

2023 Accounting

Advanced Higher

Finalised Marking Instructions

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General marking principles for Advanced Higher Accounting

Always apply these general principles. Use them in conjunction with the detailed marking instructions, which identify the key features required in candidates' responses.

- (a) Always use positive marking. This means candidates accumulate marks for the demonstration of relevant skills, knowledge and understanding; marks are not deducted for errors or omissions.
- (b) If a candidate response does not seem to be covered by either the principles or detailed marking instructions, and you are uncertain how to assess it, you must seek guidance from your team leader.
- (c) Always follow through consequentiality subsequent to a calculative error and give credit for any errors in subsequent calculations or working.
- (d) Mark scored out or erased working which has not been replaced where still legible. However, if the scored out or erased working has been replaced, mark only the work which has not been scored out.
- (e) For **describe** questions, candidates must make a number of relevant factual points, which may be characteristics and/or features, as appropriate to the question asked. These points may relate to a concept, process or situation. Candidates may provide a number of straightforward points or a smaller number of developed points, or a combination of these.

Up to the total mark allocation for this question

- award 1 mark for each relevant factual point
- award **1 mark** for any further development of a relevant point, including exemplification when appropriate.
- (f) For explain questions, candidates must make accurate relevant points that relate cause and effect and/or make relationships clear. These points may relate to a concept, process or situation. Candidates may provide straightforward points of explanation or a smaller number of developed points, or a combination of these.

Up to the total mark allocation for this question

- award **1 mark** for each relevant point of explanation
- award **1 mark** for any further development of a relevant point, including exemplification when appropriate.
- (g) For justify questions, candidates must give good reasons for a cause of action or decision. Up to the total mark allocation for this question
 - award **1 mark** for each relevant statement or opinion
 - award marks for any further development of a relevant statement or opinion.
- (h) For analyse questions, candidates must demonstrate their ability to identify, describe and explain relevant parts and the relationships between the parts and/or the whole. Candidates must be able to draw out and relate any implications and/or analyse data.

Up to the total mark allocation for this question

- award **1 mark** for each relevant point of analysis
- award **1 mark** for any further development of a relevant point, including exemplification when appropriate.

(i) For discuss questions, candidates must make points that communicate issues, ideas or information about a given topic or context that make a case for and/or against. Candidates do not always need to give both sides of the debate in their response.

Up to the total mark allocation for this question

- award 1 mark for each accurate point of knowledge that is clearly relevant
- award **1 mark** for any further development of a relevant point, including exemplification when appropriate.
- (j) For compare questions, candidates must demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the similarities and/or differences between, for example, things, methods or choices. Candidates may include relevant theoretical concepts in their points.

Up to the total mark allocation for this question

- award **1 mark** for each accurate point of analysis
- award **1 mark** for any further development of a relevant point, including exemplification when appropriate.
- (k) For evaluate questions, candidates must demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the similarities and/or differences between, for example, things, methods or choices. Candidates may include relevant theoretical concepts in their points.

Up to the total mark allocation for this question

- award **1 mark** for each accurate point of evaluation
- award **1 mark** for any further development of a relevant point, including exemplification when appropriate.
- (I) For **outline** questions, candidates must make a number of brief statements appropriate to the question asked. These may include facts, features or characteristics.

Up to the total mark allocation for this question

• award **1 mark** for each accurate statement

Marking instructions for each question

Section 1

Q	uestic	on	Expected response(s)	Max mark	Additional guidance
1.	(a)	(i)	Preference Dividend	1	Ordinary Dividend is consequential on the answer to
			10% of 50 = 5 (1)		(a) (i).
		(ii)	Ordinary Dividend	1	
			40 - 5 = 35 (1)		

