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STANDARD GRADE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT PRACTICAL ABILITIES—2013

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Guidelines for all levels of Practical Abilities Reports

- 1 All candidates must experience decision 11 ie "Running their business". The decisions made prior to this are planning decisions which build up to running the business.
- 2 All candidates should have access to their written report as they work through the business@work TO DO list.
- 3 Please ensure that each pupil is being presented at the most appropriate Level.
- 4 Candidates are asked to reflect on decisions taken during **business@work**. Candidates' answers should relate to their original decisions. These may differ from one candidate to another.
- 5 In addition to information contained within **business@work** candidates can refer to other course notes.
- 6 Credit Level candidates should not write their answers on the question paper. Answers should be written in ink or word processed on separate sheets of paper. Foundation and General Level candidates should use the workbook provided by SQA to complete their reports.

Guidelines for assessing

- 1 Marks should be allocated according to the exemplar answers/marking guidelines provided. **No half marks must be awarded**.
- 2 Teachers are encouraged to analyse carefully all pupil answers, particularly at Credit Level, to ensure marks awarded are warranted at this level.
- 3 Teachers should use their professional judgement to award marks based on the exemplar answers and guidelines for marking provided.
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- 5 Exemplar answers/marking guidelines with all amendments clearly shown should be included with the candidate sample for verification.

SPECIFIC INFORMATION (FOUNDATION/GENERAL/CREDIT LEVEL REPORTS)

Report	Printouts required	Specific information
F	Section 2—Question 7(d) requires a printout from the Player's Workbook showing the page that shows Production Assistant chosen.	It is recommended that candidates have access to the Foundation Report issued by the SQA as they work through the TO DO list.
	Section 2—Question 7(e) requires a printout from the Player's Workbook showing the wording of letters to successful and unsuccessful applicants.	
G	Section 2—Question 6(a) requires a printout from the Start-up File showing the page that gives information about Employees & Wages.	It is recommended that candidates have access to the General Report issued by the SQA as they work through the TO DO list.
	Section 2—Question 7(a)(ii) requires a printout from the Player's Workbook showing the Person Specification.	
С	Section 2—Question 4(a) requires a printout from business@work showing items included in the Person and Job Specifications.	It is recommended that candidates have access to the Credit Report issued by the SQA as they work through the TO DO list.
	Section 2—Question 5(a) requires a printout from BusinessWorks.com showing the Interview Checklist.	

 $[END\ OF\ IMPORTANT\ INFORMATION]$

NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS 2013 BUSINESS
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STANDARD GRADE
General Level
Practical Abilities Report



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business@work Report

Pupil name _____

Business name _____



business@work—Report

It is now time to prepare a report to summarise your thoughts on your business.

Your report is split into the following 3 sections.

- Section 1—USING business@work
- Section 2—RECRUITMENT
- Section 3—GROWTH

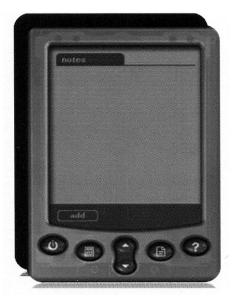
Complete your report using the information from the scenario and other course materials.

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SECTION 1—USING business@work

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The following tasks relate to the use of the PDA.



1. Use the PDA to identify the following icons. Describe a use for each of the icons.



(i) Identification _____

Description _____



(ii) Identification _____

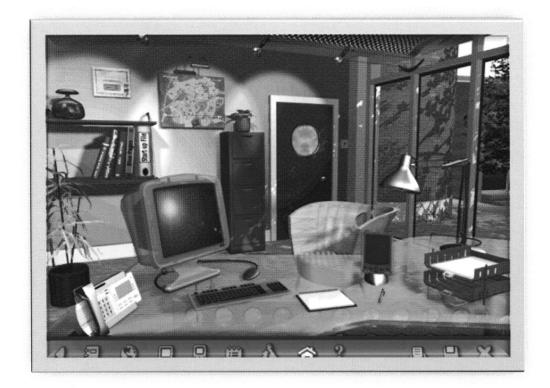
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(iii) Identification _____

Description _____

2. From the office screen, identify the 3 steps for adding a note to the PDA.

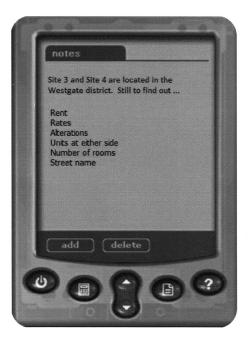


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3. The following question relates to the information on the PDA screen. Using **business@work** complete the comparison table below.



