

MATRICULATION AND SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS BOARD

ADVANCED MATRICULATION LEVEL 2021 FIRST SESSION

SUBJECT: Accounting

PAPER NUMBER:

DATE: 2nd June 2021

TIME: 4:00 p.m. to 7:05 p.m.

This paper contains **THREE** sections. Follow the instructions below.

Section A

Answer any **FIVE** questions from this section. Each question carries 4 marks.

Section B

Answer question 8. **This question is compulsory** and carries 30 marks.

Section C

Answer any **TWO** questions from this section. Each question carries 25 marks.

You must show the working leading up to your answers.

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SECTION A

Answer any FIVE questions in this section. This section carries a total of 20 marks.

- 1. Distinguish between the role of the accountant and the role of the auditor in relation to the annual financial reports prepared by an organisation. (4)
- 2. List **FOUR** users of financial statements, and explain why **each** user group would be interested in these reports. (4)
- 3. What is the difference between a revenue reserve and a capital reserve? Support your answer by referring to **TWO** reserves for each type. (4)
- 4. Describe (i) the Accruals Concept; and (ii) the Realisation Concept. (4)
- 5. Briefly describe the main sections of the Statement of Cash Flows, and explain the objective of such a statement. (4)
- 6. The objective of a set of financial statements is to provide information to aid decision making. Relevance and faithful representation are the two fundamental qualitative characteristics that the information in the financial statements should have in order to achieve this objective. Describe these **TWO** characteristics and provide an example that illustrates the impact of these characteristics on the quality of the financial information. (4)
- 7. Provide **ONE** example that illustrates how a business acts as a collector of value added tax on behalf of the Commissioner for Revenue. (4)

(Total: 20 marks)

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SECTION B

Answer Question 8 in this section. This question is compulsory and carries 30 marks.

8. Triton Marine Ltd had the following balances on its books as at 31 December 2020:

	€	€
Land & Buildings	340,000	
Motor vehicles	60,000	
Equipment	130,000	
Allowance for depreciation:		
Land & Buildings		24,000
Motor Vehicles		32,000
Equipment		40,000
5% Debentures		100,000
Debenture interest	2,500	
Trade payables	,	25,000
Trade receivables	89,350	
Bank		13,100
Cash	8,150	
Inventories	104,000	
Sales		641,350
Purchases	238,100	
Returns in	13,420	
Returns out		10,400
Motor Vehicles running costs	18,300	
Carriage in	8,760	
Carriage out	12,530	
Electricity	22,500	
Insurance	16,400	
Administrative expenses	105,000	
Salesmen's wages	84,620	
Discounts allowed	12,900	
Discounts received		9,830
Bad debts	11,800	
Ordinary share capital (Nominal value €1 per share)		300,000
Share premium		30,000
General reserve		40,000
Retained earnings		12,650
	1,278,330	1,278,330

The following relevant information is also available:

a) Land accounts for 25% of the amount of Land and Buildings as shown in the Trial Balance.

b) Depreciation is provided for as follows:

Buildings 5% on cost

Motor vehicles and Equipment 25% on written down value

- c) On 31 December 2020 the following amounts were due:
 - €2,150 motor vehicles running costs,
 - €4,200 electricity and
 - €3,150 for audit fees.
- d) The amount for Insurance as shown in the Trial Balance represents a premium for the 15 months starting from 1 March 2020.
- e) Closing inventory was valued at €96,320.
- f) Apart from their salary, sales staff are to share 1% of total net sales, calculated after charging commission. This commission has still to be provided for.
- g) The directors have agreed to transfer 10% of the net profit to the general reserves.
- h) After extracting the trial balance, it was noted that the following transactions were not recorded in the books:
 - i. an interim dividend of €0.04 per ordinary share, paid on 1 July 2020; and
 - ii. a bonus issue carried out on 1 December 2020. The bonus issue was of 1 share for every 5 held, and had to be effected from the share premium account and the general reserve, in that order.
- i) The debentures were issued in 2018, and are redeemable in 2028. Debenture interest is payable every 6 months in arrears.

