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uestion	Answe	er		Marks			
1(a)(i)	Define the term 'long term sources of finance' (lines 18–19).						
	Knowledge and Applicat	Mark					
	A correct definition		2				
	A partial, vague or unfocused definition		1				
	No creditable content		0				
	<ul> <li>A correct definition should cover the following:</li> <li>Understanding of 'source(s) of finance' – any reference to where money/capital/cash etc. comes from i.e. reference to a source of finance, such as a mortgage or equity (i.e. shares, debentures)</li> <li>Understanding of 'long term' – this can be reference to any time period more than a year</li> </ul>						
	Exemplar	Rationale					
	When a business gets money from a bank for more than a year	2	Both elements covered				
	Finance for more than a year, e.g. Mortgage	2	Both elements covered				
	Money that the business gets from a bank that does not need to be paid back quickly	1	Understanding of source of finance but too vague about long term				
	A way to get new cash into the business that does not have to be paid back for a long time	1	An understanding of source of finance but 'long time' is too vague and partly tautological.				
	A long term source of finance is a source of finance that does not have to be paid back for a long time.	0	Tautological, showing no understanding.				

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Question		Answer					
1(a)(ii)	Brief	ly explain the term 'diversity and	equality'	(line 14).		3	
	Awar	d one mark for each point of explan	ation:				
	С	Example or some other way of shounderstanding, i.e. A developmen in B, link to motivation, link to cultive requirements etc.	t of an exa		1 mark		
	В	Understanding of diversity – differ employees, <b>or</b> an example of different			1 mark		
	A	Understanding of equality – no discrimination in the workplace – do not just reward 'are equal' there must be some understanding of <b>treating</b> people equally					
	emplo	scrimination in the workplace, for expyees. Can be used to develop a rects and keep employees.	putation a	s a good emp	loyer. Helps		
		Exemplar	Mark	Ratio	nale		
	diffe treat	ing rid of discrimination between rent groups of worker, and ting them equally which is a legal irrement	3	All three ele	ements		
	matt have shou	ating all workers the same way no ter what differences they might e, such as men and women ald be paid equally if they do the e job	3	All three ele	ements		
		ng employees equal rights for rent people, such as different es	2	A and B ma	rk		
	Equ	al rights for different races	1	B mark only	,		
	l <del></del>	rybody has the same treatment	1	A mark only	,		

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Question				Answer	Marks	
1(b)(i)	Refer to Figure 1. The total value of market sales in country A was \$50m. Calculate the <u>total</u> value of sales for the three largest businesses.					
	Mark					
	3	businesses (wi OR Correct calcula	Correct calculation the total value of sales for the three largest businesses (with or without working or \$ or m)  OR  Correct calculation of all three companies value of sales (\$14m, \$11m and \$10m) (with or without working or \$ or m)			
	2			o of the top three companies value of vorking or \$ or m)		
	Correct formula or correct calculation of % share of top three companies (70%- with or without working or %)  OR  Correct calculation one of the top three companies value of sales (with or without working or \$ or m)					
	0 No creditable content					
		ue of market sal 28% + 22% + 20 \$50m × 70% (70	0% = 70%			
	Commor	n incorrect answe	ers			
		Answer	Mark	Rationale		
	35		3	Allow an answer of 35 with or without \$ or m (no working required)		
	28% = 3 22% = 3	•	2	Two correct		
	70		1	Allow this for 1 mark, even without working. Any variation of 70 worth 1 mark		
	28% = 3 22% = 3 20% = 3	\$11m	3	All correct but no total		

