

1(a)

**Define 'trade union'.**

Award 2 marks for a full definition. Award 1 mark for a partial definition.

- Group of workers who join together to ensure their interests are protected [2]
- An organisation of employees aimed at improving pay and working conditions [2]
- An organisation that exists to provide workplace support for its members [2]

Partial definition e.g.

- Group of workers/employees (who join together) [1]
- People/organisation who fight for employee/worker rights [1]
- Stand for worker's rights/protect workers [1]
- Group of people who protect workers [1]
- An organisation that ensures workers' rights are not violated [1]

1(b)

**Define 'secondary sector'.**

Award 2 marks for a full definition. Award 1 mark for a partial definition.

Businesses that:

- Process/manufacture goods from natural resources [2]
- Manufacture goods using the raw materials provided by the primary sector [2]
- Use manufacturing to transform the raw materials generated in the primary sector into a product [2]
- Converts raw materials into manufactured goods [2]

Partial definition e.g.

- Makes products [1]
- Manufactures goods [1]
- Refines/processes raw materials [1]

1(c)

**Identify four reasons why a business might remain small.**

Award 1 mark per reason (max 4).

Points might include:

- Limited access to/lack of capital (to expand)
- Limited access to/lack of suitable labour
- Limited access to/lack of suitable land
- Limited access to/lack of suitable resources/raw materials
- Personal preference / owners' choice / owner does not want the responsibility / wants to keep control
- Lack of skills/knowledge/experience (to expand)
- Size of the market / amount of customers / level of demand / small market
- To maintain close customers relationships / provide a personal service / type of industry
- Some large firms dominate the market / low market share / too much competition
- Can be flexible / respond quickly to changes in customer tastes
- No economies of scale / to avoid diseconomies of scale
- Operating at maximum possible output

Other appropriate responses should be credited.

1(d)

**Explain two possible effects of WMH introducing new technology.**

Award 1 mark for identification of each relevant effect (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:

Positive effects:

- Improve quality / less waste / fewer mistakes [k] leading to a better reputation [an] for its furniture [app]
- Increases productivity / efficiency / quicker production [k] leading to lower (average) costs [an] for this small business [app]
- Improved communication [k] leading to fewer mistakes / better efficiency [an] in the factory [app]
- Can design new products [k] which may increase sales / access new markets [an]
- Greater job satisfaction/motivation [k] reducing absenteeism/lowering labour turnover [an]
- Employees may gain new skills [k] leading to higher pay/chances of promotion [an]
- Reduces time/costs to design new products [k]
- Increase output [k]
- Safer workplace [k]

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| 1(d) | <p>Negative effects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchasing new equipment / expensive to buy/set up [k] increasing cash outflows/debt [an]</li> <li>• Need to train workers [k] which can increase costs [an]</li> <li>• If technology is rapidly changing it will need to change often to remain competitive [k] which will increase costs [an]</li> <li>• Some employees may lose their jobs/made redundant [k]</li> <li>• May demotivate employees [k]</li> </ul> <p>Other appropriate responses should be credited.</p> |
| 1(e) | <p><b>Explain <u>two</u> factors a manufacturing business should consider when deciding on a suitable location for a factory. Which factor is likely to be the most important? Justify your answer.</b></p> <p>Award up to 2 marks for identification of relevant points.<br/>Award up to 2 marks for relevant development of points.<br/>Award up to 2 marks for justified decision as to which location factor is likely to be the most important for a manufacturing business.</p>                                                        |

1(e)

Points might include:

- Access to skilled labour [k] as may be difficult to find/recruit / could increase recruitment/labour costs [an]
- Access to raw materials/components [k] so production is not delayed [an]
- Availability / rent of suitable land [k] which could restrict size of factory / increase fixed costs [an]
- Good transport links [k] to ensure materials arrive / products sent when needed [an]
- Proximity to market [k] to ensure sales/revenue can be made [an]
- Type of product [k] a fragile/heavy product may need to be closer to customers to reduce risk of damage/cost [an]
- Government grants [k] which could help reduce costs [an]
- Legal controls [k] which may prevent the business from locating in certain areas [an]
- Access to utilities/power/water [k] as needed for production [an]
- Trade barriers [k]
- Security of the area/level of crime [k]

Other appropriate responses should be credited.

