

2(a)	Define ‘import tariff’. Award 2 marks for a full definition. Award 1 mark for a partial definition. • A tax (placed) on imported goods [2] • A tax applied to the value of imported goods [2] • A specific form of tax imposed/charged on imported goods [2] Partial definition: • A type of tax [1]
2(b)	Identify <u>one</u> non-current asset and <u>one</u> current liability. Award 1 mark per non-current asset/current liability (max 2). Points might include: Non-current assets: • Machinery • Equipment • Land • Buildings/shops/factories/offices • Motor vehicles/delivery vehicles Current liabilities: • Overdraft • Short-term loan • Trade payables (creditors) Other appropriate responses should be credited.

2(c)	Outline <u>two</u> 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 <u>value of</u> liabilities/what the business owes [k] as has current liabilities of \$110 million [app] • Show <u>value of</u> 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.
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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].

2(a)	Define 'cash flow forecast'. Award 2 marks for a full definition. Award 1 mark for a partial definition. - Estimate of future cash inflows and outflows of a business (usually on a month-by-month basis) [2]. Partial definition e.g. - Shows the cash inflows and outflows of a business [1].
2(b)	Identify <u>two</u> reasons why cash is important for a business. Award 1 mark per reason (max 2). Points might include: Examples of day-to-day costs/expenses include: - Pay employees/wages/salary - Pay suppliers/trade payables / raw materials / inventory - Pay rent - Pay insurance - Pay utilities e.g. heating/lighting/water/power - Pay advertising - Pay interest (on loans) / repay loan Other answers include: - For use in an emergency / to pay unexpected costs - Ensure survival / business may be forced to close if cannot pay its debts Other appropriate responses should be credited.

2(c)	Identify <u>four</u> functions of management. Award 1 mark per function (max 2). Four from: - Control - Coordinate - Plan - Organise - Command
2(d)	Explain <u>two</u> ways OTK could overcome a short-term cash flow problem. Award 1 mark for identification of each relevant way (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: - Overdraft [k] as this would allow the business to spend more than it has in its current account [an] for this jewellery business [app] - Ask suppliers for longer to pay [k] which would delay/decrease cash outflows [an] for more than 30 days [app] - Short-term bank loan [k] for the shop [app] increasing cash inflows quickly [an] - Delay purchase of non-current assets [k] keeping more cash in the business [an] - Sell (non-current) assets [k] generates cash inflows [an] - Ask customers to pay sooner / offer discounts to customers <u>to pay more quickly</u> [k] Other appropriate responses should be credited.

2(e)	Explain <u>two</u> threats to a business of using ecommerce. Which threat 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 a justified decision as to which threat is likely to be most important to a business. Points might include: • <u>Increased/more</u> competition [k] so may have to set lower prices (to compete) / may have to spend more on advertising/promotion [an] • Need to design/build website [k] which increases costs [an] • Time/cost for maintenance/updating of the website [k] so may need to employ someone to do this [an] • No face-to-face contact with customer / suppliers / lack of personal service [k] so difficult to gain feedback [an] AND/OR may be difficult to build customer loyalty / supplier relationships / [an] • Need to deliver the products to customers [k] increasing transport/postage costs [an] leading to lower profit margin [an] • Technical problems/no power [k] so may lose potential sales [an] • Security threats / risk of hacking / computer viruses / data theft/fraud / scams [k] which could damage its reputation [an] AND/OR reduce customer loyalty [an] • Risk of bad reviews [k] lowering sales AND/OR revenue [an] • High level of returns [k] Other appropriate responses should be credited. Justification might include: One threat is an increase in competition [k] so may have to set lower prices (to compete) [an]. Another threat is technical problems [k] so the business may lose potential sales [an]. Technical problems are likely to be the most important threat because if customers cannot access the website setting a lower price may be ineffective [eval] so gaining any revenue could be difficult to achieve. [eval].
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4(a)	Explain <u>one</u> way each of the following ES stakeholder groups might find the financial information in Appendix 3 useful. • Owners • Employees • Suppliers • Bank Award 1 mark for each way the financial information may be useful to the stakeholder group (max 4). Award a maximum of 1 additional mark for each explanation of the way the stakeholder group might find the information useful which must be in context. Relevant ways might include: Owners • To be reassured that they would be likely to receive a share of the profit – as ES made a \$100 000 profit last year • To measure the success of the business against previous years • To see the liquidity of the business and if they need to make any changes Employees • To see if they can ask for a wage increase - from last years' 50% increase in revenue • To see how secure their job is Suppliers • They will want to see if ES will have enough liquidity to pay for the materials – has a safe current ratio of 2 • To decide whether to allow trade credit for ES Bank • To see if the business would be able to pay back a loan - if ES has enough liquidity with an acid test ratio of 0.5 to reassure the bank • To see whether it should offer an overdraft facility if ES needs one For example: To see how much profit is likely to be paid to them (1) out of the \$100000 profit from last year (app). Application might include: boats; 20 years' experience; started own business 4 years ago; sole trader; sailing; 12 skilled employees; 2 brothers; 4 new employees; high quality; well-established brand; voted 3rd best in the country; expand by selling in other countries; promotion in sailing magazines; information from Appendix 2 or Appendix 3.
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4(b)	Consider the opportunities and threats of globalisation for ES. Are the threats likely to be greater than the opportunities for ES? Justify your answer.		
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