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Paper 1

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A relatively small number of entries with a disappointing number of poor scripts. Overall presentation was poor and several candidates were unable to demonstrate basic knowledge of double entry bookkeeping.

Question 1

The multiple choice questions again proved to be a good indicator of overall performance in this paper. While candidates are able to accurately answer straight forward tasks such as (a) and (b) the response to (j) where a calculation was required was generally poor.

Question 2

This style of question has been included in previous sittings but the same mistakes are still being made. Candidates fail to show trade discount clearly and in some instances unable to deal correctly with VAT. The postings to the ledger were also of variable standard with some candidates reversing the VAT Account.

Question 3

There were several good attempts at this question but some candidates need to improve their presentation. The question clearly asked candidates to label the different section of their balance sheet but some did not do so thereby losing valuable marks. Several candidates were able to distinguish between authorised and issued share capital but weaker candidates provided a vague answer. A large number of candidates had clearly not studied their accounting concepts.

Question 4

Overall the responses to this question were pleasing. Candidates were well prepared for the nature of this task and completed the suspense account correctly. Weaker candidates reversed the suspense account.

Question 5

This question should have been relatively straightforward but candidates do need to make use of the space available and present their responses more clearly. Although candidates could explain the meaning of capital and revenue expenditure they were unable to say why it is important to do so.

Question 6

Candidates still seem unable to provide coherent responses to the terms 'profitability' and 'liquidity' with vague responses being provided. Most candidates were able to provide a good example of a use of computerised accounting software but seemed at a loss to explain how it improves the speed and accuracy of the accounting process.

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