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SECTION A

1(a)

	Debit	Credit
	£m	£m
(2) Property	40 ✓	
Revaluation Reserve		40 ✓
(3) Statement of Comprehensive Income (SOCl) / Retained Earnings	7 ✓	
Ordinary Share Dividend/Dividend Payable		7 ✓
Ordinary Share Dividend/Dividend Payable	7 ✓	
Bank		7 ✓
(4) General Reserve	25 ✓	
SOCl / Retained Earnings		25 ✓
(5) SOCl / Retained Earnings	30 ✓	
Capital Replacement Reserve		30 ✓
(6) SOCl / Retained Earnings	14 ✓	
Ordinary Share Capital £1		14 ✓

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(b)

Figures are in £ millions	£1 Ordinary Share Capital £m	Share Premium £m	Retained Earnings £m	General Reserve £m	Capital Replacement Reserve £m	Capital Redemption Reserve £m	Revaluation Reserve ✓ £m	Total Equity £m
Balance at 1 January 2015	700	140	35	25		144		1 044 ✓
Comprehensive Income for the Year			(8) ✓					
Revaluation of property							40 ✓	
Final 2014 Dividend Paid in year			(7) ✓					
Transfer			25 ✓	(25) ✓				
Transfer			(30) ✓		30 ✓			
Bonus Issue of Ordinary £1 shares	14 ✓		(14) ✓					
Balance at 31 December 2015	714 of	140 ✓ (need 2) of	1 ✓ of	0 of	30 ✓ (need 2) of	144 of	40 ✓ (need 2) of	1 069 ✓ of

(16)

(c) Shares issued at premium of $\frac{(140m \times 100)}{700m} \checkmark = 20\% \checkmark$

So X shares at 20% premium to give £144m

ie $X \times 1.2 = £144m \quad X = \frac{£144m}{1.2} \checkmark = 120m \text{ shares } \checkmark \text{ of } \checkmark C$

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(d) Answers could include:

(i) Increase in value of factory cannot be added to profit, ✓ because it is an unrealised gain. ✓ This would go against the concept/principles of realisation ✓ i.e. gain has not been realised until property is sold. ✓ Also goes against prudence. ✓ (4)

(ii) Cannot be used to distribute as a dividend ✓ as in a capital reserve. ✓ (2)

(e) Answers may include

For Bonus Issue

Company has few funds available for dividends. ✓ Only £15m o/f in the Retained Earnings available. ✓

Shareholders are kept happy / quiet ✓ as they would have received free shares ✓ and these shares are eligible for dividends in the future. ✓

Maximum in Revenue reserves ✓ available for dividend is

£15m o/f + £30m = £45m o/f ✓ but reluctant to pay the £30m in Capital Replacement ✓ as this is set aside to replace worn out machinery. ✓

Company may be short of liquid funds ✓ especially if they have made a loss. ✓

May attract new investors (if they hear about the bonus shares). ✓

Bonus shares could be lower in total than the dividend payable. ✓

Makes the company look stronger (SOPF) if shares issued from revenue reserves. ✓

Against Bonus Issue

Bonus shares bring in no cash for the company. ✓

Issue of bonus shares sees share price fall ✓ Shareholders will be unhappy. ✓

Bonus shares will result in more shares eligible for dividends in the future ✓ so greater future payouts, ✓ or dividend per share may fall. ✓

The £14m could be used to give a dividend ✓ of 2 pence per share. ✓

It is possible to pay 6.43 pence per share maximum ✓ as a dividend from Revenue Reserves. ✓

If bonus shares are paid from revenue reserves ✓ this means there will be less funds available for future dividends/emergencies. ✓

Shares may fall in value in the future due to e.g. economic reasons ✓ so shareholders will be unhappy.

Administration/professional costs will rise. ✓

Maximum of 8 ✓ for arguing one side.

