages	34,320	(W1)	34,320	
	Fuel and maintenance Fixed costs:	46,818	(W2)	52,949	(W3)
	Vehicle tax & insurance	3,870		3,870	
	Apportioned costs	10,880	(W4)	10,880	
		\$95,888		\$102,019	
(b)	Cost per kilometre on each route				
	Total cost ÷ total kilometres Cost per kilometre	Route A \$95,888 52,416 \$1·8294	(W5)	Route B \$102,019 59,280 \$1.7210	(W6)

(c) Profit per kilometre on each route

	Route A	Route B
	\$ per km	\$ per km
Revenue	2·0986 (W7)	1·6211 (W8)
Costs	1.8294	1.7210
Profit/(loss)	\$0·2692 per km	\$(0.0999) per km

Workings:

- W1 \$110/coach x 6 days/week x 52 weeks/year
- W2 \$0.8932/km x 12 journeys/day x 14 km/journey x 6 days/week x 52 weeks/year
- W3 \$0.8932/km x 10 journeys/day x 19 km/journey x 6 days/week x 52 weeks/year
- W4 \$21,760/route ÷ 2 coaches/route
- W5 12 journeys/day x 14 km/journey x 6 days/week x 52 weeks/year
- W6 10 journeys/day x 19 km/journey x 6 days/week x 52 weeks/year
- W7 13 passengers/journey x \$2.26/passenger ÷ 14 km/journey
- W8 11 passengers/journey x \$2.80/passenger ÷ 19 km/journey

3 (a) Overhead over/under absorption

Overhead absorbed Overhead incurred	Cost centre X \$29,146 (1,235 machine hours at \$23.60) \$29,609
Overhead under absorbed	\$463
	Cost centre Y
Overhead absorbed Overhead incurred	\$53,718(6,395 labour hours at \$8·40) \$52,567
Overhead over absorbed	\$1,151

(b) Predetermined, as opposed to actual, overhead absorption rates

Advantages:

- enable overheads to be absorbed immediately after production
- easier to estimate product/job costs
- even out fluctuations that would otherwise occur in unit costs if production is uneven

4 (a) Joint costs

220 kg x \$12.00 per kg = \$2,640

Weight of output is the method used to apportion the joint costs

- (b) Comments
 - (i) The loss on an individual joint product is irrelevant to any decision concerning the joint process because the apportionment of the joint costs is arbitrary. The key is whether the process as a whole is profitable. On the basis of the information available, the process is profitable overall and thus should be continued i.e.

	\$
Product JP1 (100 kg x \$8.00 per kg)	800
Product JP2 (120 kg x (\$2.00) per kg)	(240)
Net	560

(ii) Product JP1 should be further processed to form Product FP1 because the further processing operation results in an incremental profit i.e.

	\$ per kg
Incremental revenue (\$25.00 – \$20.00)	5.00
Incremental costs	3.50
Incremental profit	1.50

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Section A 2 marks each question

Section B

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1	(a)	sales cost of production closing inventory gross profit non-production costs net profit	1 1 2 1 2	8	
	(b)	(i) contribution per unit total contribution	$\frac{1^{1}}{1^{1}}$	3	
		(ii) fixed costs total net profit	2	3	
		(iii) b/even sales revenue		3	
	(c)	explanation (words or figures)		_2	19
2	(a)	drivers' wages fuel fixed costs	2 5 3	10	
	(b)	total km cost per km	3 2	5	
	(c)	revenue per km cost & profit per kilometre	3 2	5	20
3	(a)	cost centre X – figure cost centre Y – figure cost centre X – 'under' cost centre y – 'over'	2 2 1 1	6	
	(b)	advantages – 2 for each		_4	10
4	(a)	joint costs method	1 ¹ / ₂ 1 ¹ / ₂	3	
	(b)	(i) narrative calculation	2	4	
		(ii) narrative calculation	2	_4	11 100