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Units at either side		
Number of rooms		
Street name		

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SECTION 2—RECRUITMENT

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(a) Print out the page from the Start-up File that gives information about "Employees & Wages".



Tick (\checkmark) the appropriate box.

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(b) Using the "Employees & Wages" page, enter the relevant information for each section in the table below.

	Production Assistant	Administration Assistant
Weekly hours	36·5 hours	
Monthly pay		£292·50
Hourly rate	£3.80	

The Production Assistant has been employed on a full-time basis. Identify one feature of a full-time contract.

(ii) Suggest one reason for the Administration Assistant being paid more per hour than the Production Assistant.

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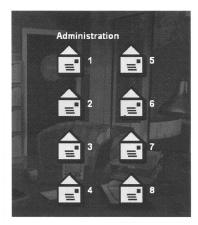
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		TO DO LIST 6 Prepare job and person specifications 7 Advertise your Administration vacancy 8 Interview and choose your Production Assistant 9 Interview and choose your Administration Assistant 10 Write letters to successful and unsuccessful applicants 11 Run your Business - Simulation Page 2 of 2		
	(a) (i)	Describe the purpose of the person specification.		
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	(ii)	From the Players Workbook , print out your person specification. Tick () the appropriate box.		
		Attached	1	
	(iii)	From your print out highlight one of your essential skills and give one reason for your selection.	-	
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	(iv)	Describe the difference between essential and desirable skills.		
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(b) From the letters of application for the Administration Assistant complete the table below. Give 2 positive comments on each applicant listed. Give a different point for each applicant.



Applicant	Positive Comments
Dean Menzies	
Katie Thornton	

Marks

8.	It is important to choose the right method of recruitment.	A
	(i) Using BusinessWorks.com identify 2 methods of external recruitment.(ii) Give an advantage and disadvantage of each method.	
	Method 1	
	Advantage	
	Disadvantage	
	Method 2	

Advantage

Disadvantage _

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SECTION 3—GROWTH

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Airdrie Savings Bank (ASB), Britain's Only Independent Savings Bank

Established in 1835, Airdrie Savings Bank continues to provide its customers and the local community of North Lanarkshire with the banking facilities and the value of service they have come to expect from their long



relationship. Airdrie Savings Bank, the UK's last independent bank, opened its doors outside of Lanarkshire for the first time in 175 years, with the launch of its new Falkirk branch.

The branch on Falkirk's High Street offers a full range of banking services and employs 5 full-time members of staff, including new manager Shirley Reid.

The decision to open in Falkirk is the result of increasing consumer and business demand for a more personal approach to banking, focusing on maintaining high levels of customer service.

ASB President Bob Boyle said: "For over 175 years our branches have operated in Lanarkshire but there is clear evidence of a wider demand for our approach, which is why we have now taken the decision to expand."

A group of high profile Scottish entrepreneurs, including Brian Souter and Sir Tom Farmer, deposited large sums of money into the bank to support its expansion.

A group of high profile Scottish entrepreneurs, including Brian Souter and Sir

Adapted from ASB website http://www.airdriesavingsbank.com/

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(a)	(i)	Since running your stationery business you have been described as an entrepreneur. Describe the role of an entrepreneur.	
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	(ii)	Suggest 2 possible aims for your stationery business.	
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(0)	Airdrie Savings Bank decided to expand and received funding from entrepreneurs. Suggest and justify one source of finance for your stationery business.	
	Suggestion	
	Justification	2
(c)	Opening a new branch is a method of internal growth. Describe 2 methods of external growth for your stationery business.	
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Give 3 stages of a decision making model you might use to make decisions in			

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NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS 2013 BUSINESS
MANAGEMENT
STANDARD GRADE
General Level
Practical Abilities Report
Exemplar answers/Marking guidelines



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business@work Report

Pupil name _____

Business name _____



Notes for Teachers

Important Information

- Important Information has been provided as a separate document and issued to centres by SQA.
- This contains specific information which will assist teachers to support candidates through the project eg highlighting when printouts are required.
- Teachers should read this **before** candidates start **business@work** and their Practical Abilities reports.

