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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.
- Mark schemes will indicate within the table where, and which strands of QWC, are being assessed. The strands are as follows:
 - i) ensure that text is legible and that spelling, punctuation and grammar are accurate so that meaning is clear*
 - ii) select and use a form and style of writing appropriate to purpose and to complex subject matter*
 - iii) organise information clearly and coherently, using specialist vocabulary when appropriate.*

Question Number	Which one of the following is an example of primary market research?	Mark
	Answer	
1 (a) (i)	<p>AO1 - 1 mark</p> <p>The only correct answer is D Focus groups</p> <p>A is incorrect as published government statistics is secondary market research B is incorrect as a magazine article is secondary market research C is incorrect as internet research is secondary market research</p>	(1)

Question Number	Which one of the following is an example of external communication?	Mark
	Answer	
1 (a) (ii)	<p>AO1 - 1 mark</p> <p>The only correct answer is B Sending a customer details of a special offer</p> <p>A Is incorrect as a presentation by the chairperson to employees is an internal communication C Is incorrect as a departmental meeting is an internal communication D Is incorrect as training sessions for new employees is an internal communication</p>	(1)

Question Number	Which one of the following is the percentage decrease in the share price?	Mark
	Answer	
1 (a) (iii)	<p>AO2 - 1 mark</p> <p>The only correct answer is C 4.08%</p> <p>A is incorrect as 1.49 is $36.55 - 35.06$ B is incorrect as 1.96 is $36.55 + 35.06/36.55$ D is incorrect as 4.25 is $36.55 - 35.06 = 1.49/35.06 \times 100$</p>	(1)

Question Number	Which one of the following is the price of 12 tins of baked beans with the 12.5% promotional price discount?	Mark
	Answer	
1 (a)(iv)	<p>AO1 - 1 mark</p> <p>The only correct answer is A \$5.67</p> <p>B is incorrect as $\\$6.48 = 0.54 \times 12$ C is incorrect as $\\$56.25 = 54 \div 12 \times 12.5$ D is incorrect as $\\$81.00 = 0.54 \times 12 \times 12.5$</p>	(1)

Question Number	Which one of the following would be a long-term source of finance for a sole trader?	Mark
	Answer	
1 (a) (v)	<p>AO2 - 1 mark</p> <p>The only correct answer is C Personal savings</p> <p>A is incorrect as trade credit is not long term B is incorrect as overdraft is not long term D is incorrect as share capital is not available for sole traders</p>	(1)

Question Number	Which one of the following is the break-even point?	Mark
	Answer	
1 (a)(vi)	<p>AO1 - 1 mark</p> <p>The only correct answer is D</p> <p>A is incorrect as it is the total revenue B is incorrect as it is the total costs C is incorrect as it is the fixed costs</p>	(1)

Question Number	Define the term labour intensive production.	Mark
	Answer	
1 (b)	<p>AO1 - 1 mark</p> <p>Award 1 mark for a correct definition of labour intensive production.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A production method that makes more use of labour than machines/capital (1) 	(1)

Question Number	Define the term trade bloc.	Mark
	Answer	
1 (c)	<p>AO1 - 1 mark</p> <p>Award 1 mark for a correct definition of trade bloc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A group of countries that join together to protect themselves from imports from non-members (1) 	(1)

Question Number	State one reason why <i>Kraft Heinz</i> prefers to train its employees using on-the-job training.	Mark
	Answer	
1 (d)	<p>A02 - 1 mark</p> <p>Award 1 mark for a valid reason why <i>Kraft Heinz</i> prefers to train its employees using on-the-job training in the context of the business.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employees will know the ingredients for tomato sauce and how it is made (1) • Employees are shown the production process of baked beans (1) <p>NB Do not accept a reason that is not in the context of <i>Kraft Heinz</i></p> <p>Accept any other appropriate response.</p>	(1)

