

- 4 Y Limited is a large manufacturing company with factories at several locations. The company uses a marginal costing system.

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(a) State **three** benefits to a business of break-even analysis.

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Additional information

At one factory a single product is manufactured which sells for \$75 per unit. The budgeted costs of manufacture for one unit are as follows:

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Direct materials 2 kg at \$12.50 per kg	25
Direct labour 3.5 hrs at \$10 per labour hour	35

Fixed costs are budgeted to be \$66 000 per month. It is possible to produce 7500 units in normal working conditions. Currently 5800 units are made and sold each month.

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(b) Calculate the monthly break-even point:

(i) in units

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(ii) in sales revenue

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(c) Calculate the forecast profit per month based on 5800 units.

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(d) Define the term 'margin of safety'.

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Additional information

The directors of Y Limited believe they can increase demand for their product by making some changes to the design. This would result in the following.

- 1 A \$7 increase in the selling price per unit
- 2 A 10% increase in direct materials usage
- 3 A 20% increase per kg in direct materials cost
- 4 A forecast 40% increase in demand.

Overtime working is available if required. This will be paid at a 25% premium.

Additional machinery will be required at a cost of \$24 000. The company's policy is to depreciate machinery over a 5-year period.

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- (e) Prepare a marginal cost statement showing the monthly profit based on these changes.

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Additional information

At a different factory the company manufactures two products: Product A and Product B.

The following budgeted information is available.

	Product A	Product B
Monthly demand	300 units	200 units
Selling price per unit (\$)	20	25
Direct materials per unit (\$)	5	14
Direct labour hours per unit	0.75	0.5

Each product uses the same direct labour, but requires different direct materials. Direct labour is paid at \$12 per hour.

The production manager is aware that only 285 hours of direct labour will be available in August 2020.

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- (f) Prepare the optimum production plan.

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Additional information

The marketing director does not think that the optimum production plan should be implemented.

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- (g)** Advise the directors whether or not the company should implement the optimum production plan. Justify your answer referring to **both** financial and non-financial factors.

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