IGCSE BUSINESS INDSIDER - How to maximize your return in marks for in the most time efficient manner

| Assessment Objective <br> (What gets you marks) | Code | Question Words | Example (from paper1) <br> Identify and explain two benefits to business ABC of having <br> full-time employees. |  |  |
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| A01 Knowledge and Understanding (facts) | K | State, identify, calculate, "what is <br> meant by" | Paper <br> $2 \%$ |  |  |
| A02 Application <br> (putting the business knowledge in context) | AP | If question refers to a specific business, <br> you must APPLY your answer to that <br> business | There is a growing demand for shoes (using information <br> from case study) | 30 | 30 |
| A03 Analysis (explaining what impact the <br> knowledge will have on the business) | AN | Explain | So C\&C will be able to keep up with demand |  |  |
| A04 Evaluation (judgement) | EV | Justify | 25 | See evaluation section for example |  |

ANSWER STRUCTURE-How to write mini essay answers

| Paper 1 (e) 6 mark questions Should business ABC choose to change $X$ or keep $Y$ ? Justify your answer 6 marks | Paper 2 (a) 8 mark questions Identify and explain two reasons why added value is important to business ABC. | Paper 2 (b) 12 mark questions <br> Business ABC is considering changing to Option X,Y or Z. Recommend which option they should choose. Justify your answer. |
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| YES BECAUSE.....Include K, AN, AP (2 marks) <br> NO BECAUSE......Include K, AN, AP (2 marks) IN MY JUDGEMENT....INCLUCE EV (2 marks) <br> Although in the short term changing to $X$ with lead to a greater capital cost in the long term the machinery will lead to greater efficiency, cost savings and profitability for business $A B C$ | Reason 1: K Allows costs to be paid <br> Explanation: 2AP,1AN as wages and other factory costs <br> are paid out of the revenue from <br> sales of paint (ap) and the price of paint is higher than the total costs of producing it (ap). This means that Business ABC will make a profit (an). <br> Reason 2: K <br> Explanation: 2AP,AN | Option 1 - Benefit explained in context Limitation explained in context <br> Option 2 - Benefit explained in context Limitation explained in context Option 3 - Benefit explained in context Limitation explained in context <br> Evaluation - see evaluation section |

## EVALUATION

after considering the BENEFITS and LIMITATIONS of a business decision, making a
JUDGEMENT as to what is most important for the business in question.
You must show why choosing one option is more beneficial than the other option.
Example: Do you think C\&C should employ only full time employees in their busi-
ness? Justify your answer.
IN MY JUDGMENT although full time employees may be more motivated, the most crucial factor in C\&Cs success is keeping overhead costs low as demand for concert tickets changes often so full time employees will not be the most cost effective option.

## BUSINESS VOCABULARY

## Cost effective

Change/Innovation Adding/creating value Competitive advantage Business objectives Long term/short term Management Capital

## Factors to Consider in Every Question

## What kind of business is it?

What is the business size? Is it profitable?
What are the business objectives?
Who are the competitors? How can your business gain a competitive advantage
What is the economic/market environment?
What opportunities/threats are there to the business and how can they take advantage of them?

