DSE 2015 BAFS

Marking Schemes

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PAPER 1 Compulsory Part

SECTION A

Question No.	Key	Question No.	Key
	D (270/)	16.	A (92%)
1.	D (37%)	17.	D (95%)
2.	B (80%)	18.	A (54%)
3.	C (78%) B (28%)	19.	D (39%)
4. 5.	C (46%)	20.	B (67%)
6.	A (63%)	21.	C (39%)
7.	B (63%)	22.	D (25%)
8.	C (70%)	23.	C (63%)
9.	B (49%)	24.	D (77%)
10.	D (64%)	25.	C (68%)
11.	A (84%)	26.	B (89%)
12.	D (61%)	27.	B (39%)
13.	A (59%)	28.	A (59%)
14.	C (54%)	29.	C (81%)
15.	B (85%)	30.	A (71%)

Note: Figures in brackets indicate the percentages of candidates choosing the correct answers.

SECTION B

General Principles of Marking

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QUESTION 1

(a		Marks
	 measurable: the goal does not specify a quantified amount of increase time-bound: the goal does not specify the targeted timeframe specific: the number of Internet bookings may refer to the log-in times of customers, realistic/attainable: the goal may not be achievable, e.g. due to the shrinking tourism (2 marks for each relevant characteristic, max. 4 marks) 	Max. 4
(b)	 political stability of Hong Kong / travellers' home countries the relationship between Hong Kong/China and the travellers' home countries (2 marks for each relevant political factor, max. 2 marks) 	Max. 2
	Legal factor: - regulations related to guest house/hotel licensing - regulations related to visa requirement (2 marks for each relevant legal factor, max. 2 marks)	Max. 2
		8 marks
	ESTION 2	Marks
(a)	The consistency principle: The accounting treatment of similar items should be the same in an accounting period and from one period to another	2
(b)	 \$175 000 Historical cost concept The motor van should be recorded at the actual cost to the business, that is, the net price after deducting discount. 	1 1 1 5 marks
QUE	STION 3	Marks
(a)	Benefits: - capital gain through the price appreciation of the shares - investment income through share dividend - voting rights that can affect company management (2 marks for each relevant benefit, max. 4 marks)	Max. 4
(b)(i)	Conditions fulfilled: - Calvin is a retail investor - Calvin suffers pecuniary losses as a result of the default of a licensed stockbroker - The shares are exchange-traded products in Hong Kong (1 mark for each relevant condition, max. 2 marks)	Max. 2
(ii)	\$150 000	1 7 marks

			1/2		
Peter Statement of financial position as at 31 December 2014 \$					
Statement of financial position as at 31 De	\$	\$			
Non-current assets		986 000	1/2		
Motor vehicles		18)			
Comment			1/2		
Current assets	210 000		1/2		
Inventory	180 000		1/2		
Fixed deposit (6-month)	320 000		1/2		
Trade receivables	398 000	1 108 000	72		
Cash at bank		2 094 000			
TOTAL ASSETS		-			
		1 199 000	1/2		
Capital, 1 January 2014 (balancing figure)		82 000	1/2		
Add: Net profit		1 281 000			
Current liabilities			1/		
	383 000		1/2		
Trade payables	430 000	813 000	1/2		
Bank loan (repayable in September 2015)		2 094 000			
TOTAL CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES			(5)		
Departmentalisation by location			1		
and the second s			Max.		
Other forms:	Caller commo	nt huginess			
- By product: e.g. set up different departments to take	care of the garine	one ousmess			
for men's women's and kids' wears respectively					
- By function: e.g. set up different departments	to take care of	production,			
marketing, human resource and finance respectively					
(2 marks for each relevant form of departmentalisation, max	x. 4 marks)				
			10 ma		

