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Paper 1 Introduction to Financial Accounting

Mark scheme

Specimen

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Level of response marking instructions

Level of response mark schemes are broken down into levels, each of which has a descriptor. The descriptor for the level shows the average performance for the level. There are marks in each level.

Before you apply the mark scheme to a student's answer read through the answer and annotate it (as instructed) to show the qualities that are being looked for. You can then apply the mark scheme.

Step 1 Determine a level

Start at the lowest level of the mark scheme and use it as a ladder to see whether the answer meets the descriptor for that level. The descriptor for the level indicates the different qualities that might be seen in the student's answer for that level. If it meets the lowest level then go to the next one and decide if it meets this level, and so on, until you have a match between the level descriptor and the answer. With practice and familiarity you will find that for better answers you will be able to quickly skip through the lower levels of the mark scheme.

When assigning a level you should look at the overall quality of the answer and not look to pick holes in small and specific parts of the answer where the student has not performed quite as well as the rest. If the answer covers different aspects of different levels of the mark scheme you should use a best fit approach for defining the level and then use the variability of the response to help decide the mark within the level, ie if the response is predominantly level 1 with a small amount of level 2 material it would be placed in level 2 but be awarded a mark near the top of the level because of the level 2 content.

Step 2 Determine a mark

Once you have assigned a level you need to decide on the mark. The descriptors on how to allocate marks can help with this. The exemplar materials used during standardisation will help. There will be an answer in the standardising materials which will correspond with each level of the mark scheme. This answer will have been awarded a mark by the Lead Examiner. You can compare the student's answer with the example to determine if it is the same standard, better or worse than the example. You can then use this to allocate a mark for the answer based on the Lead Examiner's mark on the example.

You may well need to read back through the answer as you apply the mark scheme to clarify points and assure yourself that the level and the mark are appropriate.

Indicative content in the mark scheme is provided as a guide for examiners. It is not intended to be exhaustive and you must credit other valid points. Students do not have to cover all of the points mentioned in the Indicative content to reach the highest level of the mark scheme.

An answer which contains nothing of relevance to the question must be awarded no marks.

Examiners are required to assign each of the students' responses to the most appropriate level according to its overall quality, then allocate a single mark within the level. When deciding upon a mark in a level examiners should bear in mind the relative weightings of the assessment objectives and be careful not to over/under credit a particular skill. For example, in questions 17 and 18 more weight should be given to AO3 than to AO2. This will be exemplified and reinforced as part of examiner training.

The own figure rule

General principle

The own figure rule is designed to ensure that students are only penalised once for a particular error at the point at which that error is made, and suffer no further penalty as consequence of the error. The error could be in an account, a calculation, financial statement, or prose explanation. Where the own figure rule is to be applied in a mark scheme, the symbol **OF** is used.

Applications

In an account: a student could still achieve a mark for balancing an account with their own figure, rather than the correct figure, if they had made an error in the account (such as the omission of an entry, or the inclusion of an incorrect figure for an otherwise valid entry). However, it should be noted that an own figure would not be awarded for the balance of an account, if the account contained any item which should not have appeared (often referred to as an 'extraneous/alien' item).

In a complex calculation to which several marks are allocated: a student could achieve an own figure mark for the result of a complex calculation, if an error has been made in one of the steps leading to the final result. The complex calculation could be a separate task, or an aspect of a larger requirement (such as workings to provide details for a financial statement).

In a financial statement: a student could still achieve a mark for calculating an own figure for a key subtotal within a financial statement where an error had already occurred in the data making up the subsection (such as the omission of an item, or an incorrect figure for an otherwise valid entry). Again, the own figure for a subtotal would not be given if the subsection included any 'alien' item.

In a prose statement: a student who is explaining or interpreting some financial statements or data that they have prepared but which contains errors, would be credited with an appropriate interpretation of their own figures.

Workings

A 'W' next to a figure in the mark schemes means that the figure needs to be calculated by the student to which workings are shown for reference. If the figure the student has given in their answer is wrong and the marks given for that calculation are more than 1 then the marker must refer to the working for that item. The working will show the steps of the calculation to which the marks are attributed and the student should be allocated the marks for the steps they completed correctly.

