

INTERNATIONAL A-LEVEL **ACCOUNTING**

9615/3

Paper 3 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 3 with a small amount of level 4 material it would be placed in level 3 but be awarded a mark near the top of the level because of the level 4 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.

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	D The value of a business's assets and liabilities at a point in time	1 AO1 = 1

Question	Answer	Total marks
02	D Realisation	1 AO1 = 1

Question	Answer	Total marks
03	C To provide a set of rules which benefits all companies	1 AO1 = 1

Question	Answer	Total marks
04	D \$19 500 profit	1 AO1 = 1

Question	Answer	Total marks
05	D Current liabilities \$1 200	1 AO1 = 1

Question	Answer	Total marks
06	<p style="text-align: center;">A</p> $\frac{\text{Dividend per share}}{\text{Market price per share}} \times 100$	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AO1 = 1</p>

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07	<p style="text-align: center;">B</p> $\frac{\text{Profit from operations}}{\text{Equity + non-current liabilities}} \times 100$	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AO1 = 1</p>

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08	<p style="text-align: center;">C</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Local community</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AO1 = 1</p>

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09	<p style="text-align: center;">C</p> <p style="text-align: center;">240 000</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AO1 = 1</p>

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10	<p style="text-align: center;">A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$5 500</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AO1 = 1</p>

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W1 Revaluation surplus: shared \$15 000 in ratio 3:2:1, ie Mike $\frac{1}{2} \times \$15\,000 = \$7\,500$;
Nu $\frac{1}{3} \times \$15\,000 = \$5\,000$; Oliver $\frac{1}{6} \times \$15\,000 = \$2\,500$ Award 1 mark for all 3 figures **(1)**

W2 Goodwill adjustment:

	Mike	Nu	Oliver	
	\$	\$	\$	
Goodwill shared 3:2:1	30 000	20 000	10 000	(1)
Goodwill written off	(30 000)	(30 000)		(1)

Alternative answer (below) if students net-off goodwill

Net		(10 000) (1)	10 000 (1)	
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Marker note:

The bank entries are for correctly calculating the amount due to Oliver and for ensuring that Mike and Nu have capital balances of \$75 000 each.

Alternative approach on next page

Alternative answer if students net-off the goodwill adjustment

Dr

Capital Accounts

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Section B

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14	1	<p>Prepare a reconciliation of operating profit to net cashflow from operating activities for the year ended 30 June 2023. A full statement of cash flows is not required.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HQV plc</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash flow from operating activities for the year ended 30 June 2023</p> <table><thead><tr><th></th><th style="text-align: right;">\$000</th><th></th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Profit from operations</td><td style="text-align: right;">2 868</td><td>(5) OF W1</td></tr><tr><td>Depreciation</td><td style="text-align: right;">1 217</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Loss on disposal</td><td style="text-align: right;">549</td><td>(5) OF W2</td></tr><tr><td>Decrease in inventories</td><td style="text-align: right;">26</td><td>(1)</td></tr><tr><td>Increase in trade receivables</td><td style="text-align: right;">(97)</td><td>(1)</td></tr><tr><td>Decrease in trade payables</td><td style="text-align: right;"><u>(307)</u></td><td>(1)</td></tr><tr><td>Cash from operating activities</td><td style="text-align: right;">4256</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Interest paid</td><td style="text-align: right;">(402)</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Corporation tax paid</td><td style="text-align: right;"><u>(398)</u></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Net cash flow from operating activities</td><td style="text-align: right;"><u>3 456</u></td><td>(1) OF *</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>Marker note:</p> <p>* award OF marks for totals if numerically correct and no extraneous items in that column, must include the column heading.</p>		\$000		Profit from operations	2 868	(5) OF W1	Depreciation	1 217		Loss on disposal	549	(5) OF W2	Decrease in inventories	26	(1)	Increase in trade receivables	(97)	(1)	Decrease in trade payables	<u>(307)</u>	(1)	Cash from operating activities	4256		Interest paid	(402)		Corporation tax paid	<u>(398)</u>		Net cash flow from operating activities	<u>3 456</u>	(1) OF *	<p>14</p> <p>AO2 = 14</p>
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Workings

W1 Profit from operations

	\$000	\$000	
Increase in retained earnings			
Retained earnings 30 June 2023	4 332		
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Add:			
Dividends paid		1 334	(1)
Taxation		512	(1)
Finance costs		<u>402</u>	(1)
Profit from operations		<u>2 868</u>	(1)OF

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14	2	<p>The Managing Director of HQV plc has asked the Finance Director why the company needs to prepare the statement of cash flows. The Managing Director feels that preparing this statement is a waste of resources and that the information produced is confusing.</p> <p>Assess the Managing Director's opinion.</p> <table><tr><th>Level</th><th>Marks</th><th>Description</th></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>5 - 6</td><td><ul style="list-style-type: none">Relevant knowledge and understanding of principles, concepts and techniques has been applied to the context clearly and appropriately.A clear and balanced analysis of data is provided. The judgement/ recommendation is supported by evidence.</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>3 - 4</td><td><ul style="list-style-type: none">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.</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>1 - 2</td><td><ul style="list-style-type: none">Limited application of knowledge and understanding of principles, concepts and techniques to the context.A limited analysis of discrete points of accounting data is provided. There is limited support for the judgement/ recommendation.</td></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>Nothing written worthy of credit.</td></tr></table> <p>Answers may include:</p> <p>Case for preparation of a statement of cashflows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Highlights the differences between cash and profit since they are treated differently in the financial statements so that it is known where cash is generated and spent. In this instance the business has generated \$3 456 000 OF from its operating activities. spent \$6 600 000 on non-	Level	Marks	Description	3	5 - 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Relevant knowledge and understanding of principles, concepts and techniques has been applied to the context clearly and appropriately.A clear and balanced analysis of data is provided. The judgement/ recommendation is supported by evidence.	2	3 - 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">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.	1	1 - 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Limited application of knowledge and understanding of principles, concepts and techniques to the context.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.	<p>6</p> <p>AO2 = 2</p> <p>AO3 = 4</p>
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Profit for the year must have an appropriate label to be awarded and wages \$15 000 must be included.

