

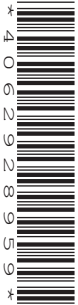
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BUSINESS STUDIES

7115/22

Paper 2

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1 hour 30 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No Additional Materials are required.

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Answer **all** questions.

The Insert contains the case study.

The business described in this question paper is entirely fictitious.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

The total number of marks for this paper is 80.

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- 1 (a) Identify and explain **one** advantage and **one** disadvantage to Ghaziz and Jasmin of being in a business partnership.

Advantage:

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Explanation:

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Disadvantage:

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Explanation:

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(b) Consider the effects of each of the following changes on the success of GJ. Which change do you think will have the biggest effect on the profit of the business? Justify your answer.

Increasing level of employment in country X:

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Increase in tax on all services in country X:

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Increase in the number of people buying large houses with gardens in country X:

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Conclusion:

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2 (a) (i) Calculate the break-even level of output for the house cleaning service using the information in Appendix 1.

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(ii) Calculate the weekly profit for the house cleaning service using the information in Appendix 1.

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(b) Consider **why** the following financial information is important to a bank manager when deciding whether to give Ghaziz and Jasmin a loan to launch the new service. Which do you think is the most important information to the bank manager? Justify your answer.

Break-even level of output:

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Profitability of the business:

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Liquidity of the business:

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Conclusion:

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- 3 (a) Ghaziz and Jasmin plan to expand their business. Identify and explain **one** economy of scale and **one** diseconomy of scale for the business as it expands.

Economy of scale:

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Explanation:

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Diseconomy of scale:

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Explanation:

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- 4 (a) Identify and explain **two** reasons why market research is important to GJ before starting the new service.

Reason 1:

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Explanation:

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Reason 2:

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Explanation:

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(b) Explain the following **two** elements of the marketing mix for the new service Jasmin is introducing. Which element do you think is more important when the service is in the introduction phase of the product life cycle? Justify your answer.

Price:

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Promotion:

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