QUE	ESTION 5		-	Marks
(a)	John			
	Income statement for the year end	led 31 December 2014		1/2
	0.1	\$	\$	
	Sales		492 000	1/2
	Less: Cost of goods sold			
	Purchases	227 500		1/2
	Add: Carriage inwards	25 500		1/2
		253 000		
	Less: Returns outwards	9 230		1/2
		243 770		
	Less: Closing inventory	88 000	155 770	1/2
	Gross profit		336 230	1/2
	Less: Expenses			
	Carriage outwards	23 600		1/2
	Rental expenses	128 000		1/2
	Salaries	120 000	271 600	1/2
	Net profit	120 000	64 630	
	Net profit		04 050	(5)
				(0)
)	Private limited company			1
)	Other disadvantages:			Max.
,	 profit tax rate is higher resulting in lowe 	r distributable profits		
	 more requirements in setup procedures/ 			
			he able to	
	 separation of ownership and management 	it and thus owners may not		
	control daily operations			
	(2 marks for each relevant disadvantage, max. 4 m	arks)		10 mar
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PAPER 2A Accounting Module

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SECTION A

	Cash	at bank		
2014	\$	2014	\$	
Dec 31 Balance b/d	58 930		3 100	1
Sunny Ltd: credit transfer	12 300	Man Ltd: dishonoured cheque	19 300	1
Yip's Ltd	8 000	Bank charges	30	1/
		Balance c/d	56 800	
	79 230		79 230	
				(5
Bank reconciliati	on staten	nent as at 31 December 2014		(5
	on staten		\$	
Updated balance as per cash at bank	on staten		\$ 800	(5
	on staten	56	*	
Updated balance as per cash at bank Add: Unpresented cheque: 707893	on staten	56 12	800	
Updated balance as per cash at bank	on staten	56 12 69	800 200	

	Variable production overheads	18				
	Sales commission	22	140	(1)		
			210	(1/2)		
(b)	Sales revenue = (\$150 000 + \$228 0	00 + \$168 000	0)/\$210	< \$350 = <u>\$910 000</u>		2
(c)	Total contribution: original selling p	rice of \$350 p	er pair of	shoes = $$210 \times 3000 = 65	30 000	1
	Total contribution: new selling price	of \$365 per p	air of sho	$es = $225 \times 2700 = 607.5	00	1
	Peter Company should not raise the	price because	total cont	ribution will decrease by \$	22 500	1

SECTION B

				Realisat	ion			
				\$				\$
C	office equipment			465 000	Ron's capital: office	equipmen	t 23	2 500
	nventory			83 000	Loan from Tim: inve	ntory	4	8 000
T	rade receivables			62 000	$($80\ 000 \times 60\%)$			
R	on's capital: handling	g fee		1 200	Cash at bank: trade re	eceivables	6	000 0
C	ash at bank: realisation	on		3 800	Trade payables: disco	unts rece	ived	4 824
	expense				Loss on realisation:			
					Ron (1/6)	44	946	
					Sam (2/6)	89	892	
			-		Tim (3/6)	134	838 26	9 676
				615 000			61	5 000
			-	615 000 Capi	tal		61	5 000
		Ron	Sam		tal	Ron	61 Sam	5 000 Tim
		Ron \$	Sam \$	Capi	tal	Ron \$		
Reali	sation: office equipment			Capi Tim	tal Balance b/d	20000	Sam \$	Tim
	sation: office equipment on realisation	\$ 232 500	\$	Capi Tim	March March	\$	Sam \$	Tim \$
Loss		\$ 232 500	\$	Capi Tim \$	Balance b/d	\$ 112 300	Sam \$	Tim \$
Loss Sam'	on realisation	\$ 232 500	\$	Capi Tim \$	Balance b/d Realisation: handling fee	\$ 112 300	Sam \$	Tim \$ 190 700
Loss Sam' defici	on realisation s capital: share of	\$ 232 500 44 946	\$	Capi Tim \$ 134 838	Balance b/d Realisation: handling fee Trade payables	\$ 112 300	Sam \$	Tim \$ 190 700
Loss Sam' defici	on realisation s capital: share of iency (1:3)	\$ 232 500 44 946	\$	Capi Tim \$ 134 838 44 919	Balance b/d Realisation: handling fee Trade payables Ron and Tim's capital:	\$ 112 300	Sam \$ 30 000	Tim \$ 190 700

