

4(a)	Define ‘commission’. Award 2 marks for a full definition. Award 1 mark for a partial definition. <u>Payment to employees</u> relating to the number/value of sales made [2] Partial definition e.g. money based on sales / what sold [1]
4(b)	Identify <u>two</u> external users of accounts. Award 1 mark per user of external accounts (max 2). Points might include: • Banks/lenders • Suppliers • Government • Potential investor • Local community/pressure groups Other appropriate responses should be credited.

4(c)

Identify four ways the information in a statement of financial position can be used.

Award 1 mark per way (max 4).

Points might include:

- Calculate working capital
- Calculate current ratio
- Calculate acid test ratio
- Shows how the business finances its activities / shareholders can see how any expansion has been funded
- Shows the assets the business owns / what the business owns
- Show value of liabilities / what the business owes
- Support loan application / raise finance / show investors
- Show value of the business / what the business is worth
- Compare performance over time
- Compare performance against competitors

Other appropriate responses should be credited.

4(d)

Explain two possible reasons why providing training for its employees is important to RHN.

Award 1 mark for identification of each relevant reason (max 2).

Award 1 mark for each relevant reference to this business (max 2).

Award 1 mark for each relevant explanation (max 2).

Points might include:

- More skilled / flexible employees [k] so can cover absences of others [an] in its 50 shops [app]
- Fewer mistakes / better quality (service) [k] from its 290 employees [app] which could improve its reputation [an]
- Increases motivation [k] which can help reduce labour turnover [an] which is helpful as uses internal recruitment [app]
- Fewer customer complaints [k] about its clothing [app] increasing customer loyalty [an]
- Less supervision needed [k], so managers have time to focus on other activities [an]
- Improves efficiency/productivity [k]
- Fewer accidents / ensure safe working conditions [k]
- Able to train others [k] reducing training costs [an]
- Provide new ideas / improves innovation [k]
- Helps attract (potential) employees [k]
- Helps introduce a new process [k]

Other appropriate responses should be credited.

4(e)	Do you think the advantages for a business of using internal recruitment are greater than the disadvantages? Justify your answer. Award up to 2 marks for identification of relevant points. Award up to 2 marks for relevant development of points. Award up to 2 marks for a justified decision as to whether the advantages of internal recruitment for a business are greater than the disadvantages. Points might include: Advantages: • Employees know the business [k] so can start <u>work</u> more quickly / less training needed [an] • Low cost/cheaper [k] which reduces cash outflows / as do not have to spend funds on job advertisements [an] • Less time-consuming / quicker [k] which means time can be used for other purposes [an] • Can motivate employees [k] so reducing labour turnover / encourages employee loyalty / improve efficiency [an] • Company knows the employee [k] which reduces risk / likelihood of employing someone who is not appropriate for the job [an] Disadvantages: • Suitable candidates may not be available / employees may not have experience / skills needed [k] which could lead to mistakes / wrong actions taken [an] • Reduces pool / fewer potential candidates [k] • Would create another vacancy for the business to fill [k] • Could create resentment / jealousy among those not selected [k] which could demotivate these employees [an] • Lack of new ideas [k] so business may become less competitive [an]
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4(e)	Other appropriate responses should be credited. Justification might include: Internal recruitment is cheaper [k] which reduces cash outflows [an]. However, the current employees may not have skills needed [k] leading to mistakes being made [an]. The potential disadvantages are greater because those mistakes could damage the businesses reputation [eval] which is likely to cost the business more money in the long term. [eval]
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