Question Number	Calculate the total pay an employee would receive once the bonus is added to their salary. You are advised to show your working. Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1 (e)	A02 - 2 marks $15\,750 \times 0.14$ (1) = 2 205 $15\,750 + 2\,205$ = 17 955 (1) OR $15\,750 \times 1.14 = 17\,955$ (2)	Award 1 mark for correctly substituting numbers into formula. Award full marks for correct numerical answer without working.	(2)

Question Number	Explain one purpose for a business of the statement of financial position.	Mark
Answer		
1 (f)	<p>A01 - 3 marks</p> <p>Award 1 mark for a purpose of the statement of financial position plus 2 further marks for explaining the purpose, for a maximum of 3 marks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By reviewing its financial position, a business can see how the business is performing (1) it may decide to expand further if it has the funds (1) by introducing new products to sell (1) • If a business has liabilities (1) it may want to find ways to reduce its expenditure (1) by decreasing the amount of stock it holds (1) <p>NB No marks are awarded for a definition.</p> <p>Answers that list three purposes with no explanation will gain 1 mark only.</p> <p>Accept any other appropriate response.</p>	(3)

Question Number	Analyse the benefits to <i>Kraft Heinz</i> of using social media to collect market research data. Indicative content	Mark
1 (g)	<p style="text-align: center;">A02 = 3 marks A03 = 3 marks</p> <p><u>A02</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social media is now widely used by many people around the world and it enables <i>Kraft Heinz</i> to collect global data quickly about a new variety of tomato sauce they have introduced • <i>Kraft Heinz</i> can set up links with a variety of people to collect their views on the changes they have made to Mac&Cheese <p><u>A03</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This allows <i>Kraft Heinz</i> to gather valuable data which can be used when information on a product is needed to decide on carrying on or stopping the product • <i>Kraft Heinz</i> can analyse and evaluate quickly the views made by people and then make adjustments to products if needed 	(6)

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Level 2	3-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sound application of knowledge and understanding of business concepts and issues to the business context although there may be some inconsistencies (AO2). Deconstructs business information and/or issues, finding interconnected points with chains of reasoning, although there may be some logical inconsistencies (AO3).
Level 3	5-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed application of knowledge and understanding of business concepts and issues to the business context throughout (AO2). Deconstructs business information and/or issues, finding detailed interconnected points with logical chains of reasoning (AO3).

Question Number	State one task that the human resources would carry out at <i>Kraft Heinz</i> when recruiting an employee.	Mark
Answer		
2 (a)	<p>A02 - 1 mark</p> <p>Award 1 mark for one task that the human resources would carry out at <i>Kraft Heinz</i> when recruiting an employee in the context of the business.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human resources would carry out interviews to recruit a Graphic Designer for the new baked beans advertisement (1) • It would look after the welfare of employees working in the tomato sauce factory (1) <p>NB Do not accept a reason that is not in the context of <i>Kraft Heinz</i>.</p> <p>Accept any other appropriate response.</p>	(1)

Question Number	State one financial objective <i>Kraft Heinz</i> might have.	Mark
Answer		
2 (b)	<p>A02 - 1 mark</p> <p>Award 1 mark for a financial objective <i>Kraft Heinz</i> might have in the context of the business.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Kraft Heinz</i> might want to increase its profit by increasing the number of different sauces they sell (1) • <i>Kraft Heinz</i> may want to increase its market share by introducing new products such as cool whip to New Zealand (1) <p>NB Do not accept a financial objective that is not in the context of <i>Kraft Heinz</i>.</p> <p>Accept any other appropriate response.</p>	(1)