Conclusion

Bonus issue may/may not be best option for company ✓✓

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(Total: 52 marks)

2(a)(i)			W1 Cost of Sales		
Statement of Comprehensive Income for			Direct factory labour	1 007 000	
Jessorre Carpets plc for y/e 31 December 2015			Direct Materials	988 000	✓ need 2
			Less Discount Received	(42 000)	✓
Revenue	5 472 000	✓	Factory Depreciation	39 000	✓
			Machinery Depreciation	142 400	✓
Cost of sales	(2 176 400)	✓ o/f	Inventory Adjustment	42 000	✓
				2 176 400	5 x ✓
Gross profit	3 295 600	✓ o/f			
			W2 Distribution Costs		
Distribution costs	(2 539 320)	✓ o/f	Advertising	175 000	✓
			Discount Allowed	105 000	✓
Administrative expenses	(677 000)	✓ o/f	Rent on shop premises	424 000	✓
			Depreciation on motor vans	39 600	✓
Financial cost	(43 000)	✓ o/f	Sales Commission	54 720	✓
			Transport costs	165 000	✓
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	36 280	✓ o/f	Shop staff wages	135 7000	
			Transport staff wages	219 000	✓ need 2
Corporation tax	(10 000)	✓		2 539 320	7 x ✓
Profit on ordinary activities after tax	26 280	✓o/f	W3Administrative Expenses		
			Bad Debts Written Off	23 000	✓
			Head office expenses	272 000	✓
Total 25 x ✓	9 x ✓		Head office staff	382 000	✓
				677 000	3 x ✓
			W5 Financial cost		
			Bank interest	43 000	✓ 1 x ✓

(a)(ii) Statement of Financial Position of			
Jesorre Carpets plc as at 31 December 2015			
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, Plant & Equipment			
Buildings	1 474 000	√ of	
Machinery	569 600	√ of	
Motor vans	59 400	√ of	
			2 103 000
Current Assets			
Inventories	889 000	√	
Trade and Other Receivables			
Trade receivables	241 000	√	
Prepayments	24 000	√	
			265 000
Cash and Cash Equivalents			
Cash	38 000	√	
			38 000
			1 192 000
Total Assets			3 295 000
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity			
Share Capital			
Ordinary shares of £0.25	2 000 000	√	
Retained Earnings			
			786 500
			2 786 500
Non-Current Liabilities			
Long Term Borrowings			
Long term bank loan	200 000	√	
			200 000
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other Payables			
Trade Payables	274 000	√	
Other payables	19 000	√	
			293 000
Short Term Borrowings			
Bank	5 500	√	
Current Tax Payable			
Corporation Tax Payable	10 000	√	
			308 500
Total Equity and Liabilities			3 295 000 √ C

Total 15 x √

2 (b)

Answers may include:

Case For Directors' Report

- Report gives information to e.g. shareholders which they could use to make a decision ✓ e.g. invest more funds in the company. ✓
- Shareholders / readers may be assured the company is acting in an ethical manner. ✓
- Other stakeholders e.g. pressure group ✓ may use information in the Report to bring about change in company policy ✓ e.g. treatment of disabled. ✓
- Disclosures may be required under Stock Exchange regulations, ✓ which may be appropriate in the Directors' Report ✓ e.g. legislation pending. ✓
- The Director's Report could be considered part of the corporate governance. ✓
- Information is given to shareholders which allows them to see in some detail how the company is performing ✓
 - E.g. company performance/principal activities, ✓ review of the position of the business ✓
 - Post balance sheet events, ✓ future developments ✓
 - Names of directors, ✓ interests of directors ✓
 - Employee involvement, ✓ disabled employees policy ✓
 - Political ✓ and charitable donations ✓
 - Creditor payment policy, ✓ creditor payment days ✓

(Maximum of 4 marks for listing of items contained in Report)

Case Against Directors' Report

- Report costs personnel time ✓ to prepare and money to print etc. ✓
- Directors may use Report to "window dress" the accounts, ✓ ie give an inaccurate/unrealistic positive view of the company, ✓ as it is in their interest to do so. ✓
- There is a time delay before the Directors Report is published so events may have changed. ✓

Maximum 8 Marks for arguing one side only

Conclusion 2 Marks

Should relate to above points. E.g. Directors' Report is useful. ✓✓

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(Total: 52 marks)

