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Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

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).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

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
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these
 features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The
 meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

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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Social Science-Specific Marking Principles (for point-based marking)

1 Components using point-based marking:

Point marking is often used to reward knowledge, understanding and application of skills.
 We give credit where the candidate's answer shows relevant knowledge, understanding and application of skills in answering the question. We do not give credit where the answer shows confusion.

From this it follows that we:

- **a** DO credit answers which are worded differently from the mark scheme if they clearly convey the same meaning (unless the mark scheme requires a specific term)
- **b** DO credit alternative answers/examples which are not written in the mark scheme if they are correct
- **c** DO credit answers where candidates give more than one correct answer in one prompt/numbered/scaffolded space where extended writing is required rather than list-type answers. For example, questions that require *n* reasons (e.g. State two reasons ...).
- **d** DO NOT credit answers simply for using a 'key term' unless that is all that is required. (Check for evidence it is understood and not used wrongly.)
- **e** DO NOT credit answers which are obviously self-contradicting or trying to cover all possibilities
- **f** DO NOT give further credit for what is effectively repetition of a correct point already credited unless the language itself is being tested. This applies equally to 'mirror statements' (i.e. polluted/not polluted).
- **g** DO NOT require spellings to be correct, unless this is part of the test. However spellings of syllabus terms must allow for clear and unambiguous separation from other syllabus terms with which they may be confused (e.g. Corrasion/Corrosion)

2 Presentation of mark scheme:

- Slashes (/) or the word 'or' separate alternative ways of making the same point.
- Semi colons (;) bullet points (•) or figures in brackets (1) separate different points.
- Content in the answer column in brackets is for examiner information/context to clarify the marking but is not required to earn the mark (except Accounting syllabuses where they indicate negative numbers).

3 Calculation questions:

- The mark scheme will show the steps in the most likely correct method(s), the mark for each step, the correct answer(s) and the mark for each answer
- If working/explanation is considered essential for full credit, this will be indicated in the question paper and in the mark scheme. In all other instances, the correct answer to a calculation should be given full credit, even if no supporting working is shown.
- Where the candidate uses a valid method which is not covered by the mark scheme, award equivalent marks for reaching equivalent stages.
- Where an answer makes use of a candidate's own incorrect figure from previous working, the 'own figure rule' applies: full marks will be given if a correct and complete method is used. Further guidance will be included in the mark scheme where necessary and any exceptions to this general principle will be noted.

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4 Annotation:

- For point marking, ticks can be used to indicate correct answers and crosses can be used to indicate wrong answers. There is no direct relationship between ticks and marks. Ticks have no defined meaning for levels of response marking.
- For levels of response marking, the level awarded should be annotated on the script.
- Other annotations will be used by examiners as agreed during standardisation, and the meaning will be understood by all examiners who marked that paper.

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PREPARATION FOR MARKING

- 1 Make sure that you have completed the relevant training and have access to the *RM Assessor Guide*.
- 2 Make sure that you have read and understand the question paper, which you can download from https://support.rm.com/ca
- 3 Log in to RM Assessor then mark and submit the required number of practice and standardisation scripts. You will need to mark the standardisation scripts to the required accuracy in order to be approved for marking live scripts. You may be asked to re-mark them, or to mark a second sample, if you do not meet the required accuracy on your first attempt.

MARKING PROCESS

- 1 Mark strictly to the FINAL mark scheme, applying the criteria consistently and the general marking principles outlined on the previous page.
- 2 If you are in doubt about applying the mark scheme, consult your Team Leader.
- Mark at a steady rate through the marking period. Do not rush, and do not leave too much until the end. If you anticipate a problem in meeting the deadline, contact your Team Leader immediately and the Examiners' Helpdesk.
- 4 Examiners will prepare a brief report on the performance of candidates to send to their Team Leader via email by the end of the marking period. The Examiner should note strengths seen in answers and common errors or weaknesses. Constructive comments on the question paper, mark scheme or procedures are also appreciated.

MARKING SPECIFICS

Crossed out work

- 1 All of a candidate's answers, crossed out or not, optional or not, must be marked.
- 2 The only response not to be marked is one that has been crossed out and <u>replaced</u> by another response for that exact same question.
- 3 Consequently, if a candidate has crossed out their response to an <u>optional</u> question and gone on to answer a <u>different</u> optional question then <u>both</u> attempts must be marked. The higher mark will be awarded by the system according to the rubric.

