

MARK SCHEME for the May/June 2011 question paper
for the guidance of teachers

0454 ENTERPRISE

0454/01

Paper 1 (Case Study), maximum raw mark 100

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1	(a) (i)	<p>What is meant by the term <i>enterprising</i>?</p> <p>Completing actions which involve making decisions (1) or taking risks (1).</p>	[1]
	(ii)	<p>Explain <u>one</u> way that <u>you</u> were enterprising when taking part in <u>your</u> enterprise project.</p> <p>2 marks for a full explanation of what the candidate did in their enterprise project. 1 mark for applying risk-taking or decision-making.</p>	[2]
	(b)	<p>With reference to <u>one</u> organisation or individual that you have studied, discuss the ways in which they could assist Mabel to solve the problems of starting up 'Mabel's Lunches'.</p> <p>Could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal sources – government bodies, business agencies, financial institutions or charities • Business networks • Informal sources – friends, other business people etc. <p>Level 3 (4–5 marks) Candidate discusses how the organisation/individual can help Mabel's start up problems.</p> <p>Level 2 (2–3 marks) Candidate is able to apply knowledge and understanding to how the organisation/individual could assist Mabel. Must be a named individual/organisation to access L2.</p> <p>Level 1 (1 mark) Candidate shows knowledge of the support available to enterprises.</p> <p>Allow general references to an organisation, e.g. bank, or an individual from the case study, e.g. Vijay.</p>	[5]

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2	(a)	<p>Explain <u>one</u> way in which production in an enterprise might be affected by laws.</p> <p>Candidates are likely to suggest: health and safety legislation, food hygiene legislation, maximum working hours, quality standards, limits on production of certain product.</p> <p>2 marks for a full explanation of the effect of the law. 1 mark for identification of a law/impact.</p>	[2]
	(b)	<p>Use PESTEL analysis to discuss <u>two</u> risks that could affect <u>your</u> <u>enterprise project</u>.</p> <p>Linking risk to PESTEL. (Analysis × 2)</p> <p>Explanation of how the risk affected their enterprise. (Application × 2)</p> <p>Knowledge of PESTEL or identified risks for an enterprise – no application. (Knowledge × 2)</p>	[6] (2x3)

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3	(a)	<p>What is meant by the term <i>sole trader</i>?</p> <p>A business owned by one person (1) with unlimited liability (2).</p> <p>2 marks for a full description. 1 mark for a limited idea e.g. runs/operates alone.</p>	[2]
	(b) (i)	<p>What is meant by <i>negotiation</i>?</p> <p>Is the process (1) of :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • resolving disputes • agreeing courses of action • bargaining and reaching outcomes • satisfying the interests of those involved. <p>2 marks for a full description. 1 mark for a limited idea.</p>	[2]
	(ii)	<p>Identify and explain <u>two</u> factors which any entrepreneur would need to consider before negotiating with a supplier.</p> <p>Candidates might consider either the planning of negotiation or the process involved in such negotiations. Therefore they could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what they are trying to achieve • the information needed to discuss • strengths and weaknesses of the position • counter arguments • consequences • how they will say things/negotiating style • preparation • the negotiating environment • testing understanding and summarising • reaching agreement. <p>2 marks for an explanation of the link to the process of negotiation. (max 2) 1 mark for each factor identified. (max 2)</p>	[4]

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	(c)	<p>Identify and explain <u>two</u> skills, apart from negotiation skills, that Mabel would need to be a successful entrepreneur.</p> <p>Candidates could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • leadership • self-confidence • motivation • innovation • team-building • determination to succeed • creativity • problem-solving • resourcefulness • taking initiative • taking calculated risks and responsibility • perseverance (hard-working) <p>Marks should be applied for each skill as follows: 1 mark for each skill identified. (2 × 1) 1 mark for application to Mabel's enterprise. (2 × 1) A further 1 mark for an analysis of how the skill would help Mabel to be successful. (2 × 1)</p>	[6] (3+3)

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4	(a)	Explain the meaning of the following terms:	
	(i)	variable cost A cost that changes with output. Allow answers which indicate change with production/sales. Example not acceptable as the question clearly requires a definition.	[1]
	(ii)	overheads Costs which cannot be directly related to a particular product. Allow indirect costs.	[1]
	(iii)	profit The surplus after total costs have been subtracted from sales revenue.	[1]
	(b)	Identify <u>two</u> more items which might be included in a budget. Case Study mentions: van, packaging and food items so these should not be allowed. Any two from: insurance fuel costs own wages other acceptable items.	[2] (2x1)
(c)	Explain <u>one</u> problem which could be avoided by preparing a budget for an enterprise. Candidates could include reference to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • targets for business so clearer idea of what you want to do – helps to decide actions • able to measure if the business is performing as expected, so deal better with any problems • control of finance leading to fewer cash flow issues • aware of financial requirements therefore can arrange sufficient finance in advance. 3–4 marks Candidate shows understanding of how the effects of the identified problem will be reduced with budget planning. 2 marks knowledge of how a budget will help a business. 1 mark knowledge of a problem related to budgets.	[4]	