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a)	Journal			
2014		Dr	Cr	
	mber 31	\$	\$	
(i)	Trade receivables	500		1/2
	Sales		500	1/2
(ii)	Rates	3000		1/2
	Rental deposit		3000	1/2
(iii)	Electricity	2250		1/2
	Accrued electricity		2250	1/2
(iv)	Suspense	1200		1/2
	Trade receivables		1200	1/2
(v)	Purchases	450		1/2
	Suspense	90		1/2
	Discounts received		540	1/2
(vi)	Accumulated depreciation - motor van	30 000		1/2
	Drawings	50 000		1/2
	Motor van		80 000	1/2
				(7)
(i)	amon of (accordate) anticolor			
(ii)	error of (complete) omission error of principle			1
(iii)	error of original entry			1
(111)	ciror of original chay			(3)
				(3)
	The business entity concept was violated.			1
- I	In accounting, a firm and its owner(s) are separate entities. firm and the owner(s) should also be recorded.			1
	The motor van had been withdrawn by Elsa and was no long withdrawal should be treated as drawings and proper entries sho		y. The	1
				(3)
				13 mai

OUE	STION 7					
(a)(i)	Fixed production overheads = \$286 00		44 000			Marks
	= \$510 00					
	Direct labour hours = $(2400 \text{ x} \frac{1}{3}) + (18)$ Predetermined fixed production overh					
	Predetermined fixed production overni	ead absorption rati		rect labour hour		(2)
			, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			(-)
(ii)						
	Cupcakes	\$				
	Direct material	120	1921212 272	(2)		
	Direct labour	45	$($90 \times \frac{1}{2})$	2)		
	Variable production overheads	15	(0000			
	Fixed production overheads	150	(\$300 ×	/2)		(0)
	Total production cost per box of cupca	ikes <u>330</u>				(2)
(b)						
(b)	Total manufacturing cost		\$			
	Direct material			× 2400 + \$120 × 1800)	1/2	
	Direct labour			× ½ ×2400+ \$120 × 1800)	1/2	
	Variable production overheads			× (2400 + 1800)]	1/2	
	Fixed production overheads (exclude of	depreciation)		6 000 + \$144 000)	1	
	Three production of entrants (exercises	1.7	910 000	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0		
		\$1,000.000				
	Total purchase cost = $(\$170 \times 2400) +$	$(\$270 \times 1800) = \$$	894 000		1/2	
	Net savings by purchasing: \$16 000	(42.4.1000)			1/2	
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,					
	Susan Café should buy cookies and cup	ocakes from the lo	cal supplier.		1/2	
						(4)
(c)						
(i)						
		Cookies	Cupcakes	Shortbread		
		\$	\$	\$		
	Selling price per box	290	390	370		
	Direct material cost per box	(20)	(120)	(180)		
	Direct labour cost per box	(30)	(45)	(15)		
	Variable production overheads per box	(15)	(15)	(15)		
	Contribution per box	225	210	160		
	1/2			(1/2)		
	Direct labour required per box	1/3 hour	½ hour	1/6 hour		
	Contribution per direct labour hour	\$675	\$420	\$960		
		(½)	(1/2)	(1/2)		2
	Production Priority	2 nd	3 rd	1 st		
190	20	Diamet 1-1				
(1	ii)	Direct labour	Annual			
		hours required	production	-		

