

# Mark Scheme (Pre-Standardisation) January 2010

GCE

GCE Accounting (6002/01)

## 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.

## Section A

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<b>1(a)(i)</b>	Profit and Loss Account for Rajshahi Footwear plc for Y/E 31 December 2009	W1 Cost of Sales
	Turnover	2777000 ✓
	Cost of sales	848000 ✓ o/f
	Gross profit	1929000 ✓ o/f
	Distribution costs	531000 ✓ o/f
	Administrative expenses	134000 ✓ o/f
	Interest payable	96000 ✓
	Profit on ordinary activities before tax	1168000 ✓ o/f
	Corporation tax	175000 ✓
	Profit on ordinary activities after tax	993000 ✓ o/f ✓ C
		<b>10</b>
		<b>24 Marks</b>
		<b>Notes to Mark Scheme</b>
		Prepayments 7000 may appear under D Prepayments. Items marked with a letter or Roman Numeral should appear on the face of the balance sheet.
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	W2 Distribution Costs	
	Advertising 72000 ✓	
	Fuel for Vehicles 63000 ✓	
	Lorry Drivers Wages 97000 ✓	
	Shop Rent 95000 ✓✓	
	Shop Staff 204000 ✓	
	531000 <b>6</b>	
	W3 Administrative Expenses	
	Office Expenses 81000 ✓	
	Professional Fees 53000 ✓	
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3(d)	<p>Evaluation of 2009:</p> <p>Answers may include :</p> <p><b>Positives :</b>            Ordinary dividend received of 5.2p £ per share which is quite good. ✓            Gearing ratio of 28% which is healthy ✓✓ and lower than start of year ✓✓            Redemption of Preference shares will improve the future figure for ROCE ✓✓            also reduce future preference dividends. ✓✓            Capital and Reserves have risen, ✓ which means book value of firm has risen,            ✓ which probably means share price has risen. ✓✓</p> <p><b>Negatives :</b>            Funds are leaving the company ✓ to pay preference share dividends ✓ and            redeem preference shares. ✓            Possible that liquidity adversely affected ✓ to pay preference shareholders. ✓</p> <p>Maximum for arguing one side only = 8 marks</p> <p><b>Conclusion</b>            Should relate to above - 2009 been good for Ordinary shareholders ✓✓</p>	(12)

(Total 52 marks)

## Section B

Question Number	Answer	Mark
4(a)(i)	<p>Standard hours = <math>(7 \times 5 \times 9) \text{ £} \times 4 \text{ £} = 1260</math> (=✓✓)            Actual Hours = <math>1260 \text{ £ o/f} + (7 \times 4) \text{ £} = 1288</math> (=✓✓)</p>	(4)

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4(a)(ii)	<p>Labour Efficiency Variance = <math>(1260 - 1288) \text{ £ o/f} \times \text{£}6.50 \text{ £}</math>            = <math>\text{£}182 \text{ £ o/f Adverse } \text{£}</math></p>	(4)

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4(a)(iii)	<p>Standard Wages Cost = <math>(7 \times 9 \times 5 \times 4) \text{ £} \times \text{£}6.50 \text{ £} = \text{£}8190</math> (=✓✓)            Actual Wages Cost = <math>\text{£}8190 \text{ £ o/f} + (7 \times 4 \times 11) \text{ £} = \text{£}8498 \text{ o/f}</math> (=✓✓)</p>	(4)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
4(a)(iv)	<p>Total Wages Cost Variance = <math>\text{£}8190 \text{ £ o/f} - \text{£}8498 \text{ £ o/f} = \text{£}308 \text{ o/f } \text{£ Adverse } \text{£}</math></p>	(4)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
4(a)(v)	<p>Actual wage rate = <math>\frac{\text{£}8498 \text{ o/f}}{1288 \text{ o/f}} = \text{£}6.60 \text{ per hour o/f } \text{£}</math></p>	(4)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
4(a)(vi)	<p>Wage rate variance = <math>(\text{£}6.60 \text{ o/f} - \text{£}6.50 \text{ £}) \times 1288 \text{ o/f } \text{£}</math>            = <math>\text{£} 128.80 \text{ o/f } \text{£ Adverse } \text{£}</math></p>	(4)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
4(b)	<p>Possible answers may include :</p> <p><b>POSITIVE EFFECTS</b>            Helps to establish production targets (✓) that may be comfortable for workers to achieve(✓)            Eg numerical example (✓)            May be basis of possible bonus for production targets met etc (✓) which may see workers taking home more pay (✓)            Anything that benefits the firm will benefit the workers (✓) eg for job security, pay, bonuses, competitive pricing of products etc (✓)            Meeting production targets ✓ will motivate workers. ✓</p> <p><b>NEGATIVE EFFECTS</b>            Helps to establish production targets (✓) that may be difficult for workers to achieve (✓)            Eg numerical example (✓)            May be basis of possible bonus for production targets met etc (✓) which may see workers missing targets (✓) and taking home less (✓)            Missing production targets ✓ will demotivate workers. ✓</p> <p>Maximum for arguing only one side of argument = 4 marks</p> <p>CONCLUSION should relate to points made above ✓✓</p>	(8)