Question	Expected response(s)			Max mark	Additional guidance
(b)	Statement of Cash Flows for Fine Tech plc for year en	ded 31 D	ecember	Year 6	36	Must be correct effect for entry
	CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	£m	£m	Marks		marks to be awarded.
	Operating profit	89		(3)		Items in wrong section:
	Adjustments for:					Award marks for correct
	Depreciation	63		(3)		calculations (where applicable).
	Loss on disposal of Plant	6		(2)		Do not award entry mark (where
	Gain on disposal of Investments	-9		(1)		applicable).
	Operating cash flow before working equity changes	149				Items repeated in different
	Decrease in inventory	3		(1)		sections apply +/- rule.
	Increase in trade receivables	-7		(1)		
	Increase in other payables	4		(1)		Financing Activities (other than
	Decrease in trade payables	-5		(1)		divs) - 1 each for calcs, 1 each for entries.
	Cash generated from operations	144				for entries.
	Taxation paid	-10		(4)		Issue of Ordinary Share Equity
	Interest paid	-6		(1)		and Share Premium can be
	Net cash from operating activities		128			combined for 35 for 4 marks.
	CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES					Dividends paid may be shown
	Proceeds from sale of Non-Current Assets	92		(3)		separately. (35+5)
	Purchase of Non-Current Assets	-224		(5)		
	Net cash used in investing activities		-132			Final mark is for correct arithmetic throughout the
	CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES					statement, no extraneous (eg
	Debenture Redemption	-20		(2)*		Overdraft) and correct
	Proceeds from issue of ordinary shares	30		(2)		consequential total.
	Redemption of Preference Shares	-10		(2)		* 1 mark for correct calculation;
	Share Premium	5		(2)		1 mark for correct
	Dividend paid	-40		(1)		entry/treatment. Apply to all
	Net cash used in financing activities		-35	~ /		Financing activities worth 2 marks.
	Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	_	-39	(1)		

Question	Expected re	sponse(s)	Max mark	Additional guidance
	Workings:			
	Operating Profit Profit for the Year Debenture Interest (10% of 60) Corporation Tax	64 6 (1) <u>19</u> (1)		Award entry marks consequentially, only where calculation of figure is shown for consideration.
	Depreciation	89 (1) For entry		
	Dep on plant sold (65-34) = 31^{1} Adjusted Year 5 Dep (60-31) = 29^{1}			
	Year 6 Dep (92-29) = 63 ¹	(3)		
	Loss on Disposal of Plant (34-28) = 6 ¹			
	Correct Treatment ¹	(2)		
	Tax Paid $(23^1 + 19^1 - 32^1) = 10^1$ for entry	(4)		
	Proceeds from sale of assets (55+9) = $64^1 + 28^1 = 92^{1 \text{ for entry}}$	(3)		
	Purchase of Assets Adjusted Year 5 Plant (300-65) = 235 ¹ 380-235 = 145 ¹			
	Adjusted Year 5 Investments (115-55) = 60^{1} 139-60 = 79 ¹			
	$145+79 = 224^{1}$ for entry	(5)		

Question	Expected response(s)		Additional guidance
(c)	 Statement of Retained Earnings (SORE) A financial statement outlining the changes in retained earnings for a specified period. Retained earnings are the portion of a company's income that management retains for internal operations instead of paying it to owners in form of dividends. Prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and is underpinned by the recommendations contained within IAS 1. Reconciles the beginning and ending retained earnings for the period, using information such as profit for the year from the other financial statements. Calculated by adding profit for the year and subtracting dividends from the balance of retained earnings at the beginning of the period. 	2	Any 2 for 1 mark each. Accept any other reasonable answer.

C	Question		Expected response (s)		Additional guidance
2. P	ART A	L			
	(a)	(i)	Total Material Cost Variance (35,000 kgs/20,000 units) × 22,000 units = 38,500 kgs (1) (38,500 kgs × £5.00) - £183,150 = £9,350 F (1) Material Usage Variance (38,500 kg - 37,000) × £5.00 = £7,500 F (1) Material Price Variance £183,150 / 37,000 kgs = £4.95 (1) (£5.00 - £4.95) × 37,000 kgs = £1,850 F (1) Correct identification of ALL variances as F/A (1)	6	If standard quantities for actual output incorrectly calculated, do not award (DNA) calculation mark. Accept declaration of variances consequential to this calculation.