Required:

- A. Prepare the Statement of Profit or Loss of Triton Marine Ltd for the year ended 31 December 2020. (15)
- B. Prepare the Statement of Financial Position of the company as at 31 December 2020. (15)

(Total: 30 marks)

SECTION C

Answer any TWO questions from this section. Each question carries 25 marks.

9. As at 31 March 2020, Olive Garage Ltd's non-current assets were as follows:

	€	£
	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation
Land and Buildings	480,000	154,000
Equipment	125,000	61,000
Motor Vehicles	95,000	?

The company applied the following depreciation methods:

Buildings 5% on original cost
Equipment 40% reducing balance
Motor vehicles Straight line basis

Company policy states that a full year's depreciation is calculated in the year of acquisition. No depreciation is provided in the year of disposal.

The original cost of the land, included in Land and Buildings, was €180,000.

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The following is an analysis of the Motor Vehicles held as at 31 March 2020:

Description	Date of Purchase	Original Cost	Residual value
		€	€
Saloon car	November 2016	17,000	3,000
Lorry One	July 2018	12,000	1,500
Lorry Two	August 2019	22,000	3,300
Lorry Three	December 2019	44,000	6,600
		95,000	14,400

Motor vehicles held on 31 March 2020 had a useful life of 3 years. New motor vehicles acquired during the year ended 31 March 2021 had an estimated useful life of 5 years. During the year ended 31 March 2021, the following transactions took place:

- a) Equipment bought in May 2017 for €18,000, was considered inadequate and sold for €3,800. The equipment was replaced with new equipment costing €26,000.
- b) The company director's saloon car was traded in for a new one costing €24,000, which residual value was estimated to be €6,000. The trade in value of the old saloon car was €3,000.
- c) Lorry One was traded in for a new lorry costing €34,000. The old lorry realised €2,800 as trade-in allowance. It was estimated that the new lorry would fetch €7,800 as scrap value after 5 years in use. The company paid 20% of the cost of the new lorry in cash.
- d) A warehouse was built with costs of material amounting to €65,000, utilising some of the company's workforce for 20 weeks with total weekly wages of €2,560.

Required:

- A. Prepare the Land and Buildings, Equipment and Motor Vehicles accounts and the corresponding Allowance for Depreciation accounts, for the year ended 31 March 2021, including closing balances and transfers to the Statement of Profit and Loss. (15)
- B. Prepare the Disposal accounts, showing any profit or loss on disposals for the year. (5)
- C. Explain why are buildings depreciated while land is not.

(Total: 25 marks)

(5)

10. Joseph Borg owns Metalfirst Distributors, importing ironmongery goods for local distribution. In August 2020, a fire destroyed Borg's offices which contained most records of transactions. By 31 December 2020, the end of Metalfirst's reporting period, Borg managed to collate the following details:

Assets and liabilities at 31 December 2019:

	€
Premises	360,000
Depreciation Allowance on Premises	85,000
Fittings	97,000
Depreciation Allowance on Fittings	35,000
Motor vehicles	85,000
Depreciation Allowance on Motor vehicles	32,000
Trade receivables	41,000
Trade payables	56,000
Administration expenses due	800
Insurance prepaid	500
Inventories	42,000
Bank balance (debit)	18,000
Cash	12,500

Borg could not ascertain the total sales for the year 2020 since he conducted his sales both on cash and credit basis. Borg's bank records show that he had deposited a total of $\[\in \]$ 276,960 from his sales receipts. The amount for sales receipts banked includes a bad debt recovered of $\[\in \]$ 760. Another deposit of $\[\in \]$ 8,300 relates to a personal investment that had matured and the proceeds were deposited in the business bank account.

All purchases are on credit, and bank records show that he had paid €250,160 to suppliers. He had also taken goods costing €3,100 for personal use.

The following were cash payments from sales receipts before these were banked:

	€
New fittings	8,600
Motor van	34,000
Electricity	4,200
Insurance	2,300
Transport costs	2,800
Drawings	16,400
Wages for employee	12,000
Administration expenses	9,600

Discounts allowed during the year were \le 6,400, while those received from his suppliers totalled \le 8,734.