650

800

550

2 000

Shortbread
 Cookies

3. Cupcakes

quantity

3 900

2 400

1 100

1

1

1

(5) 13 marks

SECTION C

Statement showing the calculation of the cost of the new of	office equipmen		
		\$	742
Payment for cost		140 000	1/
Trade-in value of the old office equipment		22 000	1/
Delivery charge		5 000	1/
Insurance fee on transportation		1 000	1/
Total cost of the new office equipment		168 000	(
Nancy Company Limited			
Income statement for the year ended 31 December	er 2014		
	\$	\$	
Sales (\$1 380 000 - \$7500)		1 372 500	9
Less: Cost of goods sold			
Opening inventory	156 000		1
Purchases	890 000		8
	1 046 000		
Less: Closing inventory			
[\$290 000 - (\$58 000 - \$49 980)]	281 980	764 020	
Gross profit		608 480	
Less: Expenses			
Administrative expenses (workings)	375 700		2
Selling and distribution expenses (\$286 900 + \$2000)	288 900		1
Finance cost (\$150 000 \times 6% \times % ₁₂)	4 500	669 100	1
Net loss	3-111-141111111111111111111111111111111	(60 620)	
			(
Workings			
Calculation of administrative expenses for the year	ended 31 Dece	mber 2014	
		\$	
As per trial balance		345 000	
Depreciation for 2014:			
- Disposed office equipment (\$100 000 × 10% × ½)		7 500	
- Remaining office equipment [(\$1 570 000 - \$100 000) × 10%]		147 000	
- New office equipment (\$168 000 \times 10% \times $\frac{3}{12}$)		4 200	
Loss on disposal of office equipment [\$100 000 - (\$52 500 + 7 500	$0) - $22\ 000]$	18 000	
Cost of new office equipment (\$140 000 + \$5000 + \$1000)	enonessa el terbasiones el t	$(146\ 000)$	
		375 700	

		Nancy	Compan	y L	imite	d
Statement	of f	inancial	position	as	at 31	December 2014

Statement of financial position as at 31 December 2014					
ASSETS	\$	\$			
Non-current assets					
Office equipment (\$1 570 000 - \$100 000 + \$168 000)		1 638 000	1		
Less: Accumulated depreciation (\$340 000 - \$52 500 + \$147 000 + \$42	200)	438 700	11/2		
Commission of the Commission o	-0.0000±#00.	1 199 300			
Current assets					
Inventory	281 980		1/2		
Trade receivables (\$321 900 – \$7500)	314 400	596 380	1/2		
TOTAL ASSETS	27.100	1 795 680			
		1 755 000			
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES					
Equity					
Ordinary shares of \$5 each, fully paid		1 200 000	1/2		
General reserve			0.0		
		100 000	1/2		
Retained profits (\$210 000 - \$60 620 - \$100 000)		49 380	1		
NT		1 349 380			
Non-current liabilities					
6% Debentures		150 000	1/2		
Current liabilities					
Trade payables	247 800		1/2		
Accrued finance cost			1/2		
Accrued selling expenses	4 500		1/2		
Bank overdraft	2 000	206 200			
	42 000	296 300	1/2		
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		1 795 680			
			(8)		
 Prudence concept should be applied. 			1		
- It means that when choosing among accounting alternatives, the b	ant abains is	one that is	Max		
least likely to overstate assets and profits.	est choice is	s one mat is	IVIA		
	1 1	1			
- The company should adopt the lower of cost or net realisable v	alue in the	valuation of			
inventory.					
- The loss of the damaged inventory \$8020 (\$58 000 - \$49 980) sho	ould be recog	mised in the			
income statement for the year ended 31 December 2014. (1 mark for each relevant point, max. 2 marks)					

QUESTION 9			Marks
(a)		Accrual concept is violated. Revenues and expenses are recognised and included in the financial statements when they are earned or incurred, not when they are received or paid. Therefore, the electricity expenses should be recorded in the financial statements of 2014.	
	_	Therefore, the electricity expenses should be recorded in the financial statements of 2014, though it was still unpaid at the year end.	(3)
(b)	(i)	Inventory = \$31 700 - (\$3000 × 0.9) + \$5000 = \$34 000	2
	(ii)	Current assets = (\$343 000 - \$101 000) + \$27 000 - (\$65 000 - \$34 000) = \$238 000	3
(c)	(i)	Net profit ratio: $= \frac{[(\$128\ 000 - \$40\ 000) + (\$34\ 000 - \$31\ 700) - \$2500] \times 100\%}{390\ 000 + 60\ 000}$ $= \$87\ 800 \times 100\%$	
		= \$\frac{\$450 000}{}\$ = 19.51%	2
	(ii)	Quick ratio: $= \frac{\$238\ 000 - \$34\ 000}{\$43\ 000 + \$3000 + \$2500}$ $= \frac{\$204\ 000}{\$48\ 500}$ $= 4.21:1$	2
	(iii)	Trade payables turnover (times) $= \frac{\$132\ 000}{(\$43\ 000 + \$46\ 000)/2}$ $= \frac{\$132\ 000}{\$44\ 500}$ $= 2.97 \text{ times}$	2
	(iv)	Inventory turnover (times) $= \frac{\$65\ 000 + (\$110\ 000 + \$132\ 000) - \$34\ 000}{(\$65\ 000 + \$34\ 000)/2}$ $= \frac{\$273\ 000}{\$49\ 500}$	
(d)		= 5.52 times Pearl Ltd should invest in Lily Ltd.	2 (13) 1
Now	Lil - - -	y Ltd is a better investment because it has higher profitability with more efficient use of its capital to generate profits. lower gearing ratio: it has lower degree of leverage and hence lower risk and financial burden. higher earnings per share: it has higher profitability and the amount of profits earned for each outstanding share is higher.	1 1 1
		oustaining share is higher.	(4) 20 marks
			ZU Marks

