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GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).

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Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
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GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

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1(c)	Ordinary shares provide variable dividends whereas preference shares pay fixed dividends (1). Holders of preference shares receive dividend payments before those made to holders of ordinary shares (1). Ordinary shares usually have voting rights whereas preference shares do not (1). Max. 2 Accept other valid responses.	2																																						

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1(d)(i)	Capital reserves are created from capital profits and not trading profits (1) .	1
1(d)(ii)	Used for special purposes (e.g. bonus share issue) (1)	1
1(e)	Issue debenture (Max 2) Has to be repaid (1) Will result in interest being paid which will reduce profits (1) Will have no effect on control (1) May require security (1) Rights issue (Max 2) Permanent capital (1) Will not dilute ownership (1). Will current investors be willing to invest further funds (1) Dividends are discretionary (1) New share issue (Max 2) Permanent capital (1) Will raise \$110 000 (1) Company will have an additional \$10 000 working capital available (1). Dividends are discretionary (1) Decision (1). Accept other valid responses.	7

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2(a)	Some errors (e.g. omission, commission, principle, original entry, reversal, compensating) will not show in the trial balance (1) as a result the trial balance will still balance despite errors being present (1) .	2																														
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2(c)	+ - \$ Draft profit for the year Sales returns Motor vehicle Depreciation Discount received Insurance <u>15 750</u> 11 200 (1) 1 250 (1) 750 (1) <u>300</u> (1) <u>12 750</u> 47 835 <u>3 000</u> <u>50 835</u> (1)OF Revised profit for the year	6
2(d)	To record: opening or closing entries (1) the purchase or sale of a non-current asset (1) non-cash drawings (1) depreciation (1) provision for doubtful debts (1) non-cash capital contributions (1) transfer of profit or loss to capital account (1) Max 3 marks Accept other valid responses	3

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3(a)	Inventory turnover = Cost of sales / Average inventory Average inventory = 37 625 (1) Cost of sales = $8 \times 37\,625 = 301\,000$ (1)OF Sales = $301\,000 / 70 \times 100$ (1) = \$430 000 (1)OF	4
3(b)	Trade receivables turnover = Trade receivables / credit sales $\times 365$ Trade receivables = $38\,000 - 2000 = 36\,000$ (1) – 1260 = 34 740 (1) Trade receivables turnover = $34\,740 / 430\,000 \times 365$ (1)OF = 30 days (1)OF	4
3(c)	Trade payables turnover = Trade payables / credit purchases $\times 365$ Credit purchases = $301\,000 + (40\,250 - 35\,000)$ (1) = \$306 250 (1)OF Trade payables turnover = $22\,000 / 306\,250 \times 365$ (1)OF = 27 days (1)OF	4
3(d)	The receivables turnover period is greater than the payables turnover period (1)OF. This results in them paying suppliers before receiving settlement from customers (1). This will have an adverse effect on liquidity (1) Accept other valid responses	3

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4(a)	Contribution is the amount remaining after all variable costs have been subtracted from revenue (1) . This amount is available to service the fixed costs (1) . The amount remaining after this is the profit (1) . Accept other valid responses.	3																				
4(b)	<table><tr><td></td><td>A</td><td>B</td><td>C</td></tr><tr><td>Selling Price</td><td>15.00</td><td>20.00</td><td>25.00</td></tr><tr><td>Variable costs</td><td><u>(11.50)</u></td><td><u>(14.00)</u></td><td><u>(16.00)</u></td></tr><tr><td>Contribution</td><td><u>3.50</u> (1)</td><td><u>6.00</u> (1)</td><td><u>9.00</u> (1)</td></tr></table>		A	B	C	Selling Price	15.00	20.00	25.00	Variable costs	<u>(11.50)</u>	<u>(14.00)</u>	<u>(16.00)</u>	Contribution	<u>3.50</u> (1)	<u>6.00</u> (1)	<u>9.00</u> (1)	3				
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4(c)	A $12\,000 \times 3.50 = 42\,000$ B $12\,000 \times 6.00 = 72\,000$ C $12\,000 \times 9.00 = 108\,000$ Contribution <u>222 000</u> (1)OF Fixed costs <u>(100 000)</u> (1) Profit <u>122 000</u> (1)OF	3																				
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4(e)	Reduction in profit $122\,000 - 59\,000 = 63\,000$ (1) OF On a financial basis Connie will be worse off by \$2000 (1) . Consider loss of goodwill of customers (1) . Would customers who normally buy non-available products go elsewhere even for those available? (1) . Would Connie be able to resume full production in the future if she reduced output now? (1) . Are there staffing implications? (1) . Decision (1) . Max. 6 for comments. Accept other valid responses.	7																				

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4(f)(i)	Those costs which vary in direct proportion to production (1) .	1
4(f)(ii)	Those costs which are partially fixed and partially variable (1) .	1
4(f)(iii)	Those costs which remain the same at all levels of production (1) .	1
4(g)	Costs can be split into fixed and variable costs (1) . Fixed costs are unchanged at all levels of production (1) . Variable cost is constant per unit at all levels of production (1) . All production is sold (1) Selling price remains constant (1) Sales mix should be constant (1) Accept other valid responses.	3