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1(c)	Trade receivables turnover = $\frac{87\,450}{680\,000} \times 365 = 47$ days (1)of Inventory turnover ratio = $\frac{105\,400}{401\,714} \times 365 = 95.77$ days (1)of Trade payables turnover = $\frac{26\,550}{378\,000} \times 365 = 26$ days (1)of Working capital cycle = $47 + 96 - 26 = 117$ days (1)OF	4
1(d)	It is taking longer to receive payment from customers than the allowed period. (1) There should be a review of the credit control system. (1) May consider discounts/incentives to encourage prompt payment. (1) Payment to suppliers is being made quicker than the allowed period. (1) This maintains a good relationship with the suppliers. (1) Future discounts/incentives should be protected. (1) Detrimental to cash flow (1) as payments are received 21 days after payments are made. (1) Inventory turnover of 95.77 days could be reduced to improve liquidity. (1) 1 for decision + Max 4 for justification	5
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2(b)	Responses could include: - Proposed dividend – The proposed dividend has to be approved by shareholders at the annual general meeting. It is not regarded as liability at the statement of financial position date. According to IAS 10 <i>Events After The Reporting Period</i>, a proposed dividend should be treated as a non-adjusting event and entered as a note on the financial statements. - Depreciation of printing machine – According to IAS 16 <i>Property, Plant and Equipment</i>, the depreciation method used shall reflect the pattern in which the asset's future economic benefits are expected to be consumed by the business. As the consumption of the printing machine is decreasing, reducing balance method should be adopted. - Goodwill – IAS 38 <i>Intangible Assets</i> prohibits the recognition of internal generated goodwill. Therefore do not include this in the financial statements. - Inventory – According to IAS 2 <i>Inventories</i>, inventories should be valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Therefore inventory should be valued at \$43 400 not \$44 500 (2 marks) × 4 explanations It is not necessary to quote the relevant accounting standards.	8								

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2(c)	\$ Original profit for the year99 800 Less : Depreciation charge15 000 (1) Less : Inventory overstated1 100 (1) Revised profit for the year83 700 (1of)					3
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2(f)	To prepare true and fair financial statements, it is essential that they are prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards (1). Euan should voice his concerns and discuss with the directors (1) giving them the opportunity to revise the statements (1). If the directors do not reflect the changes, the external auditor can consider issuing a qualified auditor report (1). Max. 3	3																																																												
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3(d)	Apply for overdraft. (1) Seek loan. (1) Increase membership. (1) Increase subscription. (1) Increase prices charged in snack bar. (1) Introduce other trading activities. (1) Max 4	4																																						

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3(e)	Advantages Would raise extra funds (1) without need for interest / repayment (1). Club may get benefit of association with sponsor. (1) Disadvantages Sponsor may withdraw. (1) Club may become reliant on sponsors (1) Other income sources may suffer. (1) Any other valid advantages or disadvantage Max 5	5
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4(f)	There will be a profit of \$23 750 (consignment) or \$18 000 (home). (1) Therefore, based on these figures, Sachin should make the consignment. (1) of Tajid may not be able to accept the consignment (1) and/or may not be able to maintain the commission rate. (1) Overseas selling price may continue to fall. (1) There may be further investment opportunities at home as a result of pursuing this project. (1) Decision 1 Max 3 justification	4
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5(a)(i)	Material usage Experienced labour New machinery Better quality materials (less wastage) (1 mark) any one reason, max 1	1
5(a)(ii)	Labour efficiency Less skilled labour Lower grade materials More idle time than budgeted Poor supervision Machine breakdowns (1 mark) any one reason, max 1	1
5(b)(i)	Material price Std 83 100 kilos × \$2 Actual 166 200 182 820 16 620 (1) A (1)	2
5(b)(ii)	Material usage Std 17 500 units × 5 kilo Actual 87 500 83 100 4 400 Kilos F × \$2 \$8 800 (1) F (1)	2
5(b)(iii)	Labour rate Std 37 500 hrs × \$8 Actual 300 000 281 250 18 750 (1) (1) F	2

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5(b)(iv)	Labour efficiency Std 17 500 units × 2 hrs 35 000 Actual 37 500 2 500 hrs A × \$8 \$20 000 (1) A (1)	2
5(b)(v)	Fixed overhead efficiency Actual hours 37 500 Std hours 35 000 hours 2 500 × \$4 (1) \$10 000 (1) A (1)	3
5(b)(vi)	Fixed overhead capacity Actual hours 37 500 Std hours 38 000 hours 500 × \$4 (1) \$2 000 (1) A (1)	3

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5(c)	\$ Standard cost of actual production \$34 × 17 500 595 000 (1) Variances Fav Adv \$ \$ Material price 16 620 Material usage 8 800 Labour rate 18 750 Labour efficiency 20 000 Fixed overhead expenditure 37 000 Fixed overhead efficiency 10 000 Fixed overhead capacity 2 000 64 550 48 620 15 930 F (1of) Actual cost of production (1) both <u>579 070</u> (1) Working: Actual cost of production: \$ Direct materials 182 820 Direct labour 281 250 Fixed production overheads 115 000 <u>579 070</u>	4

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5(d)	Assist in setting budgets. Evaluate managerial performance. Predict future costs for decision making. Motivate staff by providing targets. Provide ways of improving efficiency. Control device – uses variance analysis. Valuing inventories. Expensive Time consuming to operate Requires specialist knowledge Advice 1 mark 4 for reasons	5
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