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Paper 4 Cost and Management Accounting **October/November 2025**

1 hour

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1 Read Source A in the insert.

(a) State **two** benefits of preparing a:

(i) cash budget

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(ii) production budget.

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(b) Prepare the production budget (in units) for **each** of the months of April, May and June.

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(c) Calculate the payments to suppliers for **each** of the months of April, May and June.

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(d) Prepare the cash budget for **each** of the months of April, May and June.

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Additional information

The directors think that they will have some surplus cash at the end of June 2026 which could be used for other purposes. They have two options:

Option 1: use the surplus cash to incur expenditure on developing a new product

Option 2: place the surplus cash in a fixed deposit account at an estimated interest of 2% per annum.

(e) Advise the directors which option they should choose. Justify your answer.

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2 Read Source B in the insert.

(a) Prepare the fixed budget for August showing the budgeted profit.

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Additional information

In August, 7500 units were produced and sold. The actual result was as follows:

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Sales (7500 units)	607 500
Direct material (33 750 kilos)	168 750
Direct labour (24 000 hours)	372 000
Fixed overhead	66 000
Profit	750

C Limited prepared a flexible budget statement and the following statement reconciling the flexible budget profit with actual profit.

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Flexible budget profit	64 500	
Sales price variance	7 500	Adverse
Direct material variance	18 750	Adverse
Direct labour variance	34 500	Adverse
Fixed overhead variance	3 000	Adverse
Actual profit	750	

(b) Explain why a business prepares a flexible budget statement.

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(c) Calculate the following variances:

(i) fixed overhead expenditure

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(ii) fixed overhead volume.

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The directors are concerned about the adverse variances of both the total direct material cost and the total direct labour cost.

(d) Explain the likely causes for the adverse variances of:

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(ii) the total direct labour cost.

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Additional information

Direct material is supplied by one local supplier who dominates the local market. Because of the adverse direct material variance, the directors are thinking of switching to an overseas supplier who charges a higher price.

(e) Advise the directors whether or not they should switch to the overseas supplier. Justify your answer.

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