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Question	Answer					
1(b)(ii)	Explain two appropriate methods (other than market share) that could be used to measure the size of PP.					
	Level	Knowl	ledge and Application	Mark		
	2b (APP+APP)	Knowledge and to measure the	understanding of <b>TWO</b> methods size of PP	3		
	2a (APP)	Knowledge and to measure the	understanding of <b>ONE</b> method size of PP	2		
	1 (K)	Knowledge and measure the size	understanding of method(s) to e of a business	1		
		No creditable co	ontent	0		
	<ul> <li>Context and content is likely to come from:</li> <li>Number of employees, national chain with 10% of the national likely to have a large number of employees therefore a large because, e.g. chain 1 has 15% of \$50 m which is \$5 m, this was large business</li> <li>Capital employed</li> </ul> Method of measurement (K) Possible context (APP)					
	<ul> <li>Number of likely to hat Revenue, large busin</li> <li>Capital em</li> </ul> Method of m	f employees, national ave a large number e.g. chain 1 has 1 ness apployed easurement (K)	Possible context (APP)  National chain with 10% of the nationa	ousiness would be a		
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	<ul> <li>Number of likely to hat Revenue, large busin</li> <li>Capital em</li> </ul> Method of m	f employees, national ave a large number e.g. chain 1 has 1 ness apployed easurement (K) apployees	Possible context (APP)  National chain with 10% of the nationa	eational number business		
	<ul> <li>Number of likely to hat likely to hat Revenue, large busing</li> <li>Capital em</li> <li>Method of moderate Number of end</li> <li>Revenue/Sale</li> </ul>	f employees, national ave a large number e.g. chain 1 has 1 hess apployed easurement (K) apployees es turnover es employeed	Possible context (APP)  National chain with 10% of the national property of \$50 m which is \$5 m, this version of the context (APP)  National chain with 10% of the numerical market is likely to have a large numerical of employees therefore a large but Use of figures from Fig 1 to show comparative size  Reference to the likely capital/as a pizza business might have e.g.	national number pusiness		
	Number of likely to hat Revenue, large businer Capital em      Method of many Number of en  Revenue/Sale Capital/assets	f employees, national ave a large number e.g. chain 1 has 1 hess apployed  easurement (K)  nployees  es turnover  s employed	Possible context (APP)  National chain with 10% of the national property of \$50 m which is \$5 m, this was a large to the property of employees therefore a large to the property of employees therefore a large to the likely capital/as a pizza business might have e.g kitchens etc.  Pizza-shops/restaurants – must	eational number business		

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	Answer						
_	· <del></del>	onsi	der when selecting a resta	urant	8		
Level	Knowledge and applicat	tion	Analysis				
2	Shows understanding of <b>TWO</b> factors of selection in context	4	Good analysis of <b>TWO</b> factors of selection in context	4			
2	Shows understanding of ONE factor of selection in context	3	Good analysis of <b>ONE</b> factor of selection in context	3			
4	Shows understanding of <b>TWO</b> factors of selection	2	Limited analysis of <b>TWO</b> factors of selection	2			
	Shows understanding of ONE factor of selection	1	Limited analysis of <b>ONE</b> factor of selection	1			
0	0 No creditable content						
<ul> <li>Highlight the factors as you mark One factor analysed in context, max 3+3</li> <li>Contextual analysis likely to come from:</li> <li>Need to have customer service experience; marketing skills, communication etc.</li> <li>Will be in charge of other employees; management skills</li> <li>Will require skills in inventory management</li> </ul>							
	Level  2  1  0  Highlight One fact Contextu  Nee com Will Will	Analyse two factors Paul should of manager.  Level Knowledge and applicate Shows understanding of TWO factors of selection in context  Shows understanding of ONE factor of selection in context  Shows understanding of TWO factors of selection Shows understanding of ONE factor of selection Shows understanding of ONE factor of selection  ONE facto	Analyse two factors Paul should consider manager.  Level Knowledge and application  Shows understanding of TWO factors of selection in context  Shows understanding of ONE factor of selection in context  Shows understanding of TWO factors of selection  1 Shows understanding of TWO factors of selection  Shows understanding of ONE factor of selection  No credita  Highlight the factors as you mark One factor analysed in context, max 3+3  Contextual analysis likely to come from:  Need to have customer service expericommunication etc.  Will be in charge of other employees; Will require skills in inventory manage	Analyse two factors Paul should consider when selecting a restamanager.  Level Knowledge and application Good analysis of TWO factors of selection in context Shows understanding of ONE factor of selection in context Good analysis of ONE factor of selection in context Good analysis of ONE factor of selection in context Good analysis of ONE factor of selection in context Good analysis of ONE factor of selection in context Good analysis of ONE factor of selection in context Good analysis of ONE factors of selection In context Good analysis of ONE factors of selection In context Good analysis of ONE factor of selection In context Good analysis of ONE factor of selection In context Good analysis of ONE factor of selection In context Good analysis of ONE factor of selection In context Initiated analysis of ONE factor of selection In context Good analysis of ONE factor of selection In context Initiated analysis of ONE factors of selection In context Good analysis of ONE factor of selection In context Initiated analysis of ONE factors of selection In context Good Analysis of ONE factor of selection In context Initiated analysis of ONE factor of selection In context Good Analysis of ONE factor of selection In context Initiated analysis of ONE factors of selection In context Initiated Analysis of ONE factors of selection In context Initiated Analysis of ONE factor of selection In context Initiated Analysis of ONE factor of selection In context Initiated Analysis of ONE factor of selection Initiated Analysis of ONE factor of	Analyse two factors Paul should consider when selecting a restaurant manager.    Level   Knowledge and application   Analysis		

