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9706 ACCOUNTING

9706/43 Paper 4 (Problem Solving – Supplement), maximum raw mark 120

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1 (a) Ashburton Ltd. Statement of financial position after acquisition of the partnership

	$	$	
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Goodwill		26 950	**(4)**
Land & buildings		240 000	**(1)**
Fixtures & fittings		99 750	**(1)**
Motor vehicles		39 975	**(1)**
		406 675	
Current assets			
Inventories		44 875	**(1)**
Trade receivables		27 863	**(1)**
Bank		962	**(3)**
		73 700	
Total assets		480 375	
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity			
Ordinary shares of $1		300 000	**(2)**
Share premium		70 000	**(2)**
Retained profit		48 795	**(1)**
Total equity		418 795	
Non-current liabilities			
8% debentures 2020		37 500	**(4)**
		37 500	
Current liabilities			
Trade payables		24 080	**(1)**
		24 080	
Total liabilities		61 580	
Total liabilities and equity		480 375	

Goodwill: 215 000 **(1)** – 197 500 **(1)** + 9 450 **(1)** = 26 950 **(1 of)**
Bank: 28 462 **(1)** – 27 500 **(1)** = 962 **(1 of)**
Debentures:3 000 **(1)** / 0.08 **(1)** = 37 500 **(1 of)** + **(1 cf)** [22]

(b) **Ashburton Ltd.**
Income statement for the year ended 30 June 2012

	$	
Turnover	617 194	**(1)**
Cost of sales	344 859	**(1)**
Gross profit	272 335	**(1 of)**
Expenses	137 599	**(1)**
Operating profit	134 736	**(1 of)**
Interest payable **(1)**	3 000	**(1)**
Profit before taxation	131 736	
Taxation	33 500	**(1)**
Profit after taxation	98 236	**(1 of)**
Dividend paid	15 000	**(2)**
Retained profit for yr.	83 236	**(1)**

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(c) E.p.s. 2011 = 28 217 **(1)** / 200 000 **(1)** = 14.1c **(1 of)**
E.p.s. 2012 = 98 236 **(1)** / 300 000 **(1)** = 32.7c **(1 of)** [6]

2 (a) Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash inflow from operating activities

	$000	
Operating profit	686	**(1)**
Depreciation	786	**(1)**
Profit on disposal of non current assets	(15)	**(1)**
Increase in inventories	(214)	**(1)**
Increase in trade receivables	(278)	**(1)**
Increase in trade payables	60	**(1)**
Cash from operations	1 025	
Interest paid	(225)	**(1)**
Tax paid	(94)	**(1)**
Net cash from operating activities	706	**(1 of)**

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(b) **Cash Flow Statement of Sabrina plc for the year ended 30 June 2011**

	$000		$000	
Net cash from operating activities			706	**(1 of)**
Cash flows from investing activities				
Non-current assets				
Payments	(3 439)	**(5)**		
Receipts	30	**(2)**		
Net cash used in investing activities			(3 409)	
Cash flows from financing activities				
Equity dividends paid	(120)	**(4)**		
Debentures	1 500	**(1)**		
Share capital	1 050	**(2)**		
Net cash from financing activities			2 430	
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			(273)	**(1 of)**
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period			78	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period			(195)	**(1) both** [17]

(c)

	2011		2010	
1) Return on equity	11.7%	**(1)**	17.1%	**(1)**
2) T.R. turnover	91.6 days	**(1)**	90.4 days	**(1)**
3) T.P. turnover	237.8 days	**(1)**	204.6 days	**(1)**
4) Income gearing	3.0 times	**(1)**	6.1 times	**(1)**
5) Gearing ratio	44.9%	**(1)**	35.4%	**(1)**

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(d) The bank is not likely to authorise the loan. **(1)**
All of the ratios have worsened:
The company is generating less profit from the equity invested. **(1)**
Its collection period has worsened. **(1)**
It is taking longer to pay its debts and the period is now so long that it may lose its credit facilities. **(1)**
Although the company can pay interest 3 times from profits it has deteriorated and if this continued it may be unable to service interest in future. **(1)**
Gearing has increased to further indicate that should profits fall the interest payments may be at risk. **(1)** [4]
(One mark for decision and then maximum three marks for reasons.)

3 **(a)**

Year	Cash flow		Discount factor	NPV	
0	(800 000)	{	1.000	(800 000)	**(1)**
1	235 000	{ **(1 of) both**	0.926	217 610	**(1)**
2	258 500	**(1cf)**	0.857	221 535	**(1 of)**
3	284 350	{	0.794	225 774	**(1 of)**
4	312 785	{ **(1 of) both**	0.735	229 897	**(1 of)**
5	160 000	**(1 cf)**	0.681	108 960	**(1 of)**
				203 776	**(1 of)**

Project is feasible **(1)** of because there is a positive NPV. **(1 of)** [13]

(b) Payback occurs between years 3 & 4 **(1)**
3 yrs + 135 081 / 229 897 **(1 of)** × 365 **(1)**
3 yrs & 214 days **(1 of)**

800 000 – 664 919 = 135 081
(1) **(1 of)** **(1 of)** [7]

(c) The internal rate of return is the rate which gives a zero net present value. **(1)**
Discount rates below the IRR will result in a feasible project and vice versa. **(1)** [2]

(d)

Year	Cash flow	Discount factor	NPV	
0	(800 000)	1.000	(800 000)	**(1)**
1	235 000	0.870	204 450	**(1)**
2	258 500	0.756	195 426	**(1 of)**
3	284 350	0.658	187 102	**(1 of)**
4	312 785	0.572	178 913	**(1 of)**
5	160 000	0.497	79 520	**(1 of)**
	(1 of)		45 411	**(1 of)**

IRR = 8% **(1)** + $\frac{203\ 776\ \mathbf{(1)}}{203\ 776\ \mathbf{(1)} - 45\ 411\ \mathbf{(1)}}$ × 7 **(1)**

= 17.0% **(1 of)** [14]

(e) Environmental issues.
Political issues.
Is initial finance available – or can it be raised?
How reliable is forecast for long term projects?
Are existing projects being affected?
Any other reasonable point to be given credit.
1 mark for each point to maximum 4. [4]