Justification might include:

Skilled labour [k] if difficult to find could increase recruitment costs [an]. Another factor is availability of suitable land [k] which could restrict the size of the factory [an]. Having suitable land is more important because this might limit output which could reduce its ability to meet demand [eval] whereas a business can train employees, and the extra cost might be covered by the additional revenue gained [eval].

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| 2(a) | <p><b>Define ‘import tariff’.</b></p> <p>Award 2 marks for a full definition. Award 1 mark for a partial definition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A tax (placed) on imported goods [2]</li> <li>• A tax applied to the value of imported goods [2]</li> <li>• A specific form of tax imposed/charged on imported goods [2]</li> </ul> <p>Partial definition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A type of tax [1]</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 2(b) | <p><b>Identify <u>one</u> non-current asset and <u>one</u> current liability.</b></p> <p>Award 1 mark per non-current asset/current liability (max 2).</p> <p>Points might include:</p> <p>Non-current assets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Machinery</li> <li>• Equipment</li> <li>• Land</li> <li>• Buildings/shops/factories/offices</li> <li>• Motor vehicles/delivery vehicles</li> </ul> <p>Current liabilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overdraft</li> <li>• Short-term loan</li> <li>• Trade payables (creditors)</li> </ul> <p>Other appropriate responses should be credited.</p> |

2(c)

**Outline two ways the information in Table 2.1 might be useful to CPW.**

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

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

Points might include:

- Show value of liabilities/what the business owes [k] as has current liabilities of \$110 million [app]
- Show value of assets/what the business owns [k] which is \$190 million [app]
- Support loan application/help raise finance [k] for the 10 vehicles [app]
- Calculate working capital/current assets minus current liabilities [k] of this private sector business [app]
- Show how the business finances its activities [k] when selling kettles/ovens [app]
- Calculate current ratio/ratio of current assets to current liabilities [k] 0.63:1/0.64:1 [app]
- Compare performance with other businesses [k]
- Compare performance over time/against other years [k]
- Show value of the business/capital employed [k] \$80 million [app]
- Equity/owners capital [k] of \$5 million [app]

Other appropriate responses should be credited.

2(d)

**Explain two factors CPW should consider when deciding on a source of finance for the new vehicles.**

Award 1 mark for identification of each relevant factor (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:

- Amount required [k] for the 10 (vehicles) [app] because this is a large amount a bank loan/selling non-current assets maybe required [an]
- Current level of borrowing/loans [k] as the bank might not be willing to lend extra finance [an] when have non-current liabilities of \$75 million [app]
- Time period [k] as the vehicles may be needed for the long-term, the source needs to be long-term [an] to make deliveries [app]
- Cost of finance/is it affordable [k] as high interest rates could increase cash outflows/expenses [an] adding to its current liabilities of \$110 million [an]
- Size/legal form of the business [k] of this private sector business [app]
- Security/collateral needed [k]
- Level of control [k]
- How urgently the funds are required [k]

Other appropriate responses should be credited.

2(e)

**Explain two objectives a private sector business might have. Which objective is likely to be the most important? 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 justified decision as to which objective is likely to be the most important.

