

## HALF YEAR EXAMINATION

Due Date: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2020 (Check your exam timetable to confirm)

Afternoon Session: 12 pm

**Date Distributed: 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2020**

**Task Weighting: 100% of Half Year Report**

### Outcomes

H2 evaluates management strategies in response to changes in internal and external influences

H4 analyses business functions and processes in large and global businesses

H6 evaluates the effectiveness of management in the performance of businesses

H8 organises and evaluates information for actual and hypothetical business situations

H9 communicates business information, issues and concepts in appropriate formats

H10 applies mathematical concepts appropriately in business situations

## ASSESSMENT OUTLINE

### 1. WHAT AREAS OF LEARNING DOES THIS ASSESSMENT ADDRESS?

In this Half Yearly Examination students will be assessed on their ability to demonstrate an understanding of the concepts associated with **Topic 1- Operations** and **Topic 2.-Finance**. Questions will require students to apply their knowledge to the syllabus, while also demonstrating business report writing skills.

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### 2. WHY IS THE COMPLETION OF THIS ASSESSMENT IMPORTANT?

This task will draw together the above outcomes to provide students the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of concepts within the study of Business Studies, specifically in the topics of **Operations** and **Finance**. It will also allow them the opportunity to analyse and respond to stimulus material giving recommendations to solve the problems faced by the business. This task will allow them to gain feedback on areas of strength and areas on which to improve for their HSC. The structure and questioning style of this exam is modelled off the HSC Business Studies Examination.

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### 3. WHAT STEPS DO I TAKE TO COMPLETE THIS TASK?

### Task Outline

This exam consists of **three** sections. Students will have **5 minutes** reading time and **2 hours** to complete the exam. All sections are **compulsory**.

**SECTION I-** 20 Multiple Choice Questions **(20 marks)** Students should read the questions carefully and apply knowledge of the syllabus. Answer the questions on the multiple choice answer sheet provided.

**SECTION II-** Short Answers **(40 marks)** Students should read the questions carefully and attempt ALL questions. Each short answer will be worth 10 marks each. Use the **directive** term and the amount of answer space in Section II as a guide to how much to write.

**SECTION III-** Answer one extended-response question in the form of a **business report (20 marks)**. You are expected to interpret the information/stimulus provided using your accumulated knowledge and understanding of the Business Studies syllabus. The **directive** term used in the question tells you the approach to take and depth to write under each heading.

Students will need to revise the work they have done on the HSC topics of **Operations** and **Finance**, understand the key words from the syllabus – business terminology and NESA directive terms. Practice in exam technique and responding to various styles of past HSC examination questions, specifically Section I, II and III would assist students in their preparation.

## Details for Submission

This task will be completed in exam conditions during the **Half Yearly Exam Period** on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2020 (afternoon session) .Students should consult their examination timetable to confirm the date and time of the exam.

Students must bring the required equipment for the examination, which is a **black** pen and a **calculator**. All writing paper will be provided. Students are NOT permitted to bring notes into the exam.

Students who are absent from the examination, or have a legitimate reason for missing the task, must notify the school before the exam commences. To avoid a zero mark being awarded, any absence must be supported by valid misadventure/illness documentation outlined in the Year 12 Assessment Booklet.

## 4. HOW WILL MARKS BE AWARDED TO MEASURE MY LEARNING?

Due to the structure of the exam being multiple choice, short answer and an extended response, the mark allocation will vary. Students should answer each question according to how much the question is worth, and marks will be awarded accordingly. Marking guidelines stating the specific criteria for each question will be given to students with feedback when the task is returned.

Section III will use the **rubric** that appears in the HSC. Students will be assessed on how effectively they interpret the stimulus material provided in this section. (See the rubric below)

In your answer you will be assessed on how well you:

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- demonstrate knowledge and understanding relevant to the question
  - apply the hypothetical business situation
  - communicate using relevant business terminology and concepts
  - present a sustained, logical and cohesive response in the form of a business report
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