0 (zero) marks or NR (no response)

- Award **NR** if there is <u>nothing</u> at all written in answer to that question (often the case for optional questions).
- Award **NR** if there is a <u>comment</u> which is <u>not an attempt</u> at the question (e.g. 'can't do it' or 'don't know' etc.)
- 3 Award **NR** if there is a <u>symbol</u> which is <u>not an attempt</u> at the question, such as a dash or question mark.
- 4 Award **0** (zero) if there is any <u>attempt</u> at the question which <u>does not score marks</u>. This includes copying the question onto an Answer Booklet.

Annotation

- 1 Every <u>question</u> must have <u>at least one</u> annotation e.g. <NAQ> if it is an NR and <X> or <seen> if 0 marks are awarded.
- 2 Every page of a script must have at least one annotation e.g. <BP> for a blank page.

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Question		Answer		Marks	
1(a)(i)	Define the term 'market segme	entation' (line 25).			
	Know	vledge	Marks		
	A correct definition		2		
	A partial, vague or unfocused of	definition	1		
	No creditable content		0		
	 A correct definition should cover the following: splits a market into different groups segmentation could be by age/gender/geographic/demographic or each group has similar characteristics 				
	Exemplar	Rationale	Marks		
	Exemplar Looks at different groups e.g. by sales value/volume	Rationale Both elements covered	Marks 2		
	Looks at different groups e.g.				
	Looks at different groups e.g. by sales value/volume Splits a market into groups, each of which has similar	Both elements covered	2		
	Looks at different groups e.g. by sales value/volume Splits a market into groups, each of which has similar characteristics	Both elements covered Both elements covered An understanding of	2 2		

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Question			Answer		Mar
1(a)(ii)	Explain th	e difference betwee	n cash and profit (line 23).		
	Award one	mark for each point of	of explanation.		
	Point	1	Explanation	Marks	
	C*		e a business has after sales nue minus expenses	3	
	В	Profit is revenue m	inus expenses	1	
	А	Cash is the physical business	al flow of money in and out of a	1	
			eed to have clear definitions – in n the context of a difference	plied	
	 Cash is the physical flow of money in and out of a business Cash is the capital used to pay for day-to-day costs Cash is an example of revenue, ignoring any expenses Profit is revenue minus expenditure Profit is the difference between revenue and costs Profit is calculated at the end of a trading period Profit is shown on the Income Statement 				
		Exemplar	Rationale	Marks	
	business	ne revenue a has after sales fit is revenue minus	Shows a difference	3	
	Cash is m	nore liquid than	Shows a clear difference	3	
	Cash is a current asset, but profit is on the Income Statement		These are not definitions but there is a clear difference	3	
		ear on different g statements	A clear difference	3	
	business	ne revenue a has after sale. Profit e minus expenses	Both elements correct but a difference not shown	2	
	Splits a m	narket into groups	An understanding of segmentation (no expansion)	1	
	ARA				

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Question			Answer		Mark
1(b)(i)	Refer to Table 1. (X).	1. Calculate P	B's forecast closing balance i	n month 3	
		Ratio	onale	Marks	
	Correct answer	(with or withou	ut working or \$)	2	
	Correct formula/	identifies corre	ct figures	1	
	No credible cont	ent		0	
	X = - \$3000 (acce		00) or –3) (2)		
	(2000)	No marks	no working		
			g		
	3000	No marks	No working		
	3000 -1000+11000 -13000 = 3000	No marks	-		
	-1000+11000		No working	ning	

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Question	Answer							
1(b)(ii)	Analyse two benefits to Priya of producing a cash flow forecast.							
	Level	Knowledge and Application (4 marks)	Marks	Analysis (4 marks)	Marks			
	2b	Shows understanding of two benefits <i>in</i> context	4	Developed analysis of two benefits <i>in</i> context	4			
	2a	Shows understanding of one benefit <i>in</i> context	4	Developed analysis of one benefit <i>in context</i>	3			
	1	Shows knowledge of two benefits	2	Limited analysis of two benefits	2			
		Shows knowledge of one benefit	1	Limited analysis of one benefit	1			
	0 No creditable content							
		Note: As the business has started trading, using the CFF either before or after starting trading is acceptable.						
	AnticipaKeep trUndersManage	 Keep track of payments Understand the impact of future plans 						
	 Application may include: Buying and selling new and used books Priya applied for a council grant for entrepreneurs willing to open a bookshop; grant application included a CFF Any information from Table 1.1 Used to decide promotional methods 							

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(b)(ii)	 Analysis of benefits may include: PB is a new business and having a cash flow forecast will have helped/will help her to receive the grant – which allowed for initial survival Allows/ed Priya to plan ahead and manage the budget more effectively e.g. the deficit in the first few months – to avoid overdraft fees in months 2 and 3 Many small businesses fail due to a lack of cash flow, so this allows/ed Priya to arrange an overdraft for months 2 and 3 Allows Priya to manage cash flow, e.g. the deficit in months 2 and 3 could be overcome through reductions in cash outflows e.g. marketing. 	