3

(a)

$$(i) \text{ Budgeted tap production} = (10 \times 40 \times 4 \times 3)\checkmark = 4\,800 \checkmark \quad (2)$$

$$(ii) \text{ Actual brass used in production} = \frac{\pounds 74\,664 \checkmark}{\pounds 3.05 \checkmark} = 24\,480 \text{ kgs } \checkmark \quad (3)$$

(iii) Total direct production labour cost :

	\pounds	
Normal time	=	$10 \times 40 \times 4 \times \pounds 6.60 = \pounds 10\,560 \checkmark$
Overtime	=	$10 \times 1 \times 4 \times \pounds 9.90 = \pounds 396 \checkmark$
Total	=	$\pounds 10\,956 \checkmark \text{ o/f} \quad (3)$

(b) (i)

$$\text{Materials usage variance} = (24\,000 \checkmark - 24\,480 \checkmark \text{ o/f}) \times \pounds 3.20 \checkmark$$

$$= \pounds 1\,536 \text{ Adverse } \checkmark \text{ o/f} \quad (4)$$

$$\text{Materials price variance} = (\pounds 3.20 \checkmark - \pounds 3.05 \checkmark) \times 24\,480 \checkmark \text{ o/f}$$

$$= \pounds 3\,672 \text{ Favourable } \checkmark \quad (4)$$

$$\text{Total materials variance} = (\pounds 1\,536 \text{ Adverse} + \pounds 3\,672 \text{ Favourable})\checkmark \text{ o/f}$$

$$= \pounds 2\,136 \text{ Favourable } \checkmark \text{ o/f} \quad (2)$$

(ii)

$$\text{Labour efficiency variance} = (1\,600 \checkmark - 1\,640 \checkmark) \times \pounds 6.60 \checkmark$$

$$= \pounds 264 \text{ Adverse } \checkmark \quad (4)$$

$$\text{Labour rate variance} = (\pounds 6.60 \checkmark - \frac{\pounds 10\,956 \checkmark}{1\,640}) \times 1\,640 \checkmark$$

$$= \pounds 132 \text{ Adverse } \checkmark \quad (4)$$

$$\text{Total labour variance} = (\pounds 264 \text{ Adverse} + \pounds 132 \text{ Adverse}) \checkmark \text{ o/f}$$

$$= \pounds 396 \text{ Adverse } \checkmark \text{ o/f} \quad (2)$$

(c)	Sales	=	4 800 o/f	x	39.96	=	\pounds 191 808 \checkmark o/f
	Less						
	Materials Cost	=	\pounds 74 664 \checkmark				
	Labour Cost	=	\pounds 10 956 \checkmark o/f				
	Fixed Cost	=	\pounds 19 200 \checkmark				
			104 820				
	Profit	=	\pounds 86 988 \checkmark				o/f

(5)

- (d) Cost of producing one tap :
- | | | | |
|---------------|--|----------|---|
| Material cost | = 5 x £3.20 | = £16.00 | ✓ |
| Labour cost | = $\frac{£6.60}{3}$ | = £2.20 | ✓ |
| Fixed cost | = $\frac{£19\,200}{4\,800\text{ o/f}}$ | = £4.00 | ✓ |
- Total cost per tap = £22.20 ✓ o/f
- Selling price per tap = £39.96
- Mark-up per tap = £17.76 ✓ o/f
- Mark-up percentage = $\left(\frac{£17.76\text{ o/f}}{£22.20} \times 100\right) \checkmark = 80\% \checkmark \text{ o/f}$

(7)

(e)

Keeping the same percentage mark-up

FOR:

- Result will be a fall in price ✓ of £0.65 ✓✓ and this may lead to more customers ✓ and an overall increase in sales revenue. ✓
- New price may be below that of rival firms ✓ which may be crucial if market is competitive. ✓

AGAINST:

- The profit measured in £s per item sold will decrease ✓ and this may reduce overall profit ✓ even if more items are sold. ✓
- Demand may be price inelastic, ✓ and there may be only a small rise in demand if price falls. ✓
- Price will be lower so consumers may think quality is lower. ✓

Keeping the same selling price

FOR:

- Customers will not be aware of fall in production costs ✓ so are unlikely to feel unhappy ✓ especially given inflation/rising prices ✓
- Profit will be higher ✓ because costs are lower ✓
- Easier to keep same selling price, inertia ✓

AGAINST:

- Price could mean firm's price higher than rivals ✓ so there may be a fall in customers ✓

Maximum of 8 ✓ for one side of argument.