Question	Expected response (s)	Max mark	Additional guidance
(ii)	Labour Cost Variance (76,000 hours/20,000 units) × 22,000 units = 83,600 hours (1) (83,600 hours x £9.50) - £783,100 = £11,100 F (1) Labour Efficiency Variance (83,600 hours - 82,000 hrs) x £9.50 = £15,200 F (1) Labour Rate Variance £783,100/82,000 hours = £9.55 (1) (£9.50 - £9.55) x 82,000 = £4,100 A (1) Correct identification of ALL variances as F/A (1)	6	If standard quantities for actual output incorrectly calculated, DNA calculation mark. Accept declaration of variances consequential to this calculation.
(iii)	Variable OH Efficiency Variance £273,600/76,000 hours = £3.60 (1) (83,600 hours - 82,000 hours) x £3.60 = £5,760 F (1) Variable OH Expenditure Variance (£3.60 x 82,000 hours) - £299,000 = £3,800 A (1) Fixed OH Volume Variance (£190,000/20,000 units) = £9.50 (1) (22,000 - 20,000) x £9.50 = £19,000 F (1) Fixed OH Expenditure Variance £190,000 - £197,500 = £7,500 A (1) Correct identification of ALL variances as F/A (1)	7	If standard quantities for actual output incorrectly calculated, DNA calculation mark. The same rule applies for calculation of overhead absorption rates. Accept declaration of variances consequential to this calculation. Answers consequential on (a) (ii)

Q	uestio	n	Expected response (s)	Max mark	Additional guidance
	(b)	(i)	Standard Quantity: (35,000 kgs/20,000 units) × 24,000 units = 42,000 kgs (1)	3	
			Material Usage Variance = (Standard Quantity - Actual Quantity) × Standard Price		
			Actual Quantity = Standard Quantity + <u>Material Usage Variance</u> Standard Price		
			£5,000/£5 = 1,000 kgs (1)		
			1,000 kgs + 42,000 kgs = 43,000 kgs (1)		
		(ii)	Material Price Variance = (Standard Price - Actual Price) × Actual Quantity	2	Answer is consequential on (b) (i)
			Actual Price = Standard Price - <u>Material Price Variance</u> Actual Quantity		(1)
			£8,600 / 43,000 kgs = £0.20 (1) £5.00 -£0.20 = £4.80 (1)		
			OR		
			(43,000 kgs x £5.00) - £8,600 = £206,400 (1)		
			£206,400/43,000 kgs = £4.80 (1)		
			OR		
			$(\pounds42,000 \times \pounds5.00) + \pounds5,000 - \pounds8,600 = \pounds206,400$ (1)		
			£206,400/43,000 kgs = £4.80 (1)		
		(iii)	£6,900 - (-£4,500) = £11,400 F (1)	1	
		(iv)	Standard Hours: (76,000 hours/20,000 units) × 24,000 units = 91,200 hours (1)	3	
			Total Labour Cost Variance = (Standard Rate × Standard Hours) – Actual Labour Cost		
			Actual Labour Cost = (Standard Rate × Standard Hours) – Total Labour Cost Variance		
			91,200 x £9.50 = £866,400 (1)		
			$\pounds 866,400 - \pounds 6,900 = \pounds 859,500$ (1)		

Questio	'n	Expected response (s)	Max mark	Additional guidance
(c)		• There may have been a favourable Material Price Variance due to poorer quality material being used (ID) which may have resulted in a high wastage level (EXP).	1	Award 1 mark for any relevant point. Accept any other reasonable answer.
(d)		 Hiring better grades of worker who cost more The minimum wage increases Increased pay due to trade union negotiations Overtime needing to be paid because of delays Unexpected bonuses being paid Shortage of labour driving wage rate up 	1	Award 1 mark for any relevant point. Accept any other reasonable answer.

