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Edexcel IGCSE

Accounting

Paper 1

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You do not need any other materials.

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Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided – *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 100.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets – *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Write your answers neatly and in good English.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

Turn over ►



SECTION B**Answer ALL questions**

- 11** The following trial balance has been prepared by a trainee accounting clerk from the books of Harsha Patel.

Trial Balance as at 31 December 2010

Account	Debit £	Credit £
Bank balance	59 000	
Capital		87 900
Carriage outwards	350	
Closing stock		3 241
Drawings		27 500
Fixtures and fittings	30 000	
Opening stock	2 623	
Provision for depreciation – fixtures and fittings	2 500	
Purchases		38 950
Rent and rates	7 500	
Sales	65 400	
Wages and salaries		10 000
Suspense	218	
	<u>167 591</u>	<u>167 591</u>



- (a) Prepare a corrected version of Harsha’s trial balance, with an amended figure for the suspense account.

(3)

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(c) Prepare the suspense account, clearly showing the opening balance calculated in part (a).

(3)

Suspense Account

Date	Narration	£	Date	Narration	£

(Total for Question 11 = 10 marks)



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Throughout Question 12, assume that the rate of VAT is 10%

12 Rita Kaur is a wholesaler of footwear. She buys and sells mainly on credit terms. She does not offer a cash discount to any of her customers.

On 1 April 2011 her sales ledger contained the following debit balances.

A Alpa	£3 000
B Blach	£5 000
C Caron	£2 000
D Drake	£6 000

On 1 April 2011 her nominal ledger contained the following balances:

Sales Account	£23 400
Returns Inwards Account	£2 360
Sales Ledger Control Account	£16 000
VAT Account	£3 200 (Cr)

The following are extracts from her books for April 2011.

Sales Book

Date	Narration	Goods	VAT	Total
April 1	A Alpa	600	60	660
April 7	B Blach	260	26	286
April 10	D Drake	1 520	152	1 672
April 17	A Alpa	1 450	145	1 595
April 25	C Caron	1 600	160	1 760
	Totals for Month	<u>5 430</u>	<u>543</u>	<u>5 973</u>

Returns Inwards Book

Date	Narration	Goods	VAT	Total
April 13	B Blach	60	6	66
April 28	D Drake	340	34	374
	Totals for Month	<u>400</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>440</u>



Cash Book (Debit side)

Date	Narration	VAT	Bank
April 1	Balance b/d		8 000
April 2	Cash sales (including VAT)	50	550
April 5	D Drake		6 000
April 8	C Caron		1 000
April 15	Cash sales (including VAT)	75	825
April 21	A Alpa		1 500
April 30	Rent received		500
April 30	B Blach		2 250
	Totals for Month	<u>125</u>	<u>20 625</u>

The Journal

Date	Narration	Debit	Credit
April 28	A Alpa (Purchases Ledger)	1 000	
	A Alpa (Sales Ledger)		1 000
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The following totals were extracted from her books at the end of April:

	Goods	Vat	Total
Purchases Journal	3 200	320	3 520
Returns Outwards Journal	260	26	286

Rita made cash purchases totalling £770 (including VAT) during the month of April 2011.



- (a) Prepare the account of A Alpa in Rita Kaur’s sales ledger. Balance the account on 30 April 2011 and bring the balance down.

(6)

A Alpa Account

Date	Narration	£	Date	Narration	£

- (b) Prepare the sales ledger control (total debtors) account for the month of April 2011. Balance the account on 30 April 2011 and bring the balance down.

(6)

Sales Ledger Control (Total Debtors) Account

Date	Narration	£	Date	Narration	£



(c) Prepare the sales account, returns inwards account and VAT account for the month of April 2011. There is no need to balance the accounts.

(8)

Sales Account

Date	Narration	£	Date	Narration	£

Returns Inwards Account

Date	Narration	£	Date	Narration	£

VAT Account

Date	Narration	£	Date	Narration	£



(d) Evaluate the usefulness to Rita Kaur of maintaining a sales ledger control account.

(5)

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(Total for Question 12 = 25 marks)



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Account	Balance £
Bad debts	3 200
Equipment (cost)	15 000
Insurance	4 322
Motor expenses	27 690
Motor vehicles (cost)	50 000
Opening stock	45 000
Premises (cost)	250 000
Provision for depreciation – equipment	5 000
Provision for depreciation – motor vehicles	30 000
Purchases	324 897
Returns inwards	6 500
Returns outwards	4 897
Rates	9 500
Sales	506 500
Sundry expenses	42 156

The following additional information at 30 April 2011 should be taken into account:

1. Stock was valued at £55 000.
2. Provide for depreciation by the reducing balance method on equipment (10%) and motor vehicles (25%).
3. A motor van purchased during the year for £20 000 has been included in the motor expenses account.
4. It is Omar's policy to provide a full year's depreciation on all assets held at the year's end.
5. Allow for business rates due but unpaid, £500, and for insurance paid in advance, £322.
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13(b)(ii)	Sample answer With additional information 6 I have used the business entity concept (1), which states that only transactions involving the business should be included in the business books (1). The goods for own use are drawings and as such, they need to be ignored in the calculation of cost of sales . Only the purchases used in the business are recorded (1).	(3)

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- 14 An accountant has prepared for Oriental Furniture Ltd the following profit and loss appropriation account, for the year ended 31 March 2011.

Oriental Furniture Ltd
Profit and loss appropriation account
Year ended 31 March 2011

	£000	£000
Operating profit		250
Retained earnings brought forward		50
		300
Less appropriations		
Transfer to general reserve	25	
Ordinary dividend: Interim (paid)	25	
Final (proposed)	25	
		75
Retained earnings carried forward		225

In addition, the following balances appeared in its books at that date.

Account	£000
Bank overdraft	30
Closing stock	60
Debentures – 2020	100
Debenture interest due	10
General reserve	25
Fixtures and fittings (cost)	62
Issued share capital	300
Premises (cost)	600
Prepaid expenses	10
Provision for depreciation – fixtures and fittings	12
Trade creditors	35
Trade debtors	55



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15 The following information is available about a retail business owned by Albert Gonzalez .

	Year ended 31 March 2010	Year ended 31 March 2011
	£000	£000
Sales	500	600
Cost of sales	250	270
Expenses	100	120
Capital employed	750	900

Current ratio	2.5:1	1.5:1
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