Conclusion

Keeping same percentage mark up is correct/incorrect ✓✓

(12)

(Total: 52 marks)

SECTION B

4

(a)	
Fixed Costs	$\pounds(620 \times 12) + 560 \checkmark(\text{both}) + (275 \times 12) + (65 \times 12) \checkmark(\text{both})$ $= \pounds 12\,080 \checkmark$
Variable Costs	$= \pounds 30 \checkmark$
Contribution	$(\pounds 110 - \pounds 30) = \pounds 80 \checkmark \text{ o/f}$
Break-even point	$\frac{12\,080}{80} \checkmark \text{ o/f}$ $= 151 \checkmark \text{ o/f}$
	8 marks
(b) Sales	$240 \times \pounds 110 = \pounds 26\,400 \checkmark$
Less Fixed Costs	$= (\pounds 12\,080) \checkmark \text{ o/f}$
Less Variable Costs	$(240 \times \pounds 30) = (\pounds 7\,200) \checkmark \text{ o/f}$
= Profit	$= \pounds 7\,120 \checkmark \text{ o/f}$
OR	
Contribution x Sales	$(\pounds 80 \times 240) \checkmark = \pounds 19\,200 \checkmark \text{ o/f}$
Less fixed Costs	$(\pounds 12\,080) \checkmark \text{ o/f}$
= Profit	$\pounds 7\,120 \checkmark \text{ o/f}$
	4 marks

(c)	
Fixed Costs	$(\pounds 400 + \pounds 720) \checkmark + (40 \times 12) \checkmark = \pounds 1600 \checkmark \text{ o/f}$
Variable Costs	$= \pounds 30 \checkmark$
Contribution	$(\pounds 110 - \pounds 30) = \pounds 80 \checkmark \text{ o/f}$
Break-even point	$\frac{1600}{80} \checkmark \text{ o/f}$ $= 20 \checkmark \text{ o/f}$
	8 marks
(d) Sales	$96 \times \pounds 110 = \pounds 10\,560 \checkmark$
Less Fixed Costs	$= (\pounds 1\,600) \checkmark \text{ o/f}$
Less Variable Costs	$(96 \times \pounds 30) = (\pounds 2\,880) \checkmark \text{ o/f}$
= Profit	$= \pounds 6\,080 \checkmark \text{ o/f}$
OR	
Contribution x Sales	$(\pounds 80 \times 96) \checkmark = \pounds 7\,680 \checkmark \text{ o/f}$
Less fixed Costs	$(\pounds 1\,600) \checkmark \text{ o/f}$
= Profit	$\pounds 6\,080 \checkmark \text{ o/f}$
	4 marks

(e)

For closing shop and working from home

Break-even point is lower ✓ by 131 units o/f ✓ because fixed costs are much lower. ✓

It may be possible to build up sales ✓ by advertising and word of mouth recommendations etc. ✓

Flexibility/relax etc. working from home. ✓

For keeping shop open

Profit is higher (using 2015 figure) ✓ by £1 040 ✓ o/f.

Because the loan is paid off ✓ £3 300 interest will not be paid ✓ so profit is would be higher by £4 340 in 2016 ✓ which is more realistic.

Will need to buy a van for £4 000 if working from home. ✓

More chance of passing trade/ higher footfall ✓ as shop presence acts as an "advert" itself. ✓

Profit is more important than break-even. ✓✓

Margin of safety falls ✓ from 89 in 2015 (240-151) in the shop, to 76 (96-20) o/f if working from home in 2016 ✓

Maximum of 4 marks for argument of one side.