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2. PART B							
	Flexible Budget Staten Maximum Output (100)			ear 3		10	If candidate incorrectly calculates the 80% & 90% units, do not award first mark, then award mark for the 90% output
	Level of Production	80%	Marks	90%	Marks		if the responses are
	Units	48,000		54,000			consequentially correct.
	Raw Materials:	£		£			Award Maintenance marks
	Х	57,600	(1)	64,800	(1)		(fixed/variable) as shown, if
	Y	4,800	(1)	5,400	(1)		presented on separate lines. Arithmetic error - DNA final
	Direct Labour	120,000	(1)	135,000	(1)		
	Maintenance	17,000	(1)	18,500	(1 for fixed element; 1 for		
					correct variable element)		mark awarded.
	Other Fixed Costs	16,000		16,000	(1 for both)		
	Total	215,400		239,700			
	Detailed workings with Material X (8,000kg/40,000 units @80%: £1.20 x 48,000 @90%: £1.20 per kg x 5 Material Y (8,000 kg/4kg) = 2,000 (2,000 kg/40,000 units @80%: £0.10 x 48,000 @90%: £0.10 x 54,000	x £6 per kg) = units = £57,60 54,000 = £64,) kg s x £2 per kg) units = £4,800	= £1.20 ()0 800 (1) (= £0.10)	both) (1)			

Question	Expected response(s)	Max mark	Additional guidance
	Direct Labour (10,000 hours / 40,000 units x £10 per hour) = £2.50 (1) @80%: £2.50 x 48,000 units = £120,000 @90%: £2.50 per hour x 54,000 units = £135,000 (1) (both)		
	Maintenance (£15,000-£5,000 1)/40,000 units = £0.25 (1) @80%: (£0.25 x 48,000 = £12,000) + £5,000 = £17,000 @90%: (£0.25 x 54,000) + £5,000 = £18,500 (1) (both)		

Section 2

Q	Question		Expected response(s)		Additional guidance
3.	(a)	(i)	Goodwill Shares bought: (80% x £100,000) x £2 = £160,000 (1) Value of Company bought = 80% x £119,600 = £95,680 (1) Goodwill = £160,000 - £95,680 = £64,320 (1)	3	
		(ii)	NCI = £119,600 x 20% = £23,920 (1)	1	
	(b)	(i)	Post-acquisition profits = (£13,640 - £9,600) (1) x 80% (1) = £3,232	2	
		(ii)	NCI post-acquisition = £123,640 x 20% = £24,728 (1)	1	
		(iii)	Cash in transitCurrent Account (Napier)£6,000Current Account (Duffy)£4,500Cash in transit£1,500 (1)	1	
		(iv)	Retained earnings	2	
			Opening Retained Earnings£171,900Add post-acquisition profit£3,232 (1)Less Goodwill impairment(£14,304) (1)At end£160,828		

Question	Expected	response(s)			Max mark	Additional guidance
(C)	Napier and Duffy Group: Consolidated State September Year 3	ment of Financial	Position as at	30	16	Be aware of consequentiality throughout the question.
		£	£			
	Non-current assets					
	Tangible		1,022,300	(1)		
	Intangible: Goodwill (64,320-14,304)		50,016	(1)		
			1,072,316			
	Current Assets					
	Inventories (11,800+6,400)	18,200		(1)		
	Trade receivables (11,200+10,480)	21,680		(1)		
	Cash and cash equivalents (17,600-1,440 (1) +1,500 (1))	17,660		(2)		
			57,540			
			1,129,856			
	Current Liabilities					
	Trade payables (6,000+7,000)	13,000		(1)		
	Other payables (1,000+300)	1,300		(1)		
		14,300				
	Non-current liabilities					
	Debentures (30,000+20,000)	50,000		(1)		
	TOTAL LIABILITIES		64,300			
	NET ASSETS		1,065,556			
	Equity and reserves					
	Ordinary shares	800,000		(1)		
	Share premium	80,000		(1)		
	Retained earnings	160,828		(1)		
	NCI	24,728	1,065,556	(1)		