END OF PAPER 2A

PAPER 2B Business Management Module

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0 mark

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1 mark

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2/3 marks :

a relevant point of answer with a brief explanation of the concept/key words and/or

illustration of how it is related to the given scenario

SECTION A

QUESTION 1	Marks
 Limitations: business environment changes rapidly and the budgets may not be able to catch up accordingly budgeted sales results may be achieved through window-dressing the budgeting staff may have made unrealistic estimates non-quantitative achievements (e.g. good relationship with customers) are not revealed in the budgets (2 marks for each relevant limitation, max. 6 marks) 	
	6 marks
QUESTION 2	Marks
Risk management strategies: Risk reduction: e.g. install anti-theft equipment Risk transfer: e.g. buy theft insurance Risk assumption: e.g. bear the losses on stolen items (2 marks for each relevant strategy, max. 4 marks)	
	4 marks
QUESTION 3	Marks
Benefits: - reduce turnover rate - instill corporate culture and values - foster collaboration and mentoring - enhance employees' productivity and quality of work (2 marks for each relevant benefit, max. 6 marks)	6
* Contraction and the Management of the Contraction	6 marks

QUESTION 4

Meaning and examples: Input: perceived contribution made by employees' themselves Example: skills, education, training, effort, experience, time	Marks 1 1	
Output: perceived reward received by employees Example: level of compensation, promotion opportunities, bonus, status, fringe benefits recognition, praise (2 marks for relevant meaning and example for each term, max 4 marks)	****	
QUESTION 5	4 marks	
Ordinances: Trade Descriptions Ordinance Sale of Goods Ordinance Food Safety Ordinance Toys and Children's Products Safety Ordinance Weights and Measures Ordinance		
(1 mark for each relevant ordinance, max. 4 marks)	4 marks	
SECTION B		
QUESTION 6		
(a) Elements of credit policy: - credit terms: lower credit limit, shorten credit period - credit standard: set a higher standard to screen out retailers with poor creditworthiness - collection policy: take measures to expedite debt collection procedures, e.g. sending reminders (2 marks for each relevant element, max. 4 marks)	4	
 (b) Elements of promotion mix: advertising: e.g. place advertisements on various media such as TV, magazine and the Internet sales promotion: e.g. give incentives such as purchase discounts, gifts, coupons and samples public relations: e.g. launch events such as press conference and road shows personal selling: e.g. train in-store salespeople to persuade customers to buy (2 marks for each relevant element of promotion mix, max. 6 marks) 	6	
(c) Theory X assumptions: - people inherently dislike work and need to be closely monitored - people try to avoid responsibilities and require rules and guidelines to make them wo hard - people have little ambition and need to be led (2 marks for each relevant assumption, max. 4 marks)	4 rk	

- (d) Non-monetary rewards:
 - recognition programmes: e.g. best salesperson award
 - more training and development opportunities
 - more job autonomy
 - better welfare
 - verbal appreciation

(1 mark for each relevant non-monetary reward, max. 4 marks)