Conclusion

Should keep shop open ✓✓

(8)

(Total: 32 marks)

5(a) Budget Statement of Comprehensive Income for February

OUTPUT	<u>1400</u>	<u>1500</u>	<u>1600</u>	
Revenue	168 000 ✓	171 000 ✓	173 280 ✓	
Materials	33 600 ✓	30 600 ✓	27 744 ✓	
Labour	25 200 ✓	29 700 ✓	34 848 ✓	
Delivery	4 170 ✓	4 325 ✓	4 480 ✓	
Power	2 660 ✓	2 750 ✓	2 840 ✓	
Fixed Costs	<u>26 800</u>	<u>26 800</u>	<u>26 800</u>	✓ (all three)
Total Costs	92 430 ✓ o/f	94 175 ✓ o/f	96 712 ✓ o/f	
Profit	75 570 ✓ o/f	76 825 ✓ o/f	76 568 ✓ o/f	
				22 marks

(b)

Possible answers could include:

Allow good decision making ✓ as "like compared to like" e.g. similar output levels. ✓

May save time and money by allowing ✓ "Management by Exception" i.e. action only if a variance at that output level. ✓

Allows workforce to meet target for given output level ✓ so motivates workforce. ✓

(2)

(c)

Output of 1500 units may be the best ✓ as it gives the highest profit o/f ✓
 However, output of 1600 units probably means greatest market share ✓ and competitors will suffer. ✓

Output of 1 400 units gives the lowest figures for costs o/f ✓

1600 units gives lowest costs per unit ✓ at £60.45 o/f ✓ with 1400 the highest ✓ at £66.02 o/f ✓

1400 units gives the highest profit per ✓ unit at £53.98 o/f ✓ with 1600 the lowest ✓ at £47.86 o/f ✓

1600 units gives the highest factory capacity utilisation figure, ✓ which means not so many assets are being left idle ✓

Output may simply be determined by demand. ✓

Output at 1 600 may see benefits of economies of scale. ✓ for example, spreading the fixed costs over a larger output. ✓

Maximum of 4 marks for arguing for only one output level.

Conclusion

1500 units is the best output level as it gives the most profit – 2 marks

(8)

(Total: 32 marks)

6 (a) (i)

Provision for Depreciation account

Date	Details	£000		Date	Details	£000	
Dec 31	Disposals	360	✓	Jan 1	Balance b/d	1 346	✓
Dec 31	Disposals	210	✓	Dec 31	Statement of Comprehensive Income	493	✓ o/f
Dec 31	Balance c/d	<u>1 269</u>	✓				
		<u>1 839</u>				<u>1 839</u>	✓ o/f

(6)

(a) (ii)

Statement of Cash Flow for y/e 31 December 2015		
Cash Flows from operating activities		
Profit from operations (273 ✓ + 12 ✓ + 24 ✓)	309 000	
Add Depreciation	493 000	✓ o/f
Less Profit on Sale of Non-current Asset	(42 000)	✓
Add Loss on Sale of Non-current Asset	35 000	✓
Operating cash flow before working capital changes	795 000	✓ o/f
Decrease in inventories	31 000	✓
Less Increase in trade receivables	(66 000)	✓
Less Decrease in trade payables	(27 000)	✓
Cash generated from operations	733 000	✓ o/f
Less Interest Paid (12 ✓ + 24 ✓)	(36 000)	
Less Tax Paid	(323 000)	✓
Net Cash from Operating Activities	374 000	✓ o/f

(15)

(b)

Items found in the Financing Activities section include:

Issue of shares, premium on share issue, issue of debenture, taking out a bank loan, redemption of shares, repayment of a bank loan, repayment of a debenture, dividends paid,

(and can include interest paid). One ✓ per correct item.