Question Number	Explain one reason why some businesses use crowdfunding as a source of finance.	Mark
Answer		
2 (c)	<p>A01 - 3 marks</p> <p>Award 1 mark for a reason why some businesses use crowdfunding as a source of finance plus 2 further marks for explaining the reason, for a maximum of 3 marks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using crowdfunding can be a fast way to raise finance (1) from many investors (1) who may do this for the success of the business (1) • Crowdfunding is organised online (1) and can come from anywhere in the world (1) giving access to a wide number of investors (1) <p>NB No marks are awarded for a definition.</p> <p>Answers that list three reasons why some businesses use crowdfunding as a source of finance, with no explanation will get 1 mark only.</p> <p>Accept any other appropriate response.</p>	(3)

Question Number	Explain one disadvantage to a business of using retained profits to purchase goods and services.	Mark
Answer		
2 (d)	<p>A01 - 3 marks</p> <p>Award 1 mark for a disadvantage to a business of using retained profit to purchase goods and services, plus 2 further marks for explaining this reason, for a maximum of 3 marks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using retained profit reduces the amount of funds available for the business to use. (1) If there is an emergency where funds are needed such as a machine breaking down (1) the business may not have the funds to get it repaired (1) • By using its retained profit to purchase new machinery (1) the business may not have the funds (1) to pay the rent or wages of employees (1) <p>NB No marks are awarded for a definition.</p> <p>Answers that list three disadvantages to a business of using retained profits to purchase goods and services, with no explanation will get 1 mark only.</p> <p>Accept any other appropriate response.</p>	(3)

Question Number	Explain one reason why the quality of goods manufactured by a business is important to its success. Answer	Mark
2 (e)	<p>A01 - 3 marks</p> <p>Award 1 mark for a reason why the quality of goods manufactured by a business is important to its success plus 2 further marks for explaining why, for a maximum of 3 marks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manufacturing quality goods can lead to a good reputation for the business (1) thus encouraging more people to purchase the goods (1) which increases the sales for the business (1) • Increased competition from other businesses is why quality is important (1) the higher the quality of goods can increase customer purchases (1) which will then increases the profits of the business (1) <p>NB No marks are awarded for a definition.</p> <p>Answers that list three reasons of why the quality of goods manufactured by a business is important to its success with no explanation will get 1 mark only.</p> <p>Accept any other appropriate response.</p>	(3)

Question Number	<p><i>Kraft Heinz</i> constantly aims to promote its products to encourage people to increase sales. To do this <i>Kraft Heinz</i> is considering using the following techniques.</p> <p>Option 1: sponsorship of a local charity</p> <p>Option 2: increasing the number of special offers.</p> <p>Indicative content</p>	Mark
2 (f)	<p style="text-align: center;">A02 = 3 marks A03 = 3 marks A04 = 3 marks</p> <p><u>A02</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option 1 – By sponsoring a local charity such as Animal Rescue gains <i>Kraft Heinz</i> publicity and involvement in the local community • Option 2 – By increasing the special offers for its sauces it may encourage more people to purchase its products <p><u>A03</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option 1 – Customers seeing notices of the charity event may then want to support <i>Kraft Heinz</i> • Option 2 – This improves its sales and keeps <i>Kraft Heinz</i> ahead of its competitors <p><u>A04</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option 1 – However, there is no guarantee that because an event has been sponsored by <i>Kraft Heinz</i> people will purchase its products • Option 2 – However, special offers may help increase sales but they can cost <i>Kraft Heinz</i> additional costs which might not be recovered 	(9)

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Level 1	1-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited application of knowledge and understanding of business concepts and issues to the business context (AO2). • Attempts to deconstruct business information and/or issues, finding limited connections between points (AO3). • Makes a judgement, providing a simple justification based on limited evaluation of business information and issues relevant to the choice made (AO4).
Level 2	4-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sound application of knowledge and understanding of business concepts and issues to the business context although there may be some inconsistencies (AO2). • Deconstructs business information and/or issues, finding interconnected points with chains of reasoning, although there may be some logical inconsistencies (AO3). • Makes a judgement, providing a justification based on sound evaluation of business information and issues relevant to the choice made (AO4).
Level 3	7 - 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed application of knowledge and understanding of business concepts and issues to the business context throughout (AO2). • Deconstructs business information and/or issues, finding detailed interconnected points with logical chains of reasoning (AO3). • Makes a judgement, providing a clear justification based on a thorough evaluation of business information and issues relevant to the choice made (AO4).