On 31 December 2020, \le 47,666 were owed to suppliers. One supplier had also an account in the Sales Ledger and the balance of \le 3,800 had been settled by a contra entry. Borg was certain that returns to suppliers amounted to \le 6,420.

Trade receivables at 31 December 2020 stood at €54,500, excluding a balance of €5,200 considered as not collectible.

Closing inventories were valued at €27,640.

On 31 December 2020, €800 for insurance were prepaid, while administration expenses of €1,100 were due but not yet paid.

Depreciation is to be provided as follows:

Premises 2% on cost

Motor vehicles and Fittings 20% on written down value

Borg makes a uniform profit margin on sales of 25%.

Required:

- A. Prepare the Purchases and Sales Ledger Control Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020. (5)
- B. Prepare the Statement of Profit or Loss for the period ended 31 December 2020. (7)
- C. Prepare the Statement of Financial Position as at that date in as much detail as possible. (8)
- D. Explain the accounting concept underlying the accounting treatment of the proceeds received from the maturity of the personal investment. (5)

(Total: 25 marks)

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11. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the directors of Evermore Ltd are assessing the financial impact on their 2021 strategy. The following are extracts from the Statements of Financial Position and the Statements of Profit and Loss of Evermore Ltd. Inventory on 1 July 2019 was valued at €20,000.

Statement of Profit and Loss

	3	80 June 2020		30 June 2021
		€		€
Turnover		1,750,000		3,500,000
Cost of Sales		(1,029,412)		(2,187,500)
Gross Profit	_	720,588		1,312,500
Administrative Expenses	253,750		202,615	
Finance Costs	0		15,000	_
	_	(253,750)		(217,615)
Profit Before tax		466,838		1,094,885
Income tax Expense	_	(163,393)		(383,210)
Profit for the Year	_	303,445		711,675
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Statement of Financial Position ASSETS	€	€	€	€
Non-Current Assets	·	C	•	·
Property Plant and Equipment		671,045		1,765,027
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Inventory	18,000		31,500	
Trade Receivables	84,000		90,300	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3,000	_	6,000	
Total Assets		105,000		127,800
Total Assets		776,045		1,892,827
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES				
Equity and Reserves				
Ordinary Share Capital		600,000		700,000
Revaluation Reserve		28,207		28,207
Retained Earnings		(76,555)		635,120
		551,652		1,363,327
Non-Current Liabilities		0		200.000
Loan		0		300,000
<u>Current Liabilities</u> Trade Payables	61,000		83,000	
Interest Payable	01,000		15,000	
Tax Payable	163,393		131,500	
,	,	224,393		229,500
Total Equity and Liabilities		776,045		1,892,827

Required:

- A. Prepare a report to the directors of Evermore Ltd, comparing and contrasting the financial performance and financial position of the company for the two years (ending 30th June 2020 and 2021), given the new strategy, using the relevant accounting ratio analysis, with particular emphasis on the following sections:
 - i. Profitability (3 ratios);
 - ii. Efficiency (2 ratios);
 - iii. Liquidity Position (2 ratios);
 - iv. Capital Structure (Gearing)/ Investment Considerations (2 ratios). (20)
- B. Evermore Limited is a limited liability company and is considering going public. Explain TWO differences between a private and a public company and list TWO new possible sources of finance available to the company if it goes public.

(Total: 25 marks)

12. Gold Rush Manufacturing Limited is a well-established manufacturer of custom made accessories. The following trial balance was extracted from the accounting system on 31 May 2021, the financial year end of the company:

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You have also been provided with the following information:

a) As at 31 May 2021, inventory was valued as follows:

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Raw Materials: 31,000 Finished Goods: 69,500 Work-in-Progress: 40,450