(3)

(c)

For statement

Profit after interest was £273 000 ✓

Company has generated £374 000 o/f from Operating activities. ✓

Cash and cash equivalent has risen from (£121 000) to £139 000✓, a rise of £260 000✓

Financing activities show an inflow of £44 000. ✓

2014 current ratio is 1.69:1, acid ratio is 0.76:1 ✓

2015 current ratio is 2.05:1, acid ratio is 1.06:1 ✓ i.e. improved ✓

(or both current ratios correct = ✓ and both acid ratios = ✓)

Against statement

Financing activity shows a loan of £400 000 was taken out, ✓ which goes a long way to explain the improvement in liquidity in the year. ✓

Cash flow used in Investing Activities was an outflow of £158 000 ✓, however this could generate future inflows. ✓

Cash and cash equivalents at the end of 2015 are not enough to pay the current tax bill, ✓ although the position was worse in 2014. ✓

Maximum of arguing for one side 4 marks

Conclusion

Company has done well and liquidity position has improved. – 2 marks

(8)

(Total: 32 marks)

7 (a)

<u>Sales</u>	<u>Flights</u>	<u>Passengers</u>	<u>Weeks</u>	<u>Sales Price</u>	<u>Total Revenue</u>
Year 1	220	X 150	X 52	X 0.52	=892 320 ✓
Year 2	240	X 150	X 52	X 0.52	=973 440 ✓
Year 3	240	X 150	X 52	X 0.55	=1 029 600 ✓
Year 4	260	X 150	X 52	X 0.55	=1 115 400 ✓
Year 5	260	X 150	X 52	X 0.58	=1 176 240 ✓
<u>Running costs</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Weeks</u>	<u>Depreciation</u>	<u>Meal Cost</u>	<u>Cash Outflow</u>
Year 1	(6 750	X 52)	-235 000	+ 429 000	=545 000 ✓
Year 2	(6 750	X 52)	-235 000	+ 468 000	=584 000 ✓
Year 3	(6 950	X 52)	-235 000	+ 468 000	=594 400 ✓
Year 4	(6 950	X 52)	-235 000	+ 507 000	=633 400 ✓
Year 5	(6 950	X 52)	-235 000	+ 507 000	=633 400 ✓
<u>Net Cash Flow</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Net</u>		<u>Cumulative</u>
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Outflow</u>	<u>Cash Flow</u>		<u>Cash Flow</u>
Year 0					-2 000 000
Year 1	(892 320	-545 000)	=347 320	✓ o/f	-1 652 680
Year 2	(973 440	-584 000)	=389 440	✓ o/f	-1 263 240
Year 3	(1029 600	-594 400)	=435 200	✓ o/f	-828 040
Year 4	(1 115 400	-633 400)	=482 000	✓ o/f	-346 040
Year 5	(1 176 240	-633 400)	=542 840	✓ o/f	196 800

Payback period = 4 years $(346\ 040\ \text{o/f} \times 12) \sqrt{= 4\ \text{years o/f} \sqrt{7.65\ \text{months} \sqrt{\text{o/f}}}$
 $(542\ 840) \sqrt{}$

(20)

(b)

Gearing ratio = $\frac{\text{Prior Charge Capital} \times 100 \sqrt{}}{\text{Capital Employed}} = \frac{\pounds 1\ 500\ 000 \times 100 \sqrt{}}{\pounds 2\ 000\ 000 \sqrt{}} = 75\% \sqrt{\text{o/f}}$

(4)

(c)

For statement

The contract shows a positive cash flow every year. ✓

The contract makes a profit every year, ✓ even when depreciation is taken into account. ✓

The contract pays back in the fifth year. ✓

The contract has fixed prices agreed with the airline. ✓

As long as the airline stays in business the contract must be honoured by the airline ✓ therefore giving security to Gulf Catering. ✓

Against statement

Some figures are only estimates ✓ e.g. cost of producing meals. ✓

The gearing ratio at 75% is very risky ✓ because it is over 50%. ✓

The airline could go out of business, so contract will be worthless. ✓

Payback is after more than four years, which may be considered quite lengthy. ✓

Maximum 4 marks for arguing only one side of the contract.

Conclusion

Company probably is taking a risk ✓✓

(8)

(Total: 32 marks)

