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Business and Communication Systems

Unit 2: The Business Environment

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WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE, AFTERNOON



TIME

1 hour.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this question paper.

Answer **all three** questions.

There should be enough space for your answers. If you do require more space, you may complete your answers on the extra lined pages at the back of this booklet.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 75.

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in questions **2(e)** and **3(g)(ii)**.

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1 Today an announcement has been made that a new telecommunications company called LAM plc is to be located in Limavady. This company will create 150 new jobs.

(a) Identify **two** stakeholder groups and explain their interest in LAM plc.

Stakeholder 1:

Stakeholder 2:

[4]

(b) Discuss how important customers will be to LAM plc.

[2]

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(c) Explain **one** advantage and **one** disadvantage of on-the-job training. Give **one** example of how LAM plc could use on-the-job training.

Advantage:

Disadvantage:

Example:

[5]

(d) Tina is a supervisor and is paid a wage. Her manager is paid a salary.

Explain the difference between a wage and salary.

[4]

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(e) LAM plc will pay their employees using BACS.

(i) What does BACS stand for?

_____ [1]

(ii) Describe **two** benefits to Tina of being paid using BACS.

Benefit 1:

Benefit 2:

_____ [4]

(f) The management of LAM plc will be using email to communicate with staff. Explain what an email is.

_____ [2]

(g) Describe **one** benefit to LAM plc of using email.

_____ [2]

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2 Jamie is the ICT Director for a Multinational company called Fizzy Drinks. The ICT department are in the process of redesigning the letterhead for Fizzy Drinks.

(a) Name **three** pieces of information that should be included in Fizzy Drinks' letterhead.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

_____ [3]

(b) Identify **one** type of software application that the ICT department would find useful in creating the letterhead.

_____ [1]

(c) Explain **one** advantage and **one** disadvantage of using this software application.

Advantage:

Disadvantage:

_____ [4]

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(d) Jamie is updating Fizzy Drinks' website and needs to outline the legal implications of e-business to the Board of Directors. Explain the following legal implications for Fizzy Drinks.

Data Protection:

Copyright, Designs and Patents:

Computer Misuse:

Payment Security over the Internet:

[8]

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(e) The management of Fizzy Drinks always stress the importance of effective communication. Discuss the likely consequences of poor communication.

[8]

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3 Two friends, Peggy Sue and Martha, are planning to open a cafe called The Golden Tea Pot in Omagh as equal partners. They plan to carry out a survey to find out if there is a demand for their business.

(a) What type of business ownership will The Golden Tea Pot be?

_____ [1]

(b) Explain **one** advantage and **one** disadvantage of this type of ownership.

Advantage:

Disadvantage:

_____ [4]

(c) What is the name of the legal document that would be recommended for this type of business ownership to complete?

_____ [1]

(d) What method of market research do the owners plan to use?

_____ [1]

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