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Candidates should respond to the questions in their report using the Foundation Level booklet provided.

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business@work—Report

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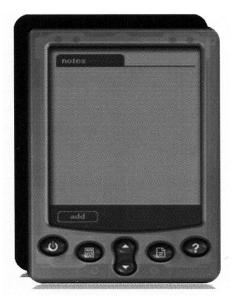
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- Section 2—RECRUITMENT
- Section 3—GROWTH

Complete your report using the information from the scenario and other course materials.

SECTION 1—USING business@work

Marks PA

The following tasks relate to the use of the PDA.



1. Use the PDA to identify the following icons. Describe a use for each of the icons.



(i) Identification Power Off (Accept Power On and/or Power Off)

Description This will close/hide the notepad from the screen



(ii) Identification Display notes list

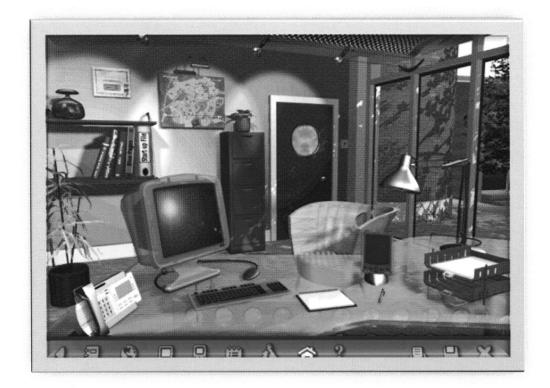
Description To add a new note/to delete notes/to view notes



(iii) Identification Calculator

Description A small device used to carry out arithmetical operations/ A small handheld electronic device/ A tool for working out financial sums

2. From the office screen, identify the 3 steps for adding a note to the PDA.



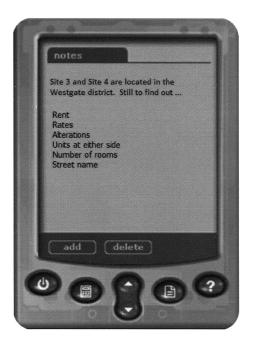
Step 1 Click on the PDA, on the desktop or on the toolbar (1 mark only)

Step 2 Display the notes list

Step 3 Click the add button/accept add notes

3. The following question relates to the information on the PDA screen.

Using business@work complete the comparison table below.



Information	Site 3	Site 4
Rent	£1000	£1100
Rates	£,134	£134
Alterations	£,14300	£4700
Units at either side	Stationery Shop and Security Firm	Fruit Shop and Mereside Property Centre
Number of rooms	1	3
Street name	High Street	Market Square

Candidates should be awarded 1 mark for each comparison. If a candidate does not compare then no mark should be awarded.

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4. The PDA helps you to make calculations. Identify an additional tool within business@work that is used for calculating.

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(a) Tool The production planner

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(b) State 2 calculations that could be done when using this tool in **business@work**.

Accept any 2 from:

- Calculates monthly units
- Calculates monthly income
- Calculates overtime required
- Calculates capacity levels

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5. The **business@work** PDA has limited features. Identify and describe an additional feature that could be added to the PDA to compete with newer models.

A description of one of the following:

- touch screen for entering data
- a memory card slot for data storage
- Bluetooth
- WiFi
- an appointment
- calendar
- to-do list
- address book for contacts
- e-mail and web support

SECTION 2—RECRUITMENT

Marks PA

6. (a) Print out the page from the **Start-up File** that gives information about "Employees & Wages".



Tick (\checkmark) the appropriate box.

Candidates should attach the page to the back of the answer booklet

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(b) Using the "Employees & Wages" page, enter the relevant information for each section in the table below.

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Monthly pay	£,601·03	£292·50
Hourly rate	£3.80	£4·50

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(c) (i) The Production Assistant has been employed on a full-time basis. Identify one feature of a full-time contract.

Accept one from the following:

- Someone that works full-time hours, for example 35 hour week
- Someone that is entitled to holidays
- Someone working the equivalent of 5 days per week

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- (ii) Suggest one reason for the Administration Assistant being paid more per hour than the Production Assistant.
 - Higher level of skill required
 - More responsibility in the job description
 - To attract more applicants to the post
 - Qualifications required

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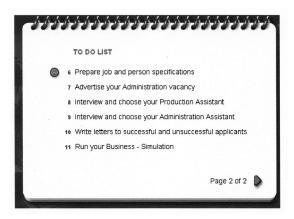
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7. You should complete the first 6 tasks on the TO DO LIST before completing the questions in this section.