Section A

Question	Answer	Total marks
01	С	1
	Sales returns journal - Sales returns – S Rowe	AO1 = 1

Question	Answer	Total marks
02	A	1
	Commission	AO1 = 1

Question	Answer	Total marks
03	В	1
	£36 620	AO1 = 1

Question	Answer	Total marks
04	В	1
	Materiality	AO1 = 1

Question	Answer	Total marks
05	В	1
	Consistency	AO1 = 1

Question	Answer	Total marks
06	С	1
	Increase, Increase	AO1 = 1

Question	Answer	Total marks
	A	1
07	Cost - residual value	
	Estimated useful life	AO1 = 1

Question	Answer	Total marks
08	В	1
	Gross profit Cost of sales	AO1 = 1

Question	Answer	Total marks
09	В	1
	£5 600	AO1 = 1

Question	Answer	Total marks
10	В	1
	£68.25	AO1 = 1

Question	Part	Marking guidance						Total marks
11	1	Prepare the trade payables ledger control account at 30 April 2023. Bring any balance down on 1 May 2023.						
		Dr	Trade Payables Ledger Control Account Cr					AO1 = 5
		Details	£	•	Details	£		
		Bank	5 800	(1)	Purchases journal	25 000	(1)	
		Discount received	125	(1)				
		Balance c/d	19 255		Balance c/d	180	#	
			25 180			25 180	_	
		Balance b/d	180	(1)#	Balance b/d	19 255	(1)OF*	
		Marker note: * Award the OF mark for arithmetically correct. # To award the mark for the shown.				J		

Question	Part	Marking guidance	Total marks
11	2	State two reasons why a business might prepare a trade payables ledger control account.	2
		Award up to one mark for each correct reason given.	AO1 = 2
		Answers may include:	
		To help prepare the Statement of financial position.	
		 To find the total amount owing to credit suppliers at the year- 	
		end date.	
		To prevent fraud.	
		To identify errors in the individual suppliers' accounts.	

Question	Part	Marking guidance	Total marks
11	3	State one reason why a credit supplier's account may have a debit balance.	1 AO1 = 1
		 Answers may include: Goods returned after payment. Overpaid account Paid in advance 	

Question	Part		Marking guidance								
12		Prepare the trading section of the inco	ome statement	for the	year ended 30	September 2023	3.	5			
		Li Trading section of the Income statement for the year ended 30 September 2023									
			£		£						
		Revenue			196 500						
		Returns inwards			(3 130)						
					193 370	(1)					
		Cost of sales									
		Inventory at 1 October 2022	18 190								
		Purchases	63 200	(1)							
		Goods taken for own use	(650)	(1)							
			80 740								
		Inventory at 30 September 2023	(16 540)								
					(64 200)	(1) OF #					
		Gross Profit			129 170	(1) OF#					
		ue and cost of									

Question	Part			ı	Marking	guidance				Total marks		
13	1	2023, for the n Bring any bala	Prepare both the at cost account at 30 April 2023 and the provision for depreciation account at 30 April 2023, for the motor vans. Bring any balances down on 1 May 2023.									
		Dr			tor Van	s at Cost Acco			Cr			
		Date 1 May	Details	£		Date	Details	£				
		2022 30 Nov	Balance b/d	72 000	(1)	30 Nov 2022	Disposal	24 000	(1)			
		2022	Bank	20 000	(1)	30 Apr 2023	Balance c/d	76 000				
			Disposal	8 000	(1)			100 000				
				100 000	=							
		1 May 2023	Balance b/d	76 000	(1)OF							
		Marker note:								11		
		To award mark	KS:							100 - 44		
		account involv	ust be on the corre ed in the transacti disposal account	on and not a	a descrip	otion of the trai				AO2 = 11		
		Accept reason b/d, bal b/fwd.	able abbreviations	s, eg for disp	osal ac	count accept [Disp a/c; for bal	ance entries a	accept bal			
			he balance b/d on correct and there a					ould be award	ed if it is			

Dr	Motor Vans Provision for Depreciation Account									
Date 30 Nov	Details	£		Date 01 May	Details	£				
2022 30 Apr	Disposal account	13 875	(1)	2022 30 Apr	Balance b/d	34 875	(1)			
2023	Balance c/d	34 750	_	2023	Income statement*	13 750	(3) W1			
		48 625				48 625				
			-	01 May 2023	Balance b/d	34 750	(1)OF			

Marker note:

To award marks:

The entries must be on the correct side and have an appropriate label. The label should refer to the other account involved in the transaction and not a description of the transaction.

