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1(d)	<p>It is taking longer to receive payment from customers than the allowed period. (1) There should be a review of the credit control system. (1) May consider discounts/incentives to encourage prompt payment. (1) Payment to suppliers is being made quicker than the allowed period. (1) This maintains a good relationship with the suppliers. (1) Future discounts/incentives should be protected. (1) Detrimental to cash flow (1) as payments are received 21 days after payments are made. (1) Inventory turnover of 95.77 days could be reduced to improve liquidity. (1)</p> <p>1 for decision + Max 4 for justification</p>	5
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2(a)	Internal auditor	External auditor	4
	Internal auditors are employees	External auditors are external independent persons	
	Review the business practices and internal control system to prevent mistakes	Examine the financial statements and give opinion whether the financial statements present a true and fair view and comply with legal requirements	
	Report to the senior management	Report to shareholders	
2(b)	<p>Accept any reasonable alternative. (2 marks) × 2 explanations</p> <p>Responses could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ∞ Proposed dividend – The proposed dividend has to be approved by shareholders at the annual general meeting. It is not regarded as liability at the statement of financial position date. According to IAS 10 <i>Events After The Reporting Period</i>, a proposed dividend should be treated as a non-adjusting event and entered as a note on the financial statements. ∞ Depreciation of printing machine – According to IAS 16 <i>Property, Plant and Equipment</i>, the depreciation method used shall reflect the pattern in which the asset's future economic benefits are expected to be consumed by the business. As the consumption of the printing machine is decreasing, reducing balance method should be adopted. ∞ Goodwill – IAS 38 <i>Intangible Assets</i> prohibits the recognition of internal generated goodwill. Therefore do not include this in the financial statements. ∞ Inventory – According to IAS 2 <i>Inventories</i>, inventories should be valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Therefore inventory should be valued at \$43 400 not \$44 500 <p>(2 marks) · 4 explanations</p> <p>It is not necessary to quote the relevant accounting standards.</p>		8

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5(a)(ii)	Labour efficiency Less skilled labour Lower grade materials More idle time than budgeted Poor supervision Machine breakdowns (1 mark) any one reason, max 1	1
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