(Total 32 marks)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
5(a)	<p>(i) Fixed Costs = £6000 + £11000 + £4750 = £21 750 ✓            Variable costs = 15p + 10p + 2p = 27p ✓</p> <p>Break Even Point = <math>\frac{£21\,750}{0.85 - 0.27}</math> ✓ = 37 500 units ✓✓</p> <p>(ii) BEP in sales revenue = 37 500 x 0.85 = £31 875 ✓✓</p>	(8)

Question Number	Answer	Mark	
5(b)	Sales 35 000 x 0.85	29 750 ✓	(4)
	Variable Costs 35 000 x 0.27	(9 450) ✓	
	Fixed Costs	(21 750) ✓	
	Loss	(1 450) ✓	

Question Number	Answer	Mark
5(c)(i)	$\text{Total contribution required} = \text{£}10\,000 \checkmark + \text{£}21\,750 \checkmark$ $= \text{£}31\,750$ $\text{No of units to be sold} = \frac{\text{£}31\,750}{0.58} \checkmark = 54\,742 \text{ tiles } \checkmark$	(5)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
5(c)(ii)	$\text{Margin of safety} = 54\,742 \checkmark - 37\,500 \checkmark = 17\,242 \text{ tiles } \checkmark$	(3)

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5(e)	<p>Answers may include the following:</p> <p><b>NOT</b> a good suggestion            Increase in prices not recommended ✓ due to recession, and competition, ✓ and will probably reduce sales. ✓            Rent decrease difficult ✓ if signed a long term lease or agreement. ✓            Manager's salary reduction will demotivate managers ✓ and performance may suffer. ✓            Director labour's pay cut will demotivate ✓ and could result in industrial action. ✓            May not be able to reduce other fixed costs ✓ eg Business Rates to council, interest on loan etc ✓</p> <p><b>GOOD</b> suggestion            May be possible to negotiate a rent decrease ✓ due to recession ✓            It is possible to impose a cut in the managers salary ✓            It is possible to impose a cut in pay to direct labour force ✓            It may be possible to reduce some fixed costs ✓ eg heating, insurance ✓</p> <p>Maximum for argument of one side 4 marks</p> <p>Conclusion            Should relate to above 2 marks</p>	(8)

(Total 32 marks)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
6(a)	Net Profit	98438 ✓
	Add Interest - Overdraft	776 ✓
	Add Interest - Debenture	24000 ✓✓
	Depreciation on machinery	20000 ✓✓
	Depreciation of all other fixed assets	15000 ✓
	Profit on sale of furniture	-425 ✓✓
	Loss on sale of motor van	2400 ✓
	Decrease in stock of finished goods	1092 ✓
	Increase in stock of work in progress	-4015 ✓
	Decrease in debtors	2194 ✓
	Decrease in prepayments	230 ✓
	Increase in trade creditors	3947 ✓
	Increase in accrued expenses	118 ✓
	Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	163755 ✓ o/f ✓C
	(18)	

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7(b)	<p><b>FOR</b> investing in project  Project has a NPV greater than 0 ie £356 m  Figures may not be accurate and NPV may be even greater.  Other possible investment projects may be made available in the future</p> <p><b>AGAINST</b> investing in the project  Figures may not be accurate and NPV may be smaller.</p> <p>Maximum marks available for arguing one side of the project = 2 marks</p> <p>CONCLUSION Should relate to above ie Worth Investing in the project = 1 mark</p>	(8)

(Total 32 marks)