Accept reasonable abbreviations, eg for disposal account accept Disp a/c; for balance entries accept bal b/d, bal b/fwd. For the income statement entry accept depreciation change.

The mark for the balance b/d on 1 May 2023 is for the balancing process and should be awarded if it is arithmetically correct and there are no extraneous items, eg cost of van.

^{*} If there is no acceptable label and there is a correct depreciation (£13 750) figure then award **2 marks**. If there is no acceptable label and depreciation is incorrect check workings and if appropriate award **1** mark.

	£	
Cost	72 000	
Disposal	(24 000)	
Acquisition	28 000	
	76 000	(1)
Depreciation		
Provision	34 875	
Disposal depreciation	(13 875)	
	21 000	(1)
Net book value	55 000	
Depreciation rate	25%	
Depreciation for year	13 750	(1)OF#

Question	Part		Marking guidance							
13	2	Prepare the wages account at 30 April 2023. Bring any balance down on 1 May 2023.							4	
		Dr				Wages Accou	ınt		Cr	AO2 = 4
		Date 30 April	Details	£		Date	Details	£		
		2023 30 April	Bank	58 600	(1)	1 May 2022	Balance b/d	2 800	(1)	
		2023	Balance c/d	4 200		30 April 2023	Income statement	60 000	(1)	
				62 800				62 800	-	
						1 May 2023	Balance b/d	4 200	(1)	
		Marker not	e:							
		To award m	arks:							
							ropriate label. The lab of the transaction.	el should	refer to the other	
		Accept reas	Accept reasonable abbreviations, eg for balance entries accept bal b/d, bal b/fwd.							
						023 is for the ba traneous items.	lancing process and s	should be a	awarded if it is	

Question	Part		Marking guidance							
14	1	Prepare a	repare an updated cash book at 30 April 2023. Bring down any balance on 1 May 2023.							
		Dr		Cash	n book (Bank col	umns)	Cr		AO2 = 5
		Date 30 April 30 April	Details Balance b/d Credit transfer Wu	£ 868 215	(1)	Date 30 April 30 April 30 April 30 April	Details Bank interest J J Holdings DD Jones - Cheque adjustment Balance c/d	£ 45 650 9 379 1 083	(1) (1) (1)	
		1 May	Balance b/d	379	(1)OF				=	
		Marker no	ote:							
			OF mark for correctly eous items.	balancing	the acco	ount (this o	could be on the cred	it side) provid	ded there are	

Question	Part	Marking gu	Marking guidance						
14	2	Prepare a bank reconciliation statement at 30 April 20	023.	4					
		Bank reconciliation statement	AO2 = 4						
		Balance per bank statement Add bank error 765421 Add outstanding banking - Khan Less unpresented cheques Balance per cash book *Unpresented cheques JC Plumbing £465 + Citi Plumbing £275 = £740 Alternative answer	£ (5 967) 4 600 (1) (1 367) 2 486 1 119 (740)* (1) 379 (1)OF						

Bank reconciliation statement at 30 April 2023	
Balance per cash book 379 (1)OF Add unpresented cheques 740* (1) Less bank error 765421 (4 600) (1) Less amounts not yet credited - Khan (2 486) (1) Balance per bank statement (5 967)	

