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You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **five** questions in total:
  - Section A: answer **all** questions.
  - Section B: answer **one** question.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 40.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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Section A

Answer **all** questions.

1 **(a)** Define the term *triple bottom line*. [2]

(b) Explain **one** advantage to a business of being a social enterprise. [3]

2 **(a)** Define the term *on-the-job training*. [2]

(b) Explain **one** advantage to a business of induction training. [3]

3 **(a)** Define the term *break-even analysis*. [2]

(b) Explain **one** limitation for a business of break-even analysis. [3]

4 Analyse **one** reason why a business might hold low levels of inventory. [5]

Section B

Answer **one** question only.

EITHER

5 **(a)** Analyse **two** benefits to a business of using an internal source of finance for business growth. [8]

(b) 'The main reason why many small businesses fail is that they do not understand the difference between cash and profit.'

Evaluate this view. [12]

OR

6 **(a)** Analyse **two** benefits to a business of product portfolio analysis. [8]

(b) Evaluate whether branding is the most important factor in the successful promotion of a new health drink. [12]

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