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GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

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GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
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- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
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GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

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2(c)	<p>The directors did act in the best interests of the shareholders (1) because:</p> <p>No interest is being paid on a loan. (1)</p> <p>This saves \$68 000 over 5 years which would have adversely affected both the cash flow (1) and the profitability of the business.(1) The drop in profitability may affect shareholder confidence and the market price of the shares. (1)</p> <p>The loan would increase the gearing (1)</p> <p>The capital repayment would also reduce the cash flow (1) and the potential for future dividend payments due to lack of cash. (1)</p> <p>Instead the shareholders could receive extra dividends. (1) This equates on the share issue and rights issue of an extra \$0.06 approximately per share (1)</p> <p>The company may not have had enough cash or profit to pay the extra dividend. (1)</p> <p>$\frac{4\,200\,000}{2} = 2\,100\,000$ shares $\times 0.50 = \\$1\,050\,000$ dividend (1)</p>	7

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2(c)	<p>The directors did not act in the interests of the shareholders (1) because:</p> <p>There has been a drop in the market price of each share of \$0.30. (1) With $\frac{5880000}{2}$ shares = 2 940 000 shares (1) × \$0.30 = \$882 000 (1)</p> <p>Although the market value may increase this may take time (1)</p> <p>Potential shareholders may question why a loan or a debenture was not taken out to finance the purchase of the factory instead of two share issues. (1)</p> <p>There is no future effects on cash flow (1) or profitability (1) except for the dividend payments (1)</p> <p>The money saved by making a bonus issue instead of paying extra dividends can be used on other areas within the business (1)</p> <p>The shareholders can sell these shares at a future date once the market price increases.</p> <p>$\frac{1680000}{2} = 840\,000$ shares × \$2.10 = \$1 764 000 (1) which is greater than the dividend suggested by the shareholder (1)</p> <p>Accept other valid points.</p> <p>(1) decision and 0–6 marks for comments on either side.</p>	

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3(b)	<p>Accounting treatments</p> <p>1 Cost on training programme should be treated as expenses because it is held regularly (1)</p> <p>it is difficult to establish a direct relationship between training programme and future benefits from efficiency; i.e. efficiency can be caused by other reasons such as advance in technology (1)</p> <p>accrual concept is applied – $\frac{2}{6}$ of the total costs are expensed (1)</p> <p>\$30 000 is regarded prepayment, i.e. \$70 000 is paid and only \$40 000 has been expensed. (1)</p> <p>2 The inventory value needs to be reduced (1) to take into account the fact that the damaged items can only be sold at a price below their usual selling price. (1) This will affect the profit for the year (1) and the value of inventory in current assets. (1)</p> <p>3 marks for each to a max of 5 marks</p>	5																					
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3(d)(ii)	Inventory ($\$146\,000 - \$4\,500$) 141 500 (1)	1
3(d)(iii)	Retained earnings ($\$215\,000 + \$107\,500$) 322 500 (1) OF	1
3(d)(iv)	Other payables ($\$75\,000 - \$50\,000$) 25 000 (1)	1
3(e)	<p>Buying computer software:</p> <p>non-current assets increased as computer software is treated as non-current assets subject to depreciation throughout the estimated useful life of the software.</p> <p>Profit will be reduced by depreciation.</p> <p>more cash outlay as the computer software is acquired</p> <p>computer software can be obsolete after three years</p> <p>Acquiring the right to use a computer software for three years:</p> <p>company does not pay for the outright purchase of the asset and therefore lesser cash outflow</p> <p>profit will be reduced by amortisation over a period of 3 years.</p> <p>more flexible due to advanced technology</p> <p>Accept other valid points. (2 marks) for discussing buying the computer software and (2 marks) for discussing acquiring a right to use for three years. (1 mark) for decision.</p>	5

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