Questio n	Part				Marking guidance	Total marks
14	3				s decided to retire. The business is unsure whether another bookkeeper or employ an accountant.	6
			dvise the aploy an		whether they should employ another bookkeeper or nt.	AO2 = 2 AO3 = 4
			Level	Marks	Description	
			3	5-6	 Relevant knowledge and understanding of principles, concepts and techniques has been applied to the context clearly and appropriately. 	
			3	5-0	A clear and balanced analysis of data is provided. The judgement/ recommendation is supported by evidence.	
			2	3-4	Relevant knowledge and understanding of principles, concepts and techniques has been applied to the context, but not always clearly and/or appropriately.	
				A clear but unbalanced OR a balanced but unclear analysis of data is provided. The judgement/ recommendation is partially supported by evidence.		
			_		Limited application of knowledge and understanding of principles, concepts and techniques to the context.	
			1	1-2	 A limited analysis of discrete points of accounting data is provided. There is limited support for the judgement/ recommendation. 	
			0	0	Nothing written worthy of credit.	
		Th	nswers n ne main d pokkeepe transacti	ifference rs are us		
		•	entering checking	transacti	unting records ions in the day books and ledger accounts uracy of the bookkeeping eg preparing a bank tement.	

Bookkeepers may assist in the preparation of the financial statements by preparing the trial balance.

However, accountants are usually responsible for the actual preparation of the financial statements including making sure that:

- accounting concepts are applied to the preparation
- the financial statements show a true and fair view of the business.

In some businesses the bookkeeper may prepare the financial statements and the accountant may be involved in the bookkeeping.

Given that the business appears small by the amount of transactions that went through the bank account for the month it may not need the services of an accountant.

It appears that the business needs someone to write up the accounting records which is more the role of a bookkeeper.

As a bookkeeper is normally cheaper to employ than an accountant I would advise them to employ another bookkeeper.

Other creditworthy material should be rewarded as appropriate.

Question	Part	Marking	g guidance		Total marks
15		Prepare the statement of financial into account any adjustments need			15
		Statement of financial p	Mel	1 2022	AO2 = 15
		Statement of imancial p	£	£	
		Non-current assets at net book value		28 760	
		Current assets		20 700	
		Inventory	20 950 (1) W1		
		Trade receivables	30 000		
		Other receivables	1 050 (1) W2		
		Bank	10 175 (2) W3		
				<u>62 175</u> (1) OF	
		Total assets		90 935	
		Equity			
		At 1 May 2022		48 600	
		Capital introduced		10 000 (1)	
		Profit for the year		24 860 (4) W4	
				83 460	
		Drawings		(21 450) (1) W5	
		At 30 April 2023		62 010 (1) OF***	
		Non-current liabilities			
		Bank Loan		20 000 (1)	
		Current liabilities			
		Trade payables	6 750		
		Other payables	<u>2 175</u> (1) W6		
				<u>8 925</u> (1) OF	
		Total liabilities		<u>28 925</u>	
		Total equity and liabilities		90 935	
		Marker note: To award marks the items must be	labelled.		
		Do not accept abbreviations as this Accept reasonable alternatives, eg equivalents for bank.			
		*Award the OF marks for totals if the there are no extraneous items such assets and trade payables. Please workings regarding OF total marks	h as other payabl note additional c	les, non-current	d l

W1 Inventory

W2 Other receivables

Marker note:

If the student only shows £600 in the current assets section then award 1 mark for this but do not award the OF mark for the total of current assets.

W3 Bank

	Ł	
Original figure	1 075	
Capital introduced	10 000	(1)
Rent paid	(900)	(1)
	10 175	

Marker note:

If the student correctly adjusts for capital introduced and rent paid, but does not include the opening bank balance award **2 marks** for the bank figure but do not award the OF for the total of current assets.

W4 Profit for the year

	£	
Original figure	27 860	
Wages/drawings	(350)	(1)
Goods sale or return	(750)	(1)
Loan interest	(1 600)	(1)
Rent	(300)	_ (1)
	24 860	_

Marker note:

If the student makes correct adjustments but does not include the opening balance award marks appropriately but do not award the OF for the total of the equity section.

W5 Drawings

Marker note:

If the student correctly adjusts for wages but does not include the opening balance award **1 mark** for the drawings figure but do not award the OF for the total of the equity section.

