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These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

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2(d)	<p>Possible answers:</p> <p>The increase in gross profit is greater than the increase in the rent. (1) OF</p> <p>However other running costs are also likely to increase. (1)</p> <p>How sure are they that sales will double / what is this assumption based on. (1)</p> <p>The increase in gross profit may not be achievable. (1)</p> <p>There is more risk as rent (fixed cost) increases. (1)</p> <p>If there is no increase in sales the increase in rent wipes out the profit completely. (1)</p> <p>Accept other valid points. Max (3) for justification plus (1) mark for decision</p>	4															
2(e)	<p>They have both taken out of the business more than they were entitled to (1) or the business has been making a loss. (1)</p> <p>They both owe money to the business. (1)</p> <p>Max 2</p>	2															

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3(c)	<p>Before the acquisition the profit from operations would have been 135 000 × 8% = 10 800 (1) for the partnership and 553 000 × 6% = 33 180 (1) for the company.</p> <p>Assuming no change the return on capital employed after the acquisition would be</p> $\frac{(10\,800 + 33\,180) \text{ (1)OF}}{763\,000 \text{ (1)OF}} \times 100 = 5.76\% \text{ (1) OF}$	5																																												

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3(e)	<p>Possible answers:</p> <p>Income from dividends received without workload (1)</p> <p>No liability for debts of the business beyond the original investment (1)</p> <p>Possibility of capital gain if share price rises (1)</p> <p>May be easier to cash in investment and invest elsewhere rather than having to sell a business (1)</p> <p>May avoid conflicts with other partners (1)</p> <p>Accept other valid points. Max 2</p>	2

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4(d)(ii)	<p>Dividend payment</p> <p>The total amount which could be paid to based on the profitability is \$64 000 × 75% = 48 000. (1)</p> <p>However, the cash and cash equivalents are only \$45 200. Therefore, there is not enough cash to pay out the dividends in full. (1)</p> <p>Based on the cash available the maximum amount of dividend per share would be \$0.0565 (1) if the directors wanted to use all their cash resources. (1) This would be very unwise as it would leave them without any working capital. (1)</p> <p>Bonus issue</p> <p>There would be an issue of $\frac{1}{10} \times 800\,000 = 80\,000$ extra shares.(1) At the current market price this is worth $80\,000 \times 0.55 = \\$44\,000$. (1)</p> <p>Unfortunately, the market price of a share usually drops after such an issue. (1)</p> <p>However, the shareholders will have more shares to potentially earn greater dividends in the future (1) or to sell on the open market. (1)</p> <p>Will keep the shareholders happy (1)</p> <p>No changes in ownership. (1)</p> <p>Preserves cash in the company (1)</p> <p>A dividend less than \$0.565 is recommended / A bonus issue of 1 share for every 10 shares currently held for future gains (1)</p> <p>(4) marks for dividend comments (6) marks for bonus issue comments Accept other valid points for each option.</p>	10

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5(a)(i)	Material price variance $14\,000 \times 0.25 = \$3500$ F (2) 1 mark for amount + 1 mark for direction	2
5(a)(ii)	Material usage variance $500 \times 6 = \$3000$ A (2) 1 mark for amount + 1 mark for direction	2
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5(b)(ii)	Possible answer: The labour rate variance is adverse so more was paid than standard. (1) The quality of the workforce, therefore, may have been better (1) so they achieved a greater output (1) resulting in the favourable labour efficiency variance. (1)	4
5(c)	Possible answer: The fixed overhead volume variance is the difference between the fixed overheads applied and that budgeted. (1) It has arisen due to the change in the actual output compared to the standard. (1) It can be analysed into the fixed overhead capacity and fixed overhead efficiency variances. (1) The efficiency variance shows that the labour has worked less hours than expected (1) and are more efficient. (1) The capacity variance shows how the factory has been utilised for production. (1) Accept other valid points. Max 4	4

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