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uestion		Answer		Mark
Examples factors of selection		Examples of application/context	Examples of possible analysis	
	Qualifications	Any relevant restaurant management qualifications, customer service qualifications, inventory management etc Diversity and equality	Better qualified manager  → improved customer service → more sales → more profit	
	Location	Local town in country A – will need to live here or can relocate.	Lives near restaurant → more likely to be on time to work → better staff management	
	Skills	Customer service, supervising employees, inventory management.	Good inventory management → less wastage in the restaurant → lower costs → increased profit	
	Experience	In other (pizza) restaurants, one of the competitors, other PP restaurants. Experience in customer service, supervising employees, inventory management.	Worked in another PP restaurant → knows the procedures → less training needed → lower costs → increased profit	
	Cost			

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Question	Answer						
1(d)	Evaluate whether Paul should enter into a franchise agreement with PP.						
	Knowledge and Application (4 marks)	Mark	Analysis and Evaluation (7 marks)	Mark			
			Justified evaluation based on arguments in context	7			
			Developed evaluation based on arguments in context	6			
			An evaluative statement based on arguments in context	5			
	Shows understanding of PP entering into a franchise agreement		Argument (two sided) based on the impact(s) of Paul entering into a franchise agreement with PP	4			
		3–4	Argument (one sided) based on the impact(s) of Paul entering into a franchise agreement with PP	3			
	Shows knowledge of		Limited analysis of TWO impacts of entering into a franchise agreement	2			
	franchises	1–2	Limited analysis of ONE impact of entering into a franchise agreement	1			
	N	lo credita	ble content				
	positive and negative impact	ts. <b>uments l</b>	a balanced argument will cov				

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# Cambridge International AS/A Level – Mark Scheme **PUBLISHED**

Question	Answer	Marks
	Context/content:  Advantages  I less risk to Paul as he benefits from the expertise and reputation of PP brand  Assistance from PP so Paul makes less mistakes in his business-decisions such as the policies for diversity and equality;  Access to local marketing and the PP website will help generate sales;  Disadvantages  Up-front costs to purchase the franchise (\$40 000);  The royalty fee of 5% may be a drain on his cash flow  Clash of ideas as Paul will have to follow the criteria set out in his franchise agreement – this may limit his freedom to make decisions.  Evaluation is likely to come from a candidate:  Judging whether the advantages outweigh the disadvantages  Weighting their response, for example, "this is the main advantage because" is likely to lead an evaluative response.	

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An example of how an answer could develop and how it should be annotated.

К	АРР	AN	ANAN (one sided)	EVAL
	An independent restaurant would cost \$25 000 whereas a PP franchise is \$40 000. (APP)	Which increases the costs of staring up a restaurant to Paul. (AN)	Which increases the costs of starting up a restaurant to Paul and may make it harder to break even or survive in his first year of trading. (ANAN – one sided)	Overall Paul should enter into a franchise agreement because the extra sales are likely to cover the extra costs. (EVAL – statement)
It is expensive to set up a franchise. (K)	National above the line promotion will be provided within the setup cost. (APP)	Which is likely to increase sales in the first year. (AN)	However the reputation of PP may gain more sales in the first year making it more likely that he would break even and survive. (ANAN – two sided)	However he should do some market research to see just how much more the sales would be in a PP franchise. (EVAL – developed)  If the extra sales did not cover the extra costs then he would probably be better opening the independent restaurant. (EVAL – justified)

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Question	Answer						
2(a)(i)	Define the term 'batch production' (line 3).						
	Knowledge and Applicat	ion	Mark				
	A correct definition		2				
	A partial, vague or unfocused definition		1				
	No creditable content		0				
	Go through production process together before moving on to the next  Batch production is where quantities of identical goods are produced in small groups. They go through the production process at the same time. Production is then switched over to allow another batch to be produced. Example(s) not required.						
	Exemplar	Mark	Rationale				
	Batch production is where quantities of identical goods are produced together and then move on to the next process	2	A correct definition				
	A group of products go from one stage of production to the next together	2	Both elements covered				
	When products are made in small quantities	1	Partial definition				
	Products made one a time	0	Confusion with job production				
	Products made continuously and are all the same	0	Confusion with flow/mass production				