- b) The inventory valuation of finished goods in (a) does not include €12,000 of finished goods (at factory transfer price) which were damaged during handling. Unfortunately, these goods were not insured and their net realisable value is estimated at €2,000.
- c) Finished Goods are transferred to the trading account at a factory profit of 25% on a costplus basis.
- d) Water and Electricity is apportioned between factory and office using a 90%:10% split. Factory wages are split 75%:25% between the manufacturing process itself and other factory staff costs not directly related to the manufacturing process. The rental cost pertains to the rental of office premises.
- e) As at 31 May 2021, Factory Wages of €18,000 were unpaid, while €1,500 of rent was prepaid.
- f) The following is an extract from the company's accounting policy regarding Non Current Assets:

Plant & Machinery: 5%, Straight line basis Office fittings: 8%, Straight line basis

Motor Vehicles: 10% Reducing Balance Method

A full year's depreciation is provided for in the year of acquisition. No depreciation is charged in the year of disposal.

g) It is estimated that 45% of Motor vehicles usage is utilised for transporting raw materials, whilst the remainder relates to the transport of finished goods. Office fittings are used entirely for administrative purposes.

Required:

- A. Prepare the Manufacturing account of Gold Rush Manufacturing Limited for the year ended 31 May 2021, clearly detailing: the Prime Cost and the final transfer to the trading account at transfer prices. (10)
- B. Prepare the Unrealised Profit Account for the year ended 31 May 2021. (2)
- C. Prepare the Statement of Profit and Loss for the year ended 31 May 2021. (8)
- D. Briefly explain the accounting treatment adopted for the damaged inventory described in point (b) of the question, highlighting the accounting concept being applied. (5)

(Total: 25 marks)



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ADVANCED MATRICULATION LEVEL 2021 FIRST SESSION

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SECTION A

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- 1. Describe **FOUR** differences between financial accounting and management accounting. (4)
- 2. With reference to Inventory valuation:
 - a) Identify **TWO** cost elements that could be included as part of the cost of inventory, and **TWO** cost elements that should not be included. (2)
 - b) Define net realisable value of inventory, and explain the accounting treatment when the net realisable value of inventory differs from its original cost. (2)
- 3. Explain why inventory control is important and briefly describe **TWO** tools that can be used in such control. (4)
- 4. a) Briefly describe the circumstances that determine whether a firm should adopt job costing and when it is appropriate to use process costing. (3)
 - b) Provide **TWO** examples of industries that would use job costing and **TWO** others that would use process costing. (1)
- 5. Distinguish between normal losses and abnormal losses in process costing. Explain the accounting treatment for each type of loss. (4)
- 6. A factory is operating at 90% capacity (both machine and labour resources). The management has received a request for an order that would require 15% of the factory's capacity. The order is from a new client, and it concerns the production of a batch of units that would require some changes to be carried out to the normal process run.
 - Describe **TWO** factors that should be taken into consideration by the management in order to decide whether to accept this special one-off order. (4)
- 7. Explain the difference between wages based on hourly rates and wages based on piece rates, highlighting the circumstances when **each** type of remuneration method would be more suitable. (4)

(Total: 20 marks) Please turn the page.

SECTION B

Answer Question 8 in this Section. This question is compulsory and carries 30 marks.

- 8. Noah Cassar has always been fond of Maltese craftsmanship. Noah's friend encouraged him to attend a course which covered all the necessary steps to craft the Maltese clock. Noah has mastered the skill and is now contemplating to start producing and selling these traditional Maltese clocks as from August 2021. Before embarking on this venture, Noah requested your assistance to provide him with projected cash requirements based on the following information:
- a) Noah plans to deposit €2,000 in a business bank account to kick-start the project on 1 August. Any expenses incurred before this date are to be paid from his personal bank account.
- b) Noah will first focus on crafting dark-green coloured clocks with a hand-painting of a Maltese landscape in the middle of the dial. Based on research he has carried out, he expects the monthly sales in number of clocks to be as follows:

	August 2021	September 2021	October 2021	November 2021
No. of clocks	5	8	14	22

- c) Noah will be promoting and selling clocks to both retail outlets and individual customers. 60% of the sales will be to retail outlets. 30% of the revenue from the retail outlets is expected to be received during the month the clocks are sold, 20% will be received in the month following the sale, whilst the remaining monies will be received within 2 months' time from month of sale. Individual customers are likely to pay in cash and will benefit from a 5% cash discount.
- d) Noah estimates that he will require the following materials in order to produce one clock:

Wood Half a metre at €50 per metre

Glass One piece costing €4

Paint €6 on average 5 pieces of 23.5 carat gold leaf €30 per piece Clock mechanism €5 per unit

Noah sets the selling price at a gross profit mark-up of 20%, assuming that the abovementioned costs are the only costs of production.