Points might include:

- Survival/stay in business [k] to breakeven/ensure costs are covered [an]
- Make a profit [k] when revenue exceeds total costs [an]
- Growth/expansion [k] as this can help spread risk [an]
- Increase sales [k] as this can lead to higher revenue [an] which is necessary to cover costs [an]
- Increase market share [k] which could provide an opportunity to control prices/dominate the market [an]
- Socially/ethically/environmentally responsible / provide a service (to the community) [k]
- Increase returns to shareholders/owners [k] to encourage investment [an]
- Increase brand image / reputation / increase brand awareness [k]
- Increase customer loyalty [k]
- Customer satisfaction [k]

Justification might include:

One objective is survival [k] to ensure costs are covered [an]. Another objective is making a profit [k] to provide a source of finance [an]. Survival is likely to be the most important objective for private sector business as they may operate in a competitive market [eval.] Without survival, there is no opportunity to make profit in the long term [eval].

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| 3(a) | <p><b>Identify <u>X</u> and <u>Y</u>.</b></p> <p>Award 1 mark for each correct answer.</p> <p><b>X:</b> Break-even (point)</p> <p><b>Y:</b> (Total) revenue</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 3(b) | <p><b>Define ‘margin of safety’.</b></p> <p>Award 2 marks for a full definition. Award 1 mark for a partial definition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The difference between the <u>current level</u> of output/sales and break-even output/sales [2]</li> <li>• The amount by which <u>sales</u> exceed the break-even point [2]</li> </ul> <p>Partial definition e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Difference between total output and break-even point [1]</li> <li>• Number of units that exceed break-even output [1]</li> </ul> |

3(c)

**Outline two advantages of Vicki delegating tasks to her employees.**

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

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

Points might include:

- Motivate employees [k] helping increase sales above 900 units [app]
- Develop employee skills / increase flexibility of workforce [k] when making burgers [app]
- Builds trust between the owner and her employees / better working relations [k]
- The owner cannot do all tasks alone / reduces her workload / she has time to focus on other tasks [k] such as completing the break-even chart [app]
- Quality of the owner's work is often improved / she is less likely to make mistakes [k] at the restaurant [app]
- She can measure performance/success of employees [k]

Other appropriate responses should be credited.

3(d)

**Explain two possible effects of an economic recession on Vicki's business.**

Award 1 mark for identification of each relevant method (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:

- Lower/fewer sales [k] leading to lower revenue [an] from selling burgers [app]
- May need to lower costs [k] as revenue is likely to be falling [an] for the restaurant [app]
- More workers available to select from [k] so may be able to lower labour costs [an] of the 14 employees [app]
- Workers may be made redundant / reduce workforce / downsize [k] which could demotivate other workers [an]
- Low business confidence [k] so less willing/likely to invest [an]
- The business may fail / hard to survive [k] so may lose their investment [an]
- May have cash flow problems [k] so cannot pay day-to-day costs [an]
- May have to lower prices [k]
- May delay any expansion plans [k]
- Banks may not be willing to lend [k]
- May change objective to survival [k]
- Lower profit [k] so less funds to invest [an]

Other appropriate responses should be credited.

3(e)

**Explain two methods of training a business might use. Which is likely to be the best method for a service business to use? 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 which is likely to be the best method for a service business to use.

Points might include:

On-the-job training [k]

- Being trained in the workplace [an]
- Watching a more experienced worker doing the job [an]
- Allows business specific training to be given [an]
- Low(er) cost [an]
- Some work completed during training [an]
- May learn bad habits from trainer [an]
- Trainer may not be as productive as usual [an]

Off-the-job training [k]

- Being trained away from the workplace [an]
- Allows employees to be trained by experts [an]
- New/up-to-date skills/knowledge can be taught [an]
- High(er) cost [an]
- Wages paid but no work is being done [an]
- Induction training [k]
- Can help new employees understand / familiarise with the work/workplace/job role [an]
- New workers settle into their job quickly [an]
- Delays when start work [an]

Other appropriate responses should be credited.

