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ACCOUNTING

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Paper 3 Financial Accounting

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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: Insert (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams, graphs or rough working.
- You may use a calculator.
- International accounting terms and formats should be used as appropriate.
- You should show your workings.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 75.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- The insert contains all of the sources referred to in the questions.

This document has **16** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.



1 Read Source A in the insert.

(a) (i) State how a business creates a general reserve.

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(ii) Explain why a business would create a general reserve.

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(b) Prepare for the year ended 31 December 2024:

(i) a statement to show the profit from operations

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Workings:



(c) Advise whether or not CF Limited has made a good decision to take over the delivery services. Justify your answer.

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2 Read Source B in the insert.

(a) State **three** differences between goodwill and a tangible asset.

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(b) Calculate the purchase consideration payable by W Limited.

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(c) Complete the capital accounts of Ada and Brian on **page 9**, showing the final settlement with the partnership's cash at bank account.





Capital accounts

	Ada \$	Brian \$		Ada \$	Brian \$

Workings:





(d) Prepare the journal entry of W Limited to record the acquisition of the partnership business.

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Additional information

In negotiating the terms of the sale of the business, Ada and Brian initially requested that goodwill be valued at five times the average profit of the last three years, but W Limited only offered two times. They finally reached an agreement of three times.

(e) Explain why W Limited did **not** accept the initial request for five times the average profit. Support your answer with relevant calculations.

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**3 Read Source C in the insert.**

(a) State **three** limitations of using ratios to evaluate the performance of a business.

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(b) Calculate, to **two** decimal places, the following ratios:

(i) dividend yield

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(ii) price/earnings (PE)

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(iii) gearing

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(c) Calculate the working capital cycle (round up each component to the **next** whole day).

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(d) Discuss the performance of B plc in managing its working capital cycle as compared with X plc.

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(e) Discuss the performance of B plc as measured by its PE ratio as compared with X plc.

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