Question Number	Define the term public limited company . Answer	Mark
3 (a)	<p>A01 - 1 mark</p> <p>Award 1 mark for a correct definition of public limited company.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A company whose shares are freely sold and traded in stock markets (1) 	(1)

Question Number	Outline one impact that will come from <i>Kraft Heinz's</i> use of robotic technology. Answer	Mark
3 (b)	<p>A02 - 2 marks</p> <p>Award 1 mark for identifying one impact that will come from <i>Kraft Heinz's</i> use of robotic technology, plus 1 further mark for linking it to the context of the question.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By introducing more robots in production means that <i>Kraft Heinz</i> may see an improvement in its efficiency (1) which could result in lower production costs for its tins of baked beans (1) <p>NB Do not accept a reason that is not in the context of <i>Kraft Heinz</i>.</p> <p>Accept any other appropriate response.</p>	(2)

Question Number	Calculate the decrease in Waste to Landfill in metric tons for <i>Kraft Heinz</i> from 2019 to 2021. You are advised to show your workings. Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3 (c)	A02 - 2 marks 100,595 – 82,617 (1) = 17,978 (1)	Award 1 mark for correctly substituting numbers into formula. Award full marks for correct numerical answer without working.	(2)

Question Number	Analyse how <i>Kraft Heinz</i> could benefit from reducing its waste. Indicative content	Mark
3 (d)	<p style="text-align: center;">A02 = 3 marks A03 = 3 marks</p> <p><u>A02</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The environmental reputation of <i>Kraft Heinz</i> could be improved by its reduction in waste to landfill from 2019 to 2021 • By having less waste <i>Kraft Heinz</i> can reduce its production costs for the tins of baked beans <p><u>A03</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Kraft Heinz</i> has a good reputation for reducing its energy, to save the environment, which may prove attractive to people and thus they will purchase more of <i>Kraft Heinz's</i> products • By reducing the cost of production of baked beans can reduce the price to customers thereby selling more and increasing revenue 	(6)

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Question Number	<p><i>Kraft Heinz</i> will need to recruit more managers to take responsibility for new production lines. It is considering two options.</p> <p>Option 1: promote existing employees Option 2: advertise managerial positions externally</p> <p>Indicative content</p>	Mark
3 (e)	<p style="text-align: center;">A02 = 3 marks A03 = 3 marks A04 = 3 marks</p> <p><u>A02</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option 1 – By recruiting employees internally <i>Kraft Heinz</i> know that the person they appoint will understand how the production of sauces works • Option 2 – By recruiting externally, it involves going through prospective employees Curriculum Vitae’s and interviewing them for the vacancy of a Production Line Manager for Mac&Cheese <p><u>A03</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option 1 – There will be less time spent trying to find someone who could do the job and has the skills and knowledge • Option 2 – Therefore <i>Kraft Heinz</i> will have spent a great deal of time carrying out the various stages from checking the Curriculum Vitae to interviewing them, to gain the right candidate for the job <p><u>A04</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option 1 – However, once that person is appointed it means that there will be another vacancy either in the same department or another one requiring additional recruitment • Option 2 – However, the external manager appointed may not have the right knowledge and experience when they actually start work at <i>Kraft Heinz</i>, which means they will have wasted a great deal of time. 	(9)

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Level 2	4-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sound application of knowledge and understanding of business concepts and issues to the business context although there may be some inconsistencies (AO2). Deconstructs business information and/or issues, finding interconnected points with chains of reasoning, although there may be some logical inconsistencies (AO3). Makes a judgement, providing a justification based on sound evaluation of business information and issues relevant to the choice made (AO4).
Level 3	7 - 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed application of knowledge and understanding of business concepts and issues to the business context throughout (AO2). Deconstructs business information and/or issues, finding detailed interconnected points with logical chains of reasoning (AO3). Makes a judgement, providing a clear justification based on a thorough evaluation of business information and issues relevant to the choice made (AO4).