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| 3(e) | <p>Justification might include:</p> <p>On-the-job training [k] is where trainees watch a more experienced worker [an]. Alternatively, off-the-job training [k] will teach up to date skills [an]. Off-the-job training is the best method as the business is more likely to improve productivity by learning the ideas [eval] whereas on-the-job training may lead to employees picking up bad habits so would have limited value [eval].</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 4(a) | <p><b>Define ‘brand image’.</b></p> <p>Award 2 marks for a full definition. Award 1 mark for a partial definition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The image or identity given to a product/business which distinguishes it from its competitors brand [2]</li> <li>• Characteristics that distinguish a business from others through design or logo [2]</li> <li>• The general impression of a product/business held by consumers [2]</li> <li>• Personality given to a product/business through marketing activities [2]</li> </ul> <p>Partial definition e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identity given to a product/business [1]</li> <li>• How product/business is seen by others [1]</li> <li>• Characteristics that make a <u>business</u> unique [1]</li> </ul> |

4(b)

**Identify two reasons why some markets have become more competitive.**

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

Points might include:

- Globalisation/growth of free trade agreements
- Changes in technology or examples e.g. ecommerce/internet/social media
- Changes in legal controls / more or fewer regulations / government intervention in the market
- Transport improvements/infrastructure improvements

Other appropriate responses should be credited.

4(c)

**Outline one way MTL could act ethically with each of the following stakeholder groups:**

**Employees**

**Customers**

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

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

Points might include:

Employees:

- Pay fair/good wages [k] to its 430 employees [app]
- Ensure fair/good working conditions [k] when making the toys [app]
- Not employ child labour [k]
- Not use zero hours contracts [k]

Customers:

- Charge a fair price [k] which can help maintain its good brand image [app]
- Not advertise misleading prices [k] when operating in a competitive market [app]

Other appropriate responses should be credited.

4(d)

**Explain two problems MTL might have when entering a new market in another country.**

Award 1 mark for identification of each relevant problem (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:

- Lack of market knowledge [k] so may not be aware of competitors' pricing/promotion [an] for toys [app]
- Language differences) [k] so it may have to translate/change wording on the packaging [an] to explain how it is ethical [app]
- Cultural differences [k] so product may not sell there [an] which could damage its brand image [app]
- Changes in exchange rates [k] may make it difficult to set prices [an] for this large business [app]
- Different legal controls [k] which could restrict what/how they can sell [an]
- Import restrictions or examples such as quotas [k] which could restrict the number of products they can import [an]
- Economic differences e.g. average income, stage in business cycle [k]
- Social differences e.g. age structure [k]
- Increased transport costs [k] as products may have to be transported over long distances [an]
- Level of competition [k]
- Lack of recognition of the business [k]
- High taxes [k]
- Difficulty in locating suppliers [k]

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| 4(d) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increased risk of non-payment/incorrect payment [k] as methods of payment are likely to be different between each country [an]</li></ul> <p>Other appropriate responses should be credited.</p> |
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4(e)

Points might include:

- Television [k] is expensive/can include moving images to attract attention [an]
- Magazines [k] as able to target specific types of customers [an]
- Discount offers/promotional pricing/ (money off) coupons/loyalty card [k] which can make the products more affordable [an]
- Social media/internet-based advertising/influencers [k] to reach large numbers of people [an]
- Leaflets [k] as this is a low-cost method [an]
- Posters/billboards [k] as can be seen by everyone who is passing by [an]
- Point of sale displays/demonstrations [k] as this allows the customer to be shown how it is used [an]
- Radio advertising [k] which allows them to target specific regions [an]
- Newspapers [k]
- Gifts [k]
- Sponsorship [k]
- Competitions [k] encourage customer to buy to receive a reward/win [an]
- Free samples [k] increase costs [an]
- BOGOF [k]
- After-sales service [k]

Other appropriate responses should be credited.

Justification might include:

Television [k] as able to include moving images to attract attention [an]. Another method is posters [k] as it can be seen by everyone who is passing by [an]. Television is the best method as this is a large business so it should be able to afford the cost involved [eval] and is likely to reach far more people than a poster [eval].