- e) At the beginning of August, Noah shall have sufficient materials to be able work on the August orders as well as 40% of the order of the following month. At the end of each month, he plans to have sufficient materials to cover 40% of the following month's orders. Noah assesses that he will pay 30% of the purchases on delivery, 30% during the month following the purchase whilst the remainder in 2 months' time.
- f) Noah does not plan to hold any inventory of finished goods.
- g) Noah will rent a workshop as from 1 August 2021 for €75 per month payable at the beginning of each month. In addition, Noah expects to incur an additional €40 per month in utilities payable one month in arrears starting from August 2021.
- h) Noah plans to put up adverts on Facebook four times a month for the next 12-months as from 1 September 2021. Each adverts costs €20 and must be paid one month in advance.
- i) In May 2021, Noah had approached a third party to create the advert for a total cost of €150. He was required to pay a deposit of 20% on confirmation in May 2021, whilst the remainder was to be settled in two equal monthly instalments once the advert is completed in July 2021. Noah will be requesting a local magazine publisher to include the ad in the monthly magazine for a 6-month period starting November 2021 for a cost of €15 per issue payable 2 months' in advance.

j) In July 2021, Noah plans to purchase a set of professional tools for €500. The supplier is asking for €300 immediately on acquisition, with the balance being payable in two equal monthly instalments. Noah has assured you that he will take good care of his tools and will not lose any of them, especially during his first year of operation.

Required:

- A. Prepare a monthly cash budget for the **THREE** months ending 31 October 2021. (17)
- B. Draft a projected Statement of Profit and Loss for the same three-month period and a budgeted Statement of Financial Position as at 31 October 2021.

(13)

(Total: 30 marks)

SECTION C

Answer any TWO questions from this Section. Each question carries 25 marks.

9. XIPROBLEMA Limited is an export-oriented manufacturing company producing three products, namely, AYE, BYE and CYE.

The production costs per unit are as follows:

Products	AYE	BYE	CYE
	€	€	€
Direct Materials	80	48	64
Direct Wages – Skilled Labour	24	36	60
Direct Wages – Unskilled Labour	42	30	24

The expected selling prices and demand for the company's products for the six months ending 31 December 2021 are as follows:

Product AYE	12,000 units at €439 per unit
Product BYE	10,800 units at €375 per unit
Product CYE	11,000 units at €414 per unit

The raw material cost is $\in 8$ per kilogram. The direct skilled labour rate per hour is $\in 12$ and the direct unskilled labour rate per hour is $\in 6$. The variable overhead is based on the direct labour cost and is absorbed at the rate of 50%. The fixed production overheads for the sixmonth period are budgeted at $\in 4,600,000$.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the supply of the total material used in the manufacture of the company's products will be limited to 172,000 kg.

Required:

- A. As the company's management accountant, prepare a statement advising management the most profitable production plan for the six months ending 31 December 2021. (15)
- B. Prepare a profit statement showing the contribution and profit made by the company based on your recommendation in (A) above. (5)
- C. Briefly comment on management considerations in order to decide whether to manufacture a product or buy it ready made from a third party. (5)

(Total: 25 marks) *Please turn the page.*

10. A local firm provides architect services, including the services of site managers and project managers. The cost of the employees in these three categories of services are considered as a direct cost. Support staff are also employed and their salaries are considered as an indirect cost. The company is undergoing a restructuring exercise and, as part of this exercise, it is reviewing its labour hourly costs and recovery rates. The company has the following employees on its payroll:

		Number of employees	Basic Annual Salary
			€
Direct Labour	Project managers	10	50,000
Direct Labour	Site managers	20	35,000
Direct Labour	Architects	40	45,000
Support staff		10	18,200

The following information is available:

