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	60 (no working)	Correct answer – accept without %	3	
	$\frac{90\,000}{150\,000} = 0.6$	Not made into a % (one mistake)	2	
	0.6 (no working)	Wrong answer with no working to support the answer	0	
	$\frac{90\,000}{300\,000} \times 100 = 30\%$	Not calculated revenue – left as output (one mistake)	2	
	30% (no working)	Wrong answer with no working to support the answer	0	
	\$90 000	Correct calculation of gross profit – <i>allow even if there is no working</i>	1	
	\$150 000	Correct calculation of revenue – <i>allow even if there is no working</i>	1	
	\$90 000 and \$150 000	Correct calculation of gross profit and revenue	2	
	$\frac{240\,000}{300\,000} \times 100 = 80\%$	Not correctly calculated GP or revenue (two mistakes)	1	
	$\frac{40\,000}{150\,000} \times 100 = 26.67\%$	Added expenses to the CoGS (1 mistake)	2	
	<p>100 + 50 + 60 = 210</p> <p>150 – 210 = -60 (net loss)</p> <p>$\frac{-60}{150} \times 100 = -40\%$</p>	<p>Has added all costs (including start-up costs), and then has the correct process (OFR). Two mistakes (using all costs and adding start-up costs) but correct process</p>	1	

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1(b)(ii)	Explain <u>one</u> reason why JF might aim for a high gross profit margin.		3
	Level	Knowledge and application	Marks
	2a (APP)	Explains one reason for aiming for a high gross profit margin in context	3
	1b (K+K)	Explains one reason for aiming for a high gross profit margin (no context)	2
	1a (K)	Identifies one or more reasons for aiming for a high gross profit margin (no context)	1
	0	No creditable content	0
	<p><i>Note: this question asks specifically about GP marking – to reward any answer that links to overall (net) profit or net profit margin, there must be a link, i.e. high GP margin may allow JF to make more NP to give to shareholders.</i></p>		
	<p>Some reasons for aiming for a high GPM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shows potential investors/shareholders that the business can produce efficiently • To leave enough to pay the business expenses/indirect costs • To increase the overall (net) profit of the business 		
	Knowledge of a reason why JF might aim for a high GPM (K)	Explanation (K+K)	Possible context (APP)
	Measure of efficiency	JF may need to prove it is operating efficiently to any potential investors	Particularly important because it is a private limited company
	To cover expenses/indirect costs	Otherwise JF may not make any profit for the year	The expenses are \$50 000 for option 1
	To increase (net) profit for the year	Which will allow the owners to have more income	The owners are shareholders (Ltd) The (net) profit is currently \$40 000 for option 1

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1(c)	Recommend which option Jim should choose using the information in the case study. Justify your view.				11
	Knowledge and Application (4 marks)	Marks	Analysis and Evaluation (7 marks)	Marks	
			A justified recommendation based on a developed argument of both options	7	
			A developed recommendation based on a developed argument of both options	6	
			A basic recommendation/ judgement based on a developed argument of both options	5	
	Shows understanding of Option 1 (healthy snacks) and Option 2 (healthy cooking oil)	4	Developed argument based on the impact on JF of choosing Option 1 (healthy snacks) and Option 2 (healthy cooking oil)	4	
	Shows understanding of Option 1 (healthy snacks) or Option 2 (healthy cooking oil)	3	Developed argument based on the impact on JF of choosing Option 1 (healthy snacks) or Option 2 (healthy cooking oil)	3	
	Shows knowledge of product development	1-2	Limited analysis of product development	2	
			Limited analysis of Product development	1	
	No creditable content			0	

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1(c)	<p>Content:</p> <p>Option 1 (healthy snacks)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new market opportunity for JF but no experience of marketing/selling these healthy snacks • Mass market – high sales but possibility of high competition • A growth market (10%) but less than Healthy cooking oil (15%) • Society sees this as an important issue – good publicity for JF • High price can be charged for a quality product • Can JF produce this product? • Will the supermarkets purchase from JF? • Higher start up costs (\$100 000) than Healthy cooking oil (\$75 000) • Higher expenses (\$50 000) than healthy cooking oil (\$75 000) • Lower CoGS (\$60 000) than healthy cooking oil (\$75,000) • Forecast sales higher (300 000) than healthy cooking oil (100 000) • Lower price (\$0.50) than healthy cooking oil (\$2.00) • Lower forecast revenue (\$150 000) than healthy cooking oil (\$200 000) • Lower GPM (60%) than healthy cooking oil (62.5%) • Lower NPM (26.7%) than healthy cooking oil (45%) • Forecast to make a loss (–\$60 000) in Year 1 compared to profit of healthy cooking oil (+£15 000) <p>Option 2 (healthy cooking oil)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synergy with JF’s current product range • Lower start up capital required (\$75 000) than Healthy snacks (\$100 000) • Lower fixed costs/annual expenses (\$35 000) than Healthy snacks (\$50 000) • Higher forecast market growth (15%) than Healthy snacks (10%) • A development from what JF already produces – less risk • Attracts high income consumers/customers • High price can be charged (\$2) than Healthy snacks (\$0.50) • Could enhance JF’s image • JF already has a link to distribution through supermarkets <p>ARA</p>	

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1(d)	Analyse two suitable sources of finance JF could use for the option you have chosen in 1(c)				8
	Level	Knowledge and application (4 marks)	Mark	Analysis (4 marks)	Mark
	2b	Shows understanding of two suitable sources of finance in context	4	Developed analysis of two suitable sources of finance in context	4
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		Shows knowledge of one source of finance	1	Limited analysis of one sources of finance	1
	0	No creditable content			0
	<p>Answers could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long term loan to pay for the fixed costs of milling/bottling etc. • Re-mortgaging/extending the mortgage on the farm • Attracting new shareholders into the farm (<i>Note: JF is a Ltd</i>) • Leasing/HP for additional machinery • Overdrafts for the short term variable costs • Trade credit for short term variable costs <p>Any answer which mixes a long term solution for a short term problem should not be classed as suitable.</p>				

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Level		Knowledge and Application	Marks	
2 (APP)		Explanation of 1 or more advantages to SSR of using cost-based pricing	3	
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<p>Context is likely to come from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food is seasonal and prices change so ensures a suitable profit margin is kept • Customers are happy that they are paying reasonable prices based on what they are eating/ not being charged premium prices 				

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2(c)	Analyse <u>two</u> possible impacts on stakeholders of SSR if the second restaurant is successful.				8
	Level	Knowledge and application	Marks	Analysis	Marks
	2	Shows knowledge of two stakeholders in context	4	Developed analysis of two impacts of success of the second restaurant on two stakeholder groups in context	4
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<p>Note: Do not allow analysis of the impact on any stakeholder group of the factors in Tables 2.1 and 2.2. This question is about the impact of SUCCESS not the location.</p>					
<p>Major stakeholders: customers, local education provider, local government, employees, competition, investors, suppliers, job centre (any reasonable answer accepted)</p>					
<p>Contextual analysis likely to come from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government – increased size of training scheme impacts on jobless figures which is good for job seekers payments • Customers – more seating/bigger restaurant means more availability for local customers means lower waiting time • Employees – more jobs means that more young people will be able to work and gain new skills leading to better chances of gaining future employment • Suppliers – two successful restaurants lead to more orders and in turn increased profit. 					

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