- (a) (i) Describe the purpose of the person specification.
 - To highlight and outline the type of person the business is looking for
 - Could be used in the selection process
 - To identify the qualities and characteristics of a candidate
 - (ii) From the **Players Workbook**, print out your person specification.

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(iii) From your print out highlight one of your essential skills and give one reason for your selection.

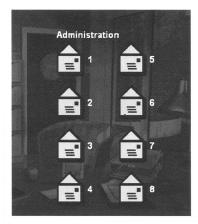
Note: This will vary for each candidate; ensure that only one essential skill has been highlighted and then match up the reason.

- (iv) Describe the difference between essential and desirable skills.
 - Essential skills means the applicant must have them whereas desirable means it would be better if the applicant 1 has them.

7. (continued)

Marks PA

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Applicant	Positive Comments
Dean Menzies	Studied business studies at school
	The letter is well written, good structure, word processed
	• From the letter the candidate sounds enthusiastic
	• Keen to progress—go to night school
	• Willing to come for interview
Katie Thornton	From the letter the candidate sounds enthusiastic
	Gives details of employment history
	Good reasons for wanting a new job
	Good structure to the letter

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- **8.** It is important to choose the right method of recruitment.
 - (i) Using **BusinessWorks.com** identify **2** methods of external recruitment.
 - (ii) Give an advantage and disadvantage of each method.

Accept 2 of the following:

Newspaper adverts

Advantage

- Can reach the target audience
- Section in paper for recruitment
- If it is a free paper it could reach a wider audience

Disadvantage

- Can be expensive
- Fewer people are buying newspapers

Job Centre

Advantage

- Free service offered by DWP
- Can reach target audience

Disadvantage

• Standard advert, cannot change the appearance

Shop Window

Advantage

• Costs are very low

Disadvantage

• Dependant on passers-by

(Must have a different advantage and disadvantage for each method.)

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 - (a) (i) Since running your stationery business you have been described as an entrepreneur. Describe the role of an entrepreneur.
 - An individual who develops a business idea and combines the factors of production to develop the idea in order to produce a good or service.
 - Someone who takes risks with a business.
 - (ii) Suggest 2 possible aims for your stationery business.

Accept any 2 from the following:

- Survival
- Profit maximisation
- Sales maximisation
- Good reputation
- Quality products

9. (continued)

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- Social responsibility
- Ethical responsibility

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- (b) Airdrie Savings Bank decided to expand and received funding from entrepreneurs. Suggest and justify one source of finance for your stationery business.
 - Own capital
 - Friends and family
 - Banks and other investors, including Princes' Trust
 - Venture capital
 - Share capital
 - Government grants
 - Take on a partner

Candidates must have a suitable justification to support the suggestion

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- (c) Opening a new branch is a method of internal growth. Describe 2 methods of external growth for your stationery business.
 - Horizontal integration

When the stationery business joins with another stationery business. This could be one of the competitors—Prestige Print, The Publishing House or Stop Press!

• Backwards vertical integration

When the stationery business takes over a supplier—Glendale's

- Mergers
- Takeovers, with a suitable description

Also accept conglomerate and/or diversification—no ID marks given

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10. The ASB Falkirk branch employs 5 full-time members of staff who received induction training.

Identify 2 additional methods of training you could use to improve the skills of the staff in your stationery business. Give one advantage and one disadvantage for each type of training.

Use a different advantage and disadvantage for each type of training.

On the job training

- Improves the employees' knowledge, skills and performance at work
- It is done in the work place, more cost effective
- Training is geared towards the job
- Employees more comfortable in their own work surroundings
- Learning takes place with actual equipment

10. (continued)

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- Time is lost, loss of production
- Staff are uncomfortable training with their peers
- Pick up bad habits
- Too many interruptions/distractions

Off-the-job training (Credit different types of on-the-job training such as coaching or apprenticeships.)

- Employees are trained by experts so quality of training should be high
- Employees are motivated by learning new skills and knowledge
- Employees can concentrate solely on the training
- Time is lost, loss of production
- It can be very expensive to hire trainers

Accept any other forms of training

DO NOT ACCEPT INDUCTION TRAINING

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11. Airdrie Savings Bank made the decision to open a branch in Falkirk.