- a) A statutory bonus of €512 per annum is paid to each employee besides the gross annual salary.
- b) National insurance at the rate of 10% of the basic salary (excluding bonuses) is payable by the company.
- c) All employees work a forty-hour week of 5 days. Each employee is entitled to 27 days vacation leave per annum. Based on past trends, each employee takes on average 13 days per annum as sick leave.
- d) Indirect labour should be allocated to the direct cost centres in the following proportion:

Project managers	Site managers	Architects
10%	30%	60%

e) The company's annual overheads are estimated at €232,000 per annum and are to be allocated as follows:

Project managers	Site managers	Architects	
15%	30%	55%	

f) The company's policy is to register a profit loading of 50% on cost.

Required:

- A. Calculate the labour hourly rate cost incurred by the company for the different grades of its direct employees. (14)
- B. Calculate the labour hourly rate to be charged to the company's customers for each of its **THREE** services. (3)
- C. A client has contacted the company to quote for a job which will require 1 project manager, 2 site managers and 4 architects for 4 weeks. Based on your workings above, what is the labour cost to undertake this job and what is the amount to be quoted for the hours of service required. (3)
- D. Define labour turnover. Briefly explain how and why a high rate of labour turnover affects costs. (5)

(Total: 25 marks)

11. Mangiare Limited is a food manufacturing company catering mainly for hospitals and care homes. The company has two production departments, namely, the Cooking Department and Packaging Department. These are supported by three service departments, namely: Stores, Canteen and Maintenance. The budgeted overheads for the year 2020 were as follows:

Indirect wages	€266,000
Electricity	€28,000
Rent	€35 per square metre
Insurance of machinery	€7,560
Insurance of premises	€4,125
Depreciation of machinery	10% on machinery cost

The following additional information was available:

	Cooking	Packaging	Stores	Canteen	Maintenance
Number of indirect					
employees	6	3	1	2	2
Indirect Material cost - €	13,694	10,568		1,255	6,288
Machine Cost – €	40,000	86,000			
Direct Labour Hours	32,400	5,800			
Machine Hours	16,200	40,960			
Floor Area – Square	600	400	300	100	100
metres					
Electricity Units	3,600	2,700	500	700	500

The costs of the service departments were allocated to the other departments as follows:

	Cooking	Packaging	Stores	Maintenance
Canteen	60%	20%	10%	10%
Stores	60%	30%		10%
Maintenance	70%	30%		

The company uses job costing. The following information related to Job 117:

	Cooking Department	Packaging Department
Direct material	€12,297	€2,960
Direct labour	500 hours at €9.00 per hour	220 hours at €7.50 per hour
Machine Hours	118 hours	256 hours

Required:

- A. Calculate an appropriate overhead recovery rate for each production department by apportioning the costs of the service departments to the production departments and using suitable bases for apportioning indirect costs. (14)
- B. Calculate the cost of Job 117 and the selling price quoted. The company's jobs are invoiced at cost plus 20% mark-up. (6)
- C. Explain the methods used above for the recovery of overheads, giving reasons for choosing these methods. (5)

(Total: 25 marks) *Please turn the page.*

12. EG Limited manufactures and sells one type of unit. The selling price for 2021 has been established at €3.50 per unit. The company has recorded the following total costs during the first 4 months of 2021:

Month	Output volume	Total cost	
	(units)	€	
January	65,000	212,500	
February	80,000	250,000	
March	90,000	275,000	
April	60,000	200,000	

Required:

- A. Estimate the total cost that should be expected in the months of May and June, if output is 75,000 and 85,000 units, respectively. (6)
- B. Calculate:
 - i. The contribution per unit;
 - ii. The break even point expressed in monthly sales units;
 - iii. The margin of safety for the months of May and June;
 - iv. The total expected profit for the 6-month period. (8)
- C. Draw a break even chart for the 6-month period in total, and mark the break even point, the margin of safety and the expected profit on the chart. (6)
- D. Describe **TWO** fundamental assumptions underlying the Cost-Volume-Profit analysis you have used to answer this question. (5)

(Total: 25 marks)