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Question		Answe	er			Marks	
2(a)(ii)	Briefly explain the term 'co-operative' (line 1).  Award one mark for each point of explanation:						
	С	Example or some other way of sho understanding, i.e. bulk buying, co motivational, slow decision making point used in B etc.	mmon in	agriculture,	1 mark		
	В	<ul> <li>Responsibilities are shared</li> <li>Owners may contribute to the business</li> <li>Shared decision making</li> <li>All members have one vote</li> <li>Profits are shared</li> </ul>	running o	of the	1 mark		
	Α	Owned/financed by workers/c	ustomers/	members/	1 mark		
	busin	orofits are shared with workers. Workers, they will vote for Directors. In ser co-operatives then workers may a	maller co-	operatives su	uch as		
	shai QL i	nbers (A) own a co-operative and re the running (B) of the business. is a worker co-operative which an the workers are the members	3	A, B and C			
	cust	o-operative can be owned by comers or workers (A) who will have a vote (B). Because they it, they are motivated for it to do (C).	3	A, B and C			
		o-operative has shared profit (A) responsibilities (B)	2	A and B			
		nbers (A) who join together to efit from bulk buying (C)	2	A and C			
	who busi	p-operative is made up of people share the responsibilities of the ness (B). Each person has a vote the decision making is shared.	1	Three point from B, so o mark.			

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Question	Answer				
2(b)(i)	Refer to	Table 1. Calculate the gross profit margin for 2016.	3		
	Mark	Rationale			
	3	Correct calculation of gross profit margin (with or without working or %)			
	2	Correct formula and correct calculation* of gross profit			
	1	Correct formula or correct calculation* of gross profit			
	0	No creditable content			
	Formula can be implied through the correct use of figures *working required or explicit identification				
	Gross p Reven	rofit ue ×100			
	= 240 - 8	80 = 160			
	•	Allow an answer of 66% or 66.6% or 66.66% as a TWO mark answer with or without working as the candidate has made one mistake in not rounding correctly.  Also allow an answer of 0.67 as a TWO mark answer with or without working as the candidate has made one mistake by not calculating a percentage  I marks for a correct answer with or without working or %			
		66.7% or 66.67%			

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Question	Answer				
	Common incorrect answers				
	Answer	Mark	Rationale		
	GP=160	1	Explicit identification of gross profit		
	\$160	0	We have to assume this is an answer to the question and with no working, this is incorrect and therefore no marks		
	66%	2	Correct formula (implied) and correct (explicit) calculation of gross profit but the calculation of the GP margin is incorrect (with or without working)		
	0.67	2	Allow with or without working		
	$240 - 80 - 20 = 140$ $\frac{140}{240} \times 100 = 58.33\%$	2	Formula mixed up with net profit margin, so wrong formula, but correct calculations based on this wrong formula		
	58.33%	0	A wrong answer with no working		
	$\frac{90}{150} \times 100 = 60\%$	2	Formula is correct (implied) but 2014 figures have been used correctly OFR		
	$\frac{115}{180} \times 100 = 63.89\%$	2	Formula is correct (implied) but 2015 figures have been used correctly OFR		

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			Answer		Maı
2(b)(ii)	Explain the importance of profitability to QL.				
	Level	Knowledge and Application Mark			
	2 (APP)	Explanation an importance of profitability in context		3	
	1b (KK)	Explain an impo	2		
	1a (K)	Identify an impo	ortance of profitability	1	
	0	No creditable co	ontent	0	
	profitability. The Context and	ney need to explai content is likely to o y owner/workers i pands into Option	v their knowledge of either profit or in an IMPORTANCE of profitability come from: ncome, so profitability is essential A or Option B it will need to maint	<i>'</i> .	
	Importance	(K)	Possible context (APP)		
		the objectives of	Possible context (APP)  In QL the gross profitability is im (60% in 2014, 63.89% in 2015 at 66.67% in 2016 OFR)  Net profit has also been improvir in 2014, 55.56% in 2015 and 58. 2016)	nd ng (50%	
	The achieve	the objectives of	In QL the gross profitability is im (60% in 2014, 63.89% in 2015 at 66.67% in 2016 OFR)  Net profit has also been improvir in 2014, 55.56% in 2015 and 58.	ng (50% 33% in	
	The achieve the business	the objectives of siness failure	In QL the gross profitability is im (60% in 2014, 63.89% in 2015 at 66.67% in 2016 OFR)  Net profit has also been improvir in 2014, 55.56% in 2015 and 58. 2016)  QL has made a profit in each of	ng (50% 33% in the last	
	The achieve the business  To avoid business	the objectives of siness failure ness nsion	In QL the gross profitability is im (60% in 2014, 63.89% in 2015 at 66.67% in 2016 OFR)  Net profit has also been improvir in 2014, 55.56% in 2015 and 58. 2016)  QL has made a profit in each of three years  QL needs the profits/profitability	ng (50% 33% in the last to fund option B	
	The achieve the business  To avoid business  To fund business	the objectives of siness failure ness nsion	In QL the gross profitability is im (60% in 2014, 63.89% in 2015 at 66.67% in 2016 OFR)  Net profit has also been improvir in 2014, 55.56% in 2015 and 58. 2016)  QL has made a profit in each of three years  QL needs the profits/profitability the expansion into Option A or COMMERCE OWNERS are the ten owner-worked make up the co-operative — without the co-operative — with	ng (50% 33% in the last to fund option B ers who out pay es	

