## Accounting

## Advanced Subsidiary GCE

## Unit F012: Accounting Applications

## Mark Scheme for January 2012

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Annotations

| Annotation | Meaning |
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|  | Unclear |
|  | Benefit of doubt |
|  | Cross |
|  | Own figure rule |
|  | Repeat |

## Subject-specific Marking Instructions

Every working box - whether it contains working or not - must be stamped as 'seen'.


| Question |  | Answer | Marks | Guidance |
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| (c) | Control accounts can be used to provide totals of debtors and creditors (1). These can be <br> calculated quickly (1) if control accounts are used. It is less time consuming than adding <br> together all the debtors or creditors balances from the sales and purchases ledgers (1). <br> The total debtors and creditors (1) calculated quickly (1) using control accounts can be used <br> to compile the trading profit and loss account and the balance sheet / final accounts (1). <br> Control accounts are often used to calculate sales and purchases (1) when a business has <br> incomplete records (1) and information is missing (1). <br> Control accounts can be used to localise errors (1). They allow errors to be identified in a <br> relatively small area of the ledgers (1), for example errors in the sales ledger (1) or purchases <br> ledger (1). This saves time (1) and makes it easier to keep accurate accounts (1). <br> Control accounts can be used to provide an independent check (1) on the sales ledger and <br> purchases ledger. Control accounts are usually completed by a supervisor (1), whilst the <br> ledger clerks complete the purchases and sales ledger (1). The balance on the control <br> account, and the total of the balances from the sales and purchases ledger have to be equal <br> (1). This, therefore, acts as a deterrent against fraud (1). <br> (3 points x 3 marks) <br> (1 for point plus up to 2 for development) | Be careful to avoid giving <br> many marks for <br> generalised comments <br> Development marks <br> should relate to uses 1 <br> mark for point up to 2 <br> marks for development <br> If just list of reasons <br> shown - maximum 3 <br> marks <br> If debtors or creditors <br> only stated then give 1 <br> mark. |  |  |
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| (b) | The business will not have a record of sales and purchases (1), so it will be unable to compare <br> sales from previous periods to analyse whether they are on target or not (1). <br> The business may not have a record of debtors (1), therefore it will not be able to send out <br> invoices and reminders of amounts owing from debtors (1). This may lead to debtors not paying <br> their accounts (1), which could lead to bad debts (1), and/or cash flow difficulties (1). <br> The business may not have a record to creditors (1), which could lead to the business not paying <br> the amounts owed to its suppliers (1). This could lead to suppliers refusing to supply further <br> goods (1) this could eventually lead to the failure of the business. <br> The business may not have records of expenses which have been paid or are owing (1), <br> therefore they will not have any control over these (1), which may lead to overspending on <br> expenses and cash flow difficulties (1). The profit figure may be incorrect (1) as the business may <br> not have adequate records of accruals and prepayments (1). <br> It may be difficult to correctly calculate the profit (1) as accruals and prepayments are not shown <br> in the cashbook (1). <br> If the business does not have adequate records, (1) banks will be reluctant to loan it money (1), <br> as there is no adequate record of their ability to repay the money (1). It will also not have <br> adequate records for the HMR\&C (1) in order to calculate taxation (1). <br> (3 points x 3 marks) <br> $\mathbf{1}$ for point, plus up to 2 for development) |  |  |  |

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