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Question		Answer				Mark
1(c)	Explain two	o entrepreneurial qualities tha	t Priya h	as shown.		
	Point	Explanatio	n		Marks	
	App+App	Two entrepreneurial qualities	explained	in context	4	
	Арр	One entrepreneurial quality ex	plained ir	n context	3	
	K+K	Two entrepreneurial qualities i	dentified		2	
	К	One entrepreneurial quality ide	entified		1	
	risk-takicreativeleadersconfide	ciplined – financial discipline by ing – has invested \$15K of own e – making appropriate marketin hip – will manage up to 3 emplont – starting own bookshop by rie – has applied for a \$20K grant	capital g materia yees sking \$1	als for 0 to 1	5-year-olds	
	Exemplar		Mark	Rationale		
		ed for a \$20K grant which ative and is motivated to start pokshop	4	Two applied qualities ex		
	-	ved initiative by researching ng for a \$20K grant	3	Applied que explained	ality	
	Initiative a	nd leadership	2	Two entre		
	available to	taking an opportunity o you and risk taking is taking which could have negative nces	2	Two gener qualities e		
	Initiative is	taking an opportunity	1	Generic que explained	uality	

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Question		An	swer		Ma		
1(d)	Recommend suitable promotional methods that Priya could use to raise awareness of PB in town R. Justify your recommendation.						
	Knowledge and Application (4 marks)	Marks	Analysis and Evaluation (7 marks)	Marks			
			Justified judgement(s) that follows on from a discussion based on two promotional methods relevant to PB	7			
			Recommendation(s) that follows on from a balanced argument relevant to PB	6			
			A simple recommendation based on a balanced argument relevant to PB	5			
	Shows knowledge of two promotional methods <i>in context</i>	4	A balanced argument based on analysis of two promotional methods with context	4			
	Shows knowledge of one promotional method in context	4	Argument based on analysis of one promotional method with context	3			
	Shows knowledge of two promotional methods	2	Limited analysis of two promotional methods	2			
	Shows knowledge of one promotional method	1	Limited analysis of one promotional method	1			
		No credita	able content				

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Question	Answer					
1(d)	 Application may include: New bookshop Likely to be lots of competition in 'booktown' Any financial information from table 1.1 Using market segmentation Any market research information from table 1.2 					
	BTL is restricted — Instantial to incomplete separate se	ed/poor – may store offers; can creased reversed reversed radio; can a reases sales of the competition means in-store and poin-store and point in the commendation for its interest of the competition on the competition of t	enue – increase ence – but too advertise to targ of books – raise ans tourists are personal selling s so more sales r Priya based of Priya could use ich method is/a level of argume evaluation may rity, advertising	survive/pay bill scount on book d profit expensive get audience o s profile/brand likely to impuls a may be used on arguments in the elasticity, com	f 16–64 which awareness se buy based on ful to provide n context as to which le	
	in store offers	To persuade tourists to buy	Which increases sales	As customers may be price sensitive due to competition	Priya should use both instore offers and social media As social media can help drive traffic and in store offers can convert browsers.	
	Social media	To showcase book signings	As it is a cheap method and easily updated	To build PB brand profile	However, it depends on whether Priya's target audience is likely to social media and how diligent she is in updating her profile.	