	(I mark for each relevant non-monetary reward, max. 4 marks)	
		18 marks
QUESTION 7		
(a)	(i) 2013: \$30 000 000 / \$12 500 000 = 2.4 times	1
	2014: \$35 000 000 / \$17 500 000 = 2.0 times	1
	 (ii) Reason: less efficient use of assets: increased spending on more sophisticated equipment to increase competitiveness, but no proportionate increase in sales (2 marks for each relevant reason, max. 2 marks) 	2
(b)	 Ways: intangibility: e.g. provide a cleaner environment to enhance visibility of service standard heterogeneity: e.g. provide training to enhance the level of standardisation perishability: e.g. promote non-peak hour bookings to reduce customers' waiting time inseparability: e.g. hire experienced trainers with good communication skills to enhance interaction with customers (2 marks for each relevant way related to one characteristic, max. 6 marks) 	6
(c)	 Limitations: the technical skills of the applicants are more important for the job but these cannot be easily reflected in an interview result of the interview is subject to personal bias of the interviewers difficult to set and apply standardised selection criteria (2 marks for each relevant limitation, max. 4 marks) 	4
(d)	 Characteristic: growing number of competitors Product strategy: e.g. provide a greater variety of beauty and skin care services to differentiate from competitors 	1
	 Characteristic: growing number of customers / growing number of competitors Pricing strategy: e.g. set lower prices to penetrate market (2 marks for each example and relevant characteristic, max 4 marks) 	1
		18 marks

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SECTION C

QUESTION 8

Marks

(a) Manpower planning process:

8

- forecast manpower demand based on the plan and scale of expansion: quantity and quality of manpower
- 2. estimate manpower supply: assess the current turnover rate, retirement policy and attrition rate
- 3. compare manpower demand and supply: identify shortfall and skill deficiencies
- 4. develop action plans and follow up: plan for recruitment and selection, plan for training and development activities

(2 marks for each relevant step in correct sequence, max. 8 marks)

Evaluation criteria	Debt financing	Equity financing
Repayment and liquidity/ Risk	 Higher risk Regular interest payments Pre-set repayment schedule Repayment of principal upon maturity 	Lower risk No repayment schedule and regular interest payment
Flexibility and control of fund usage	Lower flexibility and control Restraints of fund usage imposed by creditors	 Greater flexibility and control e.g. ploughing back retained earnings is a direct and simple way under the full control of the company
Dilution of control	• No	• Yes
Collateral	 Often required 	Not required
Cost	 Interest expenses are tax deductible No issuing cost/ low administrative cost 	 Dividend is not tax-deductible High issuing cost/administrative cost
Profit sharing	 No profit sharing Pre-agreed interest and principal → no direct claim on future profit 	If the company is successful in the future, profit will be shared with new investors

(3 marks for each relevant criterion, max. 12 marks)

QUESTION 9

		Marks
(a)	Bases of market segmentation:	10
	 demographic segmentation: e.g. people with different income levels may have different expectations on decoration and quality of food for the banquets 	
	 psychographic segmentation: e.g. people with different lifestyles (such as vegetarians and people who care about environmental protection) may order different dishes for their banquets 	
	 behavioural segmentation: e.g. different people may hold banquets for different occasions such as weddings, birthdays and graduation dinners 	
	 geographic segmentation: e.g. customers from different countries may have different preferences for banquet settings and proceedings 	
	(3 marks for each relevant base, max. 10 marks)	
b)	Factors to be considered when selecting target market:	10
	 Segment size and affordability: e.g. an attractive segment should be substantial enough for the hotel to consider entering (e.g. visitors from the mainland) 	
	 Segment growth rate: e.g. segments with strong growth rates are more attractive for the hotel 	
	- Structural attractiveness: e.g. a segment which has less intense competition is preferred	
	 Company objectives: e.g. a segment is not attractive to a hotel if it does not match its long-run objectives 	
	 Company capability: e.g. the hotel should possess the skills and resources to provide satisfactory service to the segment 	
	(3 marks for each relevant factor, max. 10 marks)	
		20 marks

END OF PAPER 2B