Give **3** stages of a decision making model you might use to make decisions in your stationery business.

Define the problem/ Identify the objectives/ Collect the information/ Analyse the information/ Develop alternative solutions/ Select the best solution/ Implement the decision/ Communicate the decision/ Evaluate the decision

1 mark per stage of the decision making model—any order

Accept SWOT

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12. The Falkirk Branch Manager, Shirley Reid, has a democratic style of management.

Name and describe 2 other styles of management you might use in your stationery business.

Style of Management 1 Autocratic

Description No consultation before decision is made

Style of Management 2 Laissez Faire

Description Little direction from management; allows

people to be creative

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(60 marks)

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INTERNAL ASSESSMENT

Flyleaf

NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS 2013 BUSINESS MANAGEMENT STANDARD GRADE Practical Abilities

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Final Grade for
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A Determination of Mark

1 Enter the candidate's mark for each question in the Report.

Task	Candidate's Marks	Task	Candidate's Marks
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2		9	
3		10	
4		11	
5		12	
6		13	
7		14	

Candidate's	marks total	
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Percentage of available marks

General Level Total Mark Available 60

Task	Candidate's Marks	Task	Candidate's Marks
1		7	
2		8	
3		9	
4		10	
5		11	
6		12	

Candidate's marks total

Percentage of available marks

Credit Level Total Mark Available 60

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1		6	
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3		8	
4		9	
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Candidate's marks total

Percentage of available marks

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	Teacher's Comments section below)		
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	3 The Final Grade for Practical Abilities should be e	ntered in the appropriate box on the front page.	
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National Qualifications 2013

Standard Grade Business Management—Practical Abilities

Notes to Teachers on Internal Assessment and Completion of Internal Assessment Flyleaf

1 General

Reference should be made to Section 6.7 Internal Assessment of Practical Abilities in the Arrangements in Business Management issued in 1998.

2 The Report

Every candidate should be issued with a set of tasks at the appropriate Level to enable them to complete a Report for Practical Abilities Assessment.

Candidates should be familiar with the *business@work* simulation (Stationery Scenario) issued on CD ROM 1·1 (or updated CD ROM 2·1) previously by the Scottish Qualifications Authority.

To complete the tasks candidates may access:

- the *business@work* simulation
- their own Player's Workbook (produced by *business@work* during the familiarisation process)
- other course materials.

Remind candidates that:

- all work submitted must be their own. (If it is established that the work of another candidate has been submitted as their own, SQA may cancel awards in all their subjects.)
- requests for teacher assistance, if excessive, may reduce the grade awarded for the work. (Teachers should distinguish between clarification and assistance—see paragraph 6 7 1 of the Arrangements.)

No work or material may be taken out of the centre.

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3 Assessment

Assess each report and record the marks on **Internal Assessment Flyfleaf** for each candidate concerned in accordance with paragraph 6 7 2 of the Arrangements.

The following table shows the relationship between marks and grades.

Percentage of available marks	Foundation Level		General Level		Credit Level	
75–100	45–60	5	45–60	3	45–60	1
50-74	30–44	6	30–44	4	30–44	2
40–49	24–29	7	24–29	5	24–29	3
0–39	0-23	7	0-23	7*	0-23	7*

^{*} Grades 6 and 4 are not available at General and Credit Levels respectively. Candidates who do not complete the TO DO list should be awarded a grade 7.

Enter the final grade for each candidate in the appropriate box on the front page of **Internal Assessment Flyleaf**.

Teachers should note that:

- a the completed **Internal Assessment Flyleaf** for each candidate
- b the completed business@work Report for each candidate
- c a printout of a class list with passwords*
- d a printout of each candidate's TO DO list*
- e any other printouts required by the F, G and C Reports†
- f a copy of exemplar answers/marking guidelines with any additions made

will be required for central verification.

In early March 2013, Forms SGER 00 will be issued for the recording and submission of the final grades to SQA. Appropriate returns must be submitted by the due date.

If any candidate experiences technical difficulties as a result of using the CD ROM, this must be documented **at the time** in the event that SQA might request such information prior to Central Verification.

- * Teachers should refer to the *business@work* User Guide issued to centres with the CD for further information on how to carry out printouts.
- † Teachers should refer to the document *Important Information* for further information relating to the F, G and C Reports.