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	Aı	nswer			Marks	
Analyse <u>one</u> advantage and <u>one</u> disadvantage to the other ownerworkers of Iqbal's leadership style.						
Level	Knowledge and applica	Analysis				
	Shows understanding of	2.4	Good analysis of one advantage <b>and</b> one disadvantage of democratic leadership in context	4		
2 democratic leadership in context	3–4	Good analysis of one advantage <b>or</b> one disadvantage of democratic leadership in context	3			
Shows knowledge of		Limited analysis of one advantage <b>and</b> one disadvantage of leadership style	2			
I	leadership styles	Limited analysis of one advantage or one disadvantage of leadership styles	1			
0 No creditable content						
Autocratic, democratic, laissez-faire, Theory X and Theory Y (McGregor) Annotate advantages in the left hand margin and disadvantages in the right hand margin  Content (K) is likely to come from:  Advantages:  • More ideas taken into account • Better communication • Improved motivation • Shared objectives/vision • Reduced employee turnover Disadvantages: • Decisions may be discussed but the leader still makes the decisions – could demotivate						
	Level  2  1  0  Leadersi Autocrati Annotati right had Content Advantagi	Analyse one advantage and one of workers of Iqbal's leadership style  Level Knowledge and applicate Shows understanding of democratic leadership in context  Shows knowledge of leadership styles  No cate advantage in the left having the left having the ladership styles outlined in the specific part of the left having	Shows understanding of democratic leadership in context  Shows knowledge of leadership styles  Shows knowledge of leadership styles  No creditable Leadership styles outlined in the specification Autocratic, democratic, laissez-faire, Theory Annotate advantages in the left hand maright hand margin  Content (K) is likely to come from:  Advantages:  More ideas taken into account Better communication Improved motivation Better communication Improved motivation Reduced employee turnover Disadvantages: Decisions may be discussed but the decisions — could demotivate	Analyse one advantage and one disadvantage to the other owner workers of Iqbal's leadership style.    Level   Knowledge and application   Good analysis of one advantage and one disadvantage of democratic leadership in context   Good analysis of one advantage of democratic leadership in context   Good analysis of one advantage or one disadvantage or one disadvantage of democratic leadership in context   Limited analysis of one advantage and one disadvantage of leadership styles   1-2   Limited analysis of one advantage or one disadvantage of leadership style   Limited analysis of one advantage or one disadvantage of leadership styles   O No creditable content   Leadership styles outlined in the specification are: Autocratic, democratic, laissez-faire, Theory X and Theory Y (McGreg Annotate advantages in the left hand margin and disadvantages right hand margin   Content (K) is likely to come from:  Advantages:  - More ideas taken into account - Better communication - Improved motivation - Shared objectives/vision - Reduced employee turnover Disadvantages: - Decisions may be discussed but the leader still makes the decisions – could demotivate	Analyse one advantage and one disadvantage to the other ownerworkers of Iqbal's leadership style.    Level   Knowledge and application   Good analysis of one advantage and one disadvantage of democratic leadership in context   Good analysis of one advantage of democratic leadership in context   Good analysis of one advantage or one disadvantage or one advantage or one advantage or one advantage or one advantage of leadership styles   1-2   Limited analysis of one advantage or one advantage or one disadvantage or one disadvantage or one disadvantage or one disadvantage or leadership styles   1   Limited analysis of one advantage or one disadvantage or one dis	