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5	(a)	<p>Explain why cash flow is important to an enterprise.</p> <p>2–3 marks candidate shows understanding of why enterprises need sufficient cash available, or awareness of the problems negative cash flow can cause.</p> <p>1 mark candidate shows some knowledge of cash flow.</p>	[3]
	(b)	<p>Complete the cash flow budget below by calculating the amounts for <u>A</u> and <u>B</u>. The figures in brackets are negative.</p> <p>A = 165 B = 260 \$ sign not required.</p>	[2] (2x1)
	(c)	<p>With reference to <u>your enterprise project</u>, explain the methods you used to try to avoid a cash flow deficit.</p> <p>Answers depend upon the factors identified from the enterprise experience but issues include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • keeping a record of expenditure/income • ensuring fast collection of outstanding debts • arranging credit periods with suppliers • arranging an overdraft or loan in advance • methods to increase sales revenue e.g. marketing. <p>Level 3 (5–6 marks) Candidate is able to discuss methods used with clear explanation of their effect. (max 5 marks if only one method discussed)</p> <p>Level 2 (3–4 marks) Candidate is able to explain how these methods were/were not used within their enterprise.</p> <p>Level 1 (1–2 marks) Candidate shows knowledge of the methods used to avoid cash flow problems.</p>	[6]

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6	(a)	<p>Evaluate how the setting of business objectives would affect how <u>your enterprise project</u> operated.</p> <p>Since the question relates to their own enterprise and potential objectives, candidates may identify: profit, growth, survival sales revenue, satisficing, environmental and ethical.</p> <p>Level 4 (9–10 marks) Candidate is able to offer very good analysis and evaluation of how objectives chosen affected the operation of the enterprise.</p> <p>Level 3 (6–8 marks) Candidate is able to offer some limited analysis and evaluation of how the objectives affected the enterprise. They will reach a conclusion but fail to address fully the impact on the enterprise.</p> <p>Level 2 (3–5 marks) Candidate is able to apply suitable objectives to their enterprise.</p> <p>Level 1 (1–2 marks) Candidate shows some knowledge of business objectives. No clear reference to their enterprise experience.</p>	[10]
	(b)	<p>Discuss how business planning would enable Mabel to ensure the successful start up and long term growth of her enterprise.</p> <p>Level 4 (10–15 marks)</p> <p>Candidate analyses and evaluates, making clear use of the case study and their own experience to reach a supported judgement. A maximum of 12 marks will be awarded to candidates who do not refer to both start up and growth.</p> <p>Level 3 (6–9 marks) Candidate is able to analyse one or more benefits of planning. Answers that do not refer to both start up and growth will achieve a max of 7.</p> <p>Level 2 (3–5 marks) Candidate is able to apply some benefits of planning to the start up/growth of Mabel's enterprise.</p> <p>Level 1 (1–2 marks) Candidate shows some knowledge of business planning.</p>	[15]

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7	(a)	<p>Evaluate the different methods of communication Mabel could have used to arrange credit with local suppliers.</p> <p>Suitable methods include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • letter • telephone • face to face • email • fax. <p>Accept other relevant methods.</p> <p>Level 4 (9–10 marks) A very good analysis and evaluation with very clear reference to suitability of methods.</p> <p>Level 3 (6–8 marks) Candidate is able to analyse methods of communication to judge suitability or not for the situation.</p> <p>Level 2 (3–5 marks) Candidate is able to apply the information in the case study to choose suitable methods of communication for this situation.</p> <p>Level 1 (1–2 marks) Candidate shows some knowledge of credit and/or methods of communication.</p>	[10]

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	(b)	<p>Discuss how Mabel could use marketing communication methods to attract more customers.</p> <p>This question focuses on Mabel's enterprise which is currently a small local enterprise. Candidates should therefore choose suitable methods for this type of enterprise.</p> <p>Level 4 (10–15 marks) Candidate clearly uses the case study to reach a supported judgement as to suitable marketing communications methods for this enterprise. A maximum of 12 marks will be awarded to candidates who do not make reference to other methods.</p> <p>Level 3 (6–9 marks) Candidate is able to analyse marketing communication methods with consideration of suitability for attraction of new customers. A maximum of 7 marks will be awarded for answers which analyse only one method.</p> <p>Level 2 (3–5 marks) Candidate is able to apply some appropriate methods for the enterprise in the case study to attract customers.</p> <p>Level 1 (1–2 marks) Candidate shows some knowledge of marketing communication methods.</p>	[15]
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