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Question		Answer		Marks	
2(a)(i)	Define the term 'lead time' (lin	e 5).		2	
	Know	/ledge	Marks		
	A correct definition		2		
	A partial, vague or unfocused of	definition	1		
	No creditable content		0		
	The period between the start of a process and the completion of that process such as the time period between placing an order and receiving the goods. Must have both starting and finishing a process for two marks. Vague statements such as the time a process takes only 1 mark.				
	Exemplar	Rationale	Marks		
	The amount of time taken between the placing an order and delivery	both starting and finishing an order process	2		
	The time taken to receive inventory from when it was ordered	Time between order and delivery identified	2		
	Time between delivery and reorder of supplies	This is not lead time, this is backwards	2 (BOD)		
	The time it takes for an order to be delivered	Order time not identified	1		
	How long it takes to get an order	BOD finish time	1		
	The amount of stock a business keeps as a buffer	Wrong definitions	0		

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Question			Answer		Marks
2(a)(ii)	_	e term 'mission state mark for each point of			3
	Point		Knowledge	Marks	
	С	understanding – e.	other way of showing good g. communicates to the business stands for/ helps objectives	1	
	В	One mark for unde aims and values (n	erstanding of the concept of mission)	1	
	A	One mark for unde company or organi (statement)	1		
		No creditable conte	0		
	Note: C ma awarded		ded if A and B marks have alread	_	
		Exemplar	Rationale	Marks	
	that trans	and general phrase mits what the is about and workers	Describes what it is (vague), what it is for (transmits values) and a benefit (motivates)	3	
	A phrase that represents the business core objectives and motivates employees		All points met	3	
	A phrase that represents the business core objectives		A and B only	2	
	A document that tells stakeholders the business values		A and B	2	
	A stateme	ent that motivates es	A only – C not awarded	1	
	The aims business	and objectives of a	Part of a mission statement – limited understanding	1	

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Question		Answer					
2(b)(i)	Refer to Table 2.1.	Calculate MC's a	cid test ratio.		4		
		Rationale		Marks			
	Correct answer (w	rith or without formu	ıla)	4			
	Attempt using con	rect figures		3			
	liabilities OR		rrent assets or current and current liabilities	2			
	Correct formula			1			
	No creditable cont	ent		0			
	$\frac{\text{current assets - inventory}}{\text{current liabilities}} $ (1) $\frac{\text{Current Assets = 26 + 19 + 1 = 46}}{46 - 1 = 45}$ $\frac{46 - 1 = 45}{50}$ Current Liabilities = 30 + 20 = 50 (2)						
	= 1 : 0.9 (accept 0.9) or 9:10						
	Common incorrect						
	45/50 3 marks This is a fraction, ratio/calculation not com						
	45:50	3 marks	Has not been simplifie	ed			
	46/50 = .92	3 marks	Correct current ratio –	OFR			
	46/50	2 marks	Correct calculation of assets and current lial				

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Question	Answer				
2(b)(ii)	Explain one reason why the acid test ratio is useful to MC's Finance Director.				
	Level	Knowle	Marks		
	2 (APP)	Explanation of on context	2		
	1 (K)	Identification of o	1		
	0	No creditable con	0		
	To gair	the risk of illiquidity	nt		
	To gairContext isAt 0.9 iAny relInvestn		nt m: stry average	Marks	
	To gairContext isAt 0.9 iAny relInvesto	likely to come from it is below the industevant data from Tanent of \$4m Exemplar	m: stry average ble 2.1 Rationale		
	 To gair Context is At 0.9 i Any rel Investr 	likely to come from it is below the industry where the industry industry industry industry industry industry industry	m: etry average ble 2.1	Marks 2	
	 To gair Context is At 0.9 i Any rel Investr 0.9:1 is leader a liquidity properties To see if in the context of the conte	likely to come from it is below the industry where the industry industry industry industry industry industry industry	m: stry average ble 2.1 Rationale		
	 To gair Context is At 0.9 i Any rel Investr 0.9:1 is lead average a liquidity presented to see if iterm debts	likely to come from it is below the industree in the industries in the indu	m: etry average ble 2.1 Rationale Context and content	2	
	 To gair Context is At 0.9 i Any rel Investor 0.9:1 is leader a liquidity properties of the context of the	likely to come from it is below the industree in the industries in the indu	m: etry average ble 2.1 Rationale Context and content No context	1	

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Question	Answer						
2(c)	Analyse two benefits to MC of Just in Time (JIT) inventory control.						
	Level	Knowledge and application	Marks	Analysis	Marks		
	2	Understanding of two benefits of JIT <i>in context</i>	4	Developed analysis of two benefits of JIT <i>in</i> context	4		
		Understanding of one benefit of JIT in context	3	Developed analysis of one benefit of JIT <i>in</i> context	3		
	1	Knowledge of two benefits of JIT	2	Limited analysis of two benefits of JIT	2		
		Knowledge of one benefit of JIT	1	Limited analysis of one benefit of JIT	1		
	0	No creditable content					
	 Generic benefits may include: Reduces waste and overstocking Improves financial efficiencies / reduces capital invested in stock Reduces storage costs Reduces risk of obsolescence 						
	 Application may include: Large plc with B2B model Mission statement is 'to be the world leader in delivering quality motorcycle components to our customers' Motorcycle component industry is very competitive and MC's customers expect high-quality and a short lead time Good relationships with its suppliers ensure that JIT operates efficiently. Liquidity management is very important Industry average for the acid test ratio is 1 automation of the production process 						