Do not accept abbreviations or just “profit” or “loss”.

Marker note

When applying the own figure rule the mark will not be awarded if there are extraneous items present – see page 6 of mark scheme for clarification.

W1 Calculation of gross profit

$$\$172\,000 \times \frac{60}{100+60} = \$64\,500$$

W2 Purchases

	\$	
Bank	103 000	(1)
Opening balance	(27 629)	(1) for both
Closing balance	28 754	
Purchases	<u>104 125</u>	OF

Marker note

If the working is shown but the answer is not used in the Income Statement award 1 mark.

W3 Disposal of fixtures and fitting

	\$	
Cost	13 500	
Depreciation	(7 500)	
Carrying value	<u>6 000</u>	(1)
Proceeds	5 500	
Loss	<u>(500)</u>	(1)

Marker note

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W4 General expenses

	\$	
Bank	10 365	(1)
Other payable	(400)	
Other receivable	(150)	(1) for both
	<u>9 815</u>	OF

Marker note

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W5 Cash stolen

	\$	
Cash sales	50 400	
Opening balance	200*	
Cash drawings	(2 500)] (1) for both
Cash banked	(47 650)	
Closing balance	(150)*	*(1) for both balances
	<u>300</u>	(1) OF must include \$50 400

Marker note

If the working is shown but the answer is not used in the Income Statement award up to 2 marks.

W6 Depreciation

	\$	
Original carrying value	40 000	
Disposal	(6 000)	
Purchase	14 000	
	<u>48 000</u>	(1)
x 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ %		(1)*
Depreciation for year	<u>16 000</u>	OF

* To award the mark for using 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % this must be applied to a non-current asset figure and must be arithmetically correct.

Marker note

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Alternative layout where the workings are shown in a T account.

W2 Trade Payables Ledger Control Account

Details	\$		Details	\$	
Bank	103 000	(1)	Balance b/d	27 629	#
Balance c/d	28 754	(1) #	Credit purchases	104 125	OF
	<u>131 754</u>			<u>131 754</u>	

award 1 mark for both balances.

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W3 General Expenses Account

Details	\$		Details	\$	
Bank	10 365	(1)	Balance b/d	400	#
			Income Statement	9 815	OF
			Balance c/d	150	(1)#
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Award 1 mark for both balances.

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W4 Cash Account

Details	\$		Details	\$	
Balance b/d	200	#	Drawings	2 500	} (1) both
Cash sales	50 400	OF	Bank	47 650	
			Stolen cash	300	(1)OF*
			Balance c/d	150	(1) #
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award 1 mark for both balances.

* to award the OF mark for cash stolen the cash sales of \$54 000 must be included.

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Section C

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Answers may include:

AO2 – Application

Xi can invest \$50 000
Xi does not have experience as an owner of a business.
The forecast profit is \$40 000 which will have to be shared.
Lorraine could lose her capital investment of \$60 000

AO3 – Analysis and evaluation

Benefits:

Additional capital. By forming a partnership Lorraine will have more capital available as Xi can invest \$50 000 which is permanent/does not have to be repaid.

Decision making This could be improved as more people are involved in the process. Xi has experience of managing shops and this could bring increased expertise.

Greater expertise/ideas. Having more partners means that there may be more expertise/ideas and they may have different skills. Xi could be a better administrator or sales person than Lorraine.

Sharing workload. A sole trader does not have anyone to share the work load with, this makes it difficult for Lorraine to take holidays or have someone to cover her if she is unwell. Having Xi as a partner would enable Lorraine to take holidays without having to either close the business/pay for a replacement manager.

Drawbacks:

Sharing profit/losses. In a partnership the profits are shared whereas a sole trader will keep all the profits. The forecast profit is \$40 000 this will have to be shared and Lorraine's share may be less than the profit for last year of \$24 000. If Xi's share of the profit is \$25 000 then Lorraine's share will be reduced and may affect her drawings of \$18 000.

Decision making. Xi does not have experience as an owner of a business and this may affect her ability to make decisions. Lorraine and Xi may not get on well together which will make it difficult to work efficiently together.

Control/Ownership. Both partners will expect to have a say in the running of the business. Lorraine has previously made all the decisions; she will now

		<p>have to share this process which she may find difficult/not like doing/slows down activities.</p> <p>Unlimited liability. This means that if the business fails Lorraine and Xi could lose their investment and personal possessions. Lorraine could lose her capital investment of \$60 000 and could be responsible for the total liabilities of the partnership.</p> <p>Marker note:</p> <p>The indicative content is not exhaustive: other creditworthy material should be awarded marks as appropriate.</p>	
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