Q	Question		Expected response(s)	Max mark	Additional guidance
	(d)	(i)	 The purpose of carrying out an impairment review of Goodwill is to: provide a true and fair view of the company's value reduce the risk of overstating the value of the company gradually remove the intangible asset from the Statement of Financial Position 	1	Award 1 mark for any relevant point. Accept any other reasonable answer.
		(ii)	Unrealised profits occur when goods sold between parent and subsidiary remain unsold and retained within the group.	1	Award 1 mark for any relevant point. Accept any other reasonable description/definition.
		(iii)	The process for dealing with unrealised profits is: 1. Deduct the value of unrealised profits from the consolidated inventory figure 2. Deduct the value of unrealised profits from the retained earnings calculation	2	

Questio	Expected response(s)	Max mark	Additional guidance
4. (a)	Marginal Costing Profit Statement - Year 4 Sales £852,500 (1) Op Inventory £145,200 (2*) Material £126,000 (1) Labour £360,000 (1) Var OH £108,000 (1) E739,200 (3*) Production Costs £511,500 Cl Inventory £227,700 (3*) Production Costs £511,500 Contribution £341,000 (1) Fixed Costs £108,000 (1) Profit £233,000 (1) *Workings: Opening Inventory Material £7 Labour (2*10) £20 Var OH (2*3) £6 E33(1) × 4,400 (1) = £145,200 Closing Inventory Op Inventory 4,400 Production $+18,000_{-}(1)_{-22,400}$ Sales $-15,500_{-}(1)_{-22,700}$	12	Award 3 marks of variable costs correctly calculated (£594,000) and shown as single figure; wrong figure without supporting notes - no award. Profit mark is for having all arithmetic correct and no deviation from established layout/procedure. Contribution MUST be labelled to gain the mark.

Question	Expected response(s)	Max mark	Additional guidance
(b)	Opening Inventory for Year 5 Material $\pounds7$ Labour (2*10.50) $\pounds21$ Var OH (2*3) $\pounds6$ Fix OH (100/20) $\pounds5$ (1) $\pounds39$ x 6,900 (1) = £269,100	3	
(c)	Absorption Costing Profit Statement Year 5Sales£1,023,000 (1)Op Inventory£269,100 (1)Material£144,900 (1)Labour£434,700 (1)Var OH£124,200 (1)Fixed OH£103,500 (2*)£1,076,400£1Cl Inventory£351,000 (2*)Production Costs£725,400	13	Award 3 marks of variable costs correctly calculated (£703,800) and shown as single figure; wrong figure without supporting notes - no award. Profit mark is for having all arithmetic correct *See workings below
	£297,600 Under absorbed (1) -£2,500 (2*) Profit £295,100 (1)		

Ç	uestion	Expected response(s)	Max mark	Additional guidance
		*Workings:		
		New Sales: 15,500 x 1.2 = 18,600		
		New Production: 18,000 x 1.15 = 20,700		
		Fixed OH : £5 (1) × 20,700 (1) = £103,500		
		Closing Inventory $6,900$ Production $\frac{20,700}{27,600}$ Sales $\frac{18,600}{9,000}$ 0 $9,000$ (1) x £39(1) = 351,000 Over/Under Absorption $20,700 \times 5 = 103,500$ $20,700 \times 5 = 103,500$ $(108,000-2,000)$ $106,000$ $-2,500$		
	(d)	 Absorption costing treats Fixed Costs as a product cost; Marginal costing treats Fixed Costs as a period cost Inventory values under Marginal costing tend to be lower, as they are valued only on variable cost This leads to lower Cost of Sales and a higher profit figure 	2	Any 2 for 1 mark each Accept the opposite explanation using Absorption Costing.

[END OF MARKING INSTRUCTIONS]