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(c)	 Analysis of benefits may include: Reduction in fixed costs as warehouse/storage not required to store raw materials – which improves profit Storage space no longer needed and could be used to expand production Decrease in labour costs as fewer people required in warehouse as no need to receive, store, then move inventory to production – increases profit Reduction in costs should mean increased profit – which could be used towards funding expansion Improved cash flow as only order inventory as needed to fulfil customer orders – more money for expansion ARA	

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Question	Answer						
2(d)	Evaluate the possible impact on MC from introducing process innovation.						
	Knowledge and Application (4 marks)	Marks	Analysis and Evaluation (7 marks)	Marks			
			A justified judgement on the importance of the impact	7			
			A judgement on the importance of the impact	6			
			An evaluation statement of the given arguments of an impact in context	5			
	Understanding of two effects of process innovation in context (*)	4	Developed analysis of two effects of process innovation	4			
	Understanding of one effect of process innovation in context	3	Developed analysis of one effect of process innovation in context	3			
	Knowledge of two effects of process innovation	2	Limited analysis of two effects of process innovation	2			
	Knowledge of one effects of process innovation	1	Limited analysis of one effect of process innovation	1			
	* Two effects can come from one impact Note: Use of a process innovation (i.e. Capital expenditure is acceptable for Application without explicit reference to process innovation)						
	 Knowledge of effects/imp Increases/expands co Develops performance Enhances quality Makes the best use of Builds a culture of con 	mpetitive ace by decrea	dvantage sing costs cies, skills and/or knowledg	e			

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(d)	 Application is likely to come from: Large plc with B2B model Mission statement is 'to be the world leader in delivering quality motorcycle components to our customers' Motorcycle component industry is very competitive and MC's customers expect high quality and a short lead time Good relationships with its suppliers ensure that JIT operates efficiently Liquidity management is very important automation of the production process 	
	 Analysis likely to come from: Impact should focus on MC and could be: positive Creates shorter lead times – which may increase orders due to high expectations Matches high customer quality expectations – increases sales revenue Links to mission statement (increased quality) – better dividends/marketing opportunity Reduced costs – eases cash flow pressures/acid test Increased market share as the industry and suppliers are competitive – better brand image 	
	 negative Image/reputational damage e.g. if redundancies happen – poor publicity Results in redundancies – increases costs Negative impact on morale – lower productivity Cost of automation – reduces profits/dividends Other	
	 Process innovation may improve efficiency however this could result in redundancies – reducing the need for some employees – may be seen as not socially responsible (damage to image, want to be world leaders) and lead to lower sales - reduced revenue and profit Impact on employees and morale – fear of redundancies, change, could affect quality of work and conflict with the mission statement The industry and suppliers are competitive, so process innovation will reduce cost pressures and assist MC in being price competitive, however, other firms may also introduce new processes so less of an impact on MC Lower costs could allow MC to become more price competitive, 	
	 Lower costs could allow MC to become more price competitive, increasing revenue (if PED is elastic), leading to higher profit and increasing share value, but other firms could retaliate and start a price war resulting in losses for MC Evaluation is likely to come from: An evaluation of the possible impact on MC of introducing process innovation A judgement in the outcomes of process innovation An evaluation on the level of argument What the judgement/evaluation may depend on: cost, reputation, customer reaction, supplier ability to deliver quantities of inventory, sources of finance, shareholder expectations 	

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Question	Answer					Marks
2(d)	K	APP	AN	DEV	EVAL	
	Decreases costs	Helps ATR of 0.9:1	Which improves shareholder value	So the \$4mn cap ex will be approved	The impact is likely to be positive As the investment into new machinery will improve lead time and quality	
	Increases redundancies	From \$4mn capital expenditure into automation	Increases reputational damage	Which could be used by competitors negative advertising		
					Which is likely more important to business customers than a reputation for laying off staff	

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