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	Answer		Mark
Examples of features of democratic leadership	Examples of application/context	Examples of possible analysis	
More ideas – advantage	The other nine owner/workers can add their ideas	Better decisions → revenue to continue to increase → profits for the owner/workers to continue to increase	
Better motivation – advantage	More efficient production of bags, cases and wallets	Lower cost of production  → less cost of sales → higher gross profit → more return for the owner workers	
Wasted time in discussion – disadvantage	Less time for production of bags, cases and wallets	Increased cost of production → higher cost of sales → lower gross profit → less return for the owner workers	
Poor decision making	Other owner/workers may not understand the data about the two options for expansion.	Choose wrong option → Expansion does not increase value of QL → profits for the owner/workers reduce	
	features of democratic leadership  More ideas – advantage  Better motivation – advantage  Wasted time in discussion – disadvantage	Examples of features of democratic leadership  More ideas – advantage  Better motivation – advantage  Wasted time in discussion – disadvantage  Poor decision making  Examples of application/context  More efficient production of bags, cases and wallets  Less time for production of bags, cases and wallets  Other owner/workers may not understand the data about the two	Examples of features of democratic leadership         Examples of application/context         Examples of application/context         Examples of possible analysis           More ideas – advantage         The other nine owner/workers can add their ideas         Better decisions → revenue to continue to increase → profits for the owner/workers to continue to increase           Better motivation – advantage         More efficient production of bags, cases and wallets         Lower cost of production → less cost of sales → higher gross profit → more return for the owner workers           Wasted time in discussion – disadvantage         Less time for production of bags, cases and wallets         Increased cost of production → higher cost of sales → lower gross profit → less return for the owner workers           Poor decision making         Other owner/workers may not understand the data about the two ontions for expansion does not increase value of QL → profits for the

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Question		Ans	swer		Mark
2(d)	Recommend which option QL should choose for expansion. Justify your choice.				
	Knowledge and Application (4 marks)	Mark	Analysis and Evaluation (7 marks)	Mark	
			A justified recommendation for QL on which option it should choose for expansion based on the given argument(s) of Option A and Option B	7	
			A developed recommendation for QL on which option it should choose for expansion based on the given argument(s) of Option A and Option B	6	
			An evaluative statement/recommendatio n based on the given argument(s) of Option A and Option B	5	
	Shows understanding of Option A <b>and</b> Option B for expansion	4	Argument(s) based on Option A <b>and</b> Option B for expansion	4	
	Shows understanding of Option A <b>or</b> Option B for expansion	3	Argument(s) based on Option A <b>or</b> Option B for expansion	3	
	Shows knowledge of		Limited analysis of Option A <b>and</b> Option B for expansion	2	
	expansion	1–2	Limited analysis of Option A <b>or</b> Option B for expansion	1	

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Question	Answer	Marks
	Context/content:	
	High priced leather shoes  Larger market value  Branding is important and QL has an established brand  High prices could be charged due to price inelasticity  Competition is high, but brand could overcome this  Cost of new machinery  New distribution channels; do QL have any experience of this – cost?  Low priced leather belts  Lower market value  Quality is important and QL have experience in leather market  Could use price competition due to price elastic response  Lower level of competition  Could be made on current machinery if there is capacity  Can use current distribution channels – cheaper option?	

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Question Answer	Marks
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An example of how an answer could develop and how it should be annotated.

К	АРР	AN	ANAN (one sided)	EVAL
Expansion is when a business grows, for	Option A would allow QL to expand into a market with a value of \$2m. This is bigger than the market for Option B. (APP)	A bigger market may lead to more sales for QL. (AN)	Which is likely to lead to a more successful expansion and more profit for the owner/workers. (ANAN – Option A)	Overall QL is more likely to be interested in having a small share of a large market, so should choose Option A. (EVAL – statement)  However it depends upon how high the level of competition is and how much QL would need to spend on the marketing to
example by selling a new product range (K)	However Option B only has a medium level of competition as opposed to a high level for Option A. (APP)	Less competition is likely to mean that QL will find it easier to establish their brand in the market. (AN)	Which is likely to lead to a higher chance of success in the Low priced leather belt market and more sales and profit over time. (ANAN – Option B)	establish themselves in the shoe market. (EVAL – developed)  As long as the potential revenue outweighs the costs of Option A then the larger market will allow much more growth than Option B and is therefore the better option. (EVAL – justified)

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