W6 Other payables

Original figure
$$575$$
Loan interest (2 400 x 2 /₃) 1600 (1) 2175

Marker note:

If the student only shows £1 600 in the current liabilities section then award 1 mark for this but do not award the OF mark for the total of current liabilities.

Question	Part	Marking guidance Assess the performance of Alistair's business in relation to liquidity. Use the ratios provided by Alistair.			Total marks
16					12
		Level	Marks	Description	AO2 = 3
				An excellent response that focuses fully on the	AO3 = 9
		4	10-12	demands of the question.	
				 A wide range of relevant knowledge and understanding of accounting principles, concepts and techniques is applied to the context clearly and appropriately. Accounting data is analysed and evaluated thoroughly to make a balanced, well-reasoned and persuasive judgement/recommendation. 	
		3	7-9	A good response that focuses on many of the demands of the question.	
				 A range of relevant knowledge and understanding of accounting principles, concepts and techniques is applied, but not always clearly and/or appropriately. Accounting data is analysed and evaluated to make a balanced and reasoned judgement/ recommendation. 	
		2	4–6	A reasonable response that focuses on some of the demands of the question.	
				 Some relevant knowledge and understanding of accounting principles, concepts and techniques is applied, but lacking in clarity and appropriateness. There is some analysis and evaluation of accounting data but the judgement/recommendation is either unbalanced or there are gaps in the reasoning. 	
		1	1–3	A limited response that has little focus on the demands of the question.	
				 Limited application of relevant knowledge and understanding of accounting principles, concepts and techniques to the context, often lacking in clarity and appropriateness. There is limited analysis and evaluation. The judgement/recommendation is lacking in both balance and reasoning. 	

0 Nothing written worthy of credit.

Answers may include:

AO2 - Application

- Use of liquidity ratios in answering questions e.g. trade receivables; trade payables; rate of inventory turnover.
- Explanation of ratios.

In 2023:

It takes Alistair 40 days to receive cash from his credit customers.

It takes 33 days for Alistair to pay his credit suppliers.

Inventory turnover shows that goods are sold and replaced 5 times a year.

AO3 – Analysis and evaluation

Trade receivable days

Trade receivable days have been improving having fallen from 60 days in 2020 to 40 days in 2023 /by 20 days.

Alistair is improving his liquidity position as he is collecting his debts more quickly.

However, his liquidity position is worse than expected as his collection period is greater than the average credit period of 30 days offered.

Trade payable days

Payable days are improving increasing from 20 days in 2020 to 33 days in 2023/by 13 days.

Alistair is improving his liquidity position as he is taking longer to pay his supplier.

His liquidity position has improved as his payment period is just more than the credit period allowed of 30 days.

There is a possible adverse effect on liquidity if suppliers withdraw credit because of slow payment.

There may be a negative impact on liquidity if Alistair loses cash discounts as a result of late payment.

Inventory turnover

Inventory turnover has worsened, falling from 12 times a year in 2020 to 5 in 2023/by 7 times a year.

His liquidity position is worsened as he is taking longer to sell his inventory this will mean that more money is tied up in stock.

A further negative impact on liquidity would result if the decrease in inventory turnover is the result of decreasing sales.

• Assessment of performance

Trade receivables and trade payables days are improving. Comparing the two ratios in 2020 Alistair paid his suppliers 40 days before money was received from his customers. In 2023 Alistair paid his suppliers 7 days before receiving cash from his customers.

Inventory turnover has deteriorated which may have a negative impact on his liquidity position. Without further information it is impossible to make a definitive judgement.

Overall assessment- it is difficult to make a definitive judgement without other information for example industry averages, his actual bank balance and other ratios eg current ratio. However, the indication is that he has improved his credit control whilst the rate of inventory turnover has deteriorated which could be causing liquidity problems.

Ratios have a number of limitations in assessing business performance for example:

- May be out of date.
- May be unreliable due to window dressing or the year-end figures may be distorted by factors and so not reflect the usual performance of the business.

Marker note:

The indicative content is not exhaustive: other creditworthy material should be awarded marks as appropriate.