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BUSINESS STUDIES

0450/21

Paper 2

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1 hour 45 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No Additional Materials are required.

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Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

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DO **NOT** WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

Answer **all** questions.

The Insert contains the case study.

The business described in this question paper is entirely fictitious.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

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- 1 (a) Country A is a market economy where there is little Government regulation. Identify and explain **one** advantage and **one** disadvantage to TT of trading in this type of economy.

Advantage:

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Explanation:

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Disadvantage:

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Explanation:

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(b) TT has 10 small shops. Consider the advantages and disadvantages of operating several small shops rather than 1 large shop. Do you think Ted was right to open 10 small shops rather than 1 large shop? Justify your answer.

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Several small shops:

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One large shop:

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Recommendation:

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- 2 (a) TT buys stock from manufacturers in other countries. Identify and explain **two** possible advantages to TT of importing its stock.

Advantage 1:

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Explanation:

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Advantage 2:

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Explanation:

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(b) Ted and Mustafa want to increase the sales revenue from TT shops. There are **three** options listed below. Consider the advantages and disadvantages of each of these options and recommend which option you think Ted and Mustafa should choose. Justify your answer.

Rent tools to customers instead of selling the tools:

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Sell high quality tools to construction businesses:

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Start to also sell paint and decorating equipment in the shops:

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Recommendation:

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3 (a) Ted and Mustafa want to open another shop. Identify and explain **four** factors they should consider when choosing a location for the new shop.

Factor 1:

Explanation:

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Factor 2:

Explanation:

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Factor 3:

Explanation:

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Factor 4:

Explanation:

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(b) Refer to the cash flow forecast in Appendix 2.

(i) Calculate the values of **w**, **x**, **y** and **z** and write your answers below.

w:

x:

y:

z: [4]

(ii) Comment on **two** ways the cash flow position could be improved. Recommend the best way for Ted and Mustafa to improve the cash flow over the next 6 months. Justify your answer.

Way 1:

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Way 2:

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Recommendation:

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- 4 (a) Governments can pass laws to protect employees. Identify and explain **two** ways employment laws might benefit employees in TT's shops.

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Explanation:

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Way 2:

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Explanation:

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- 5 (a) Refer to Appendix 3. Identify and explain **two** possible effects on TT's business of the recent bad weather.

Effect 1:

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Explanation:

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Effect 2:

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Explanation:

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(b) Mustafa wants to leave the partnership next year. Ted is considering **three** options listed below. Consider the advantages and disadvantages of each of these options. Recommend which option you think Ted should choose. Justify your answer.

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Start a new partnership with another partner:

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Become a sole trader:

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Form a private limited company:

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Recommendation:

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