Question Number	(a) Calculate, to two decimal places, the Gross Profit Margin for <i>Kraft Heinz</i> for the three months ending 25 June 2022. You are advised to show your workings. Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4 (a)	A02 - 2 marks 1 984/6 554 x 100 (1) = 30.27 (1)	Award 1 mark for correctly substituting numbers into formula. Award full marks for correct numerical answer without working.	(2)

Question Number	Analyse the benefits to countries where <i>Kraft Heinz</i> is located. Indicative content	Mark
4 (b)	<p style="text-align: center;">A02 – 3 marks A03 – 3 marks</p> <p><u>A02</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A country benefits from a <i>Kraft Heinz</i> factory as it provides employment on baked beans production lines • A country benefits from increased tax revenue generated by the employees at the factories and corporation tax from <i>Kraft Heinz</i> <p><u>A03</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skilled employees do not have to leave their homeland to gain a job with prospects and therefore reducing the migration of skilled workers • This also provides the country with funds to pay for public services and infrastructure 	(6)

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Level 3	5-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed application of knowledge and understanding of business concepts and issues to the business context throughout. (AO2) Deconstructs business information and/or issues, finding detailed interconnected points with logical chains of reasoning. (AO3)

Question Number	Evaluate the importance to <i>Kraft Heinz</i> of using a variety of different methods to advertise to its target customers. You should use the information provided as well as your own knowledge of business. Indicative content	Mark
4 (c)	<p>A01 = 3 marks A02 = 3 marks A03 = 3 marks A04 = 3 marks</p> <p><u>A01</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By using a variety of different methods such as television advertisement, attracts a variety of different people • <i>Kraft Heinz</i> could use posters or billboards to advertise its products <p><u>A02</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ed Sheeran advertisement will attract a younger person who is keen on his music and would therefore want to try the tomato sauce • A poster advertising a new variety of baked beans could be displayed in towns and cities <p><u>A03</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They will have been encouraged to try it because someone famous has used it and they would want to follow • A poster is good for a short sharp message which will be seen repeatedly by people as they pass by <p><u>A04</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • However, there is no guarantee that sales are going to increase just because a pop star has been in an advertisement • However, posters can get damaged and it is difficult to evaluate their effectiveness 	(12)

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	0	No rewardable material.
Level 1	1-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates elements of knowledge and understanding of business concepts and issues, with limited business terminology used. (AO1) • Limited application of knowledge and understanding of business concepts and issues to the business context. (AO2) • Attempts to deconstruct business information and/or issues, finding limited connections between points. (AO3) • Makes a judgement, providing a simple justification based on limited evaluation of business information and issues relevant to the choice made. (AO4)
Level 2	5 - 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates mostly accurate knowledge and understanding of business concepts and issues including appropriate use of business terminology in places. (AO1) • Sound application of knowledge and understanding of business concepts and issues to the business context although there may be some inconsistencies. (AO2) • Deconstructs business information and/or issues, finding interconnected points with chains of reasoning, although there may be some logical inconsistencies. (AO3) • Makes a judgement, providing a justification based on sound evaluation of business information and issues relevant to the choice made. (AO4)

Level 3	9 - 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrates accurate knowledge and understanding of business concepts and issues throughout, including appropriate use of business terminology. (AO1)• Detailed application of knowledge and understanding of business concepts and issues to the business context throughout. (AO2)• Deconstructs business information and/or issues, finding detailed interconnected points with logical chains of reasoning. (AO3)• Makes a judgement, providing a clear justification based on a thorough evaluation of business information and issues relevant to the choice made. (AO4)
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