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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

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Section B

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11(a)	<p>Award (1) mark for a correctly stated benefit.</p> <p>Sample answers.</p> <p>Enable the total of debtors (and/or creditors) to be readily available. Helpful when preparing final accounts.</p> <p>Provide a check on the accuracy of the ledgers.</p> <p>To help the prevention or detection of fraud.</p> <p>(Do not accept 'detects errors')</p>	(1)

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13(a)	<p>Direct wages is the term used to describe the cost of the wages of the people who are employed in the factory making the goods (1) whereas indirect wages refers to the wages of those staff that are not directly involved in the manufacture of the product such as supervisors (1)</p>	(2)

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13(c)	Error	Account(s) to be debited	Amount (£)	Account(s) to be credited	Amount (£)		(8)
	1	Purchases	500 (1)	Supplier/Creditors control	500 (1)		
	2	Suspense	720 (1)	Purchases	720 (1)		
	3	Suspense	245 (1)	Sales	245 (1)		
	4	Suspense	136 (1)	Discount allowed	68 (1 for both)		
				Discount received	68		
Award (1) mark for each correct entry – mark for both correct account name and amount. Do not accept names of books.							

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14 (a)	Date	Transaction	Explanation	Double Entry	
	Oct 12	Cash book	A cheque or cash payment has been made for insurance (1)	Credit side of the bank/cash account OR credit cash book (1)	
	Oct 12	Discount	Cash discount received (1) by Rekha	Credit side of the discount received account (1)	
	Oct 31	Profit and loss	The transfer to the profit and loss account for the expense of insurance for the period (1)	Debit side of the profit and loss account (1)	
	Oct 31	Balance c/d	The value of insurance prepaid/paid in advance (1) at the end of the period.	Debit side of the insurance account (1)	
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14 (b)	<p>Rekha is considering investing in a computerised accounting package.</p> <p>(i) Evaluate the advantages of this proposal</p> <p>Award (1) mark for identification of an advantage and a further (1) mark for development of the response. A further (1) mark to be awarded for any appropriate conclusion. (Max 5)</p> <p>Sample answer</p> <p>The accuracy of the bookkeeping process will improve (1) as the calculations are done automatically by the program (1). The processing of financial information will be faster (1) as Rekha will only have to make one entry and the system will process the other entry automatically (1). Therefore Rekha's business could benefit from this investment (1)</p> <p>(ii) Evaluate the disadvantages of this proposal</p> <p>Award (1) mark for identification of a disadvantage and a further (1) mark for development of the response. A further (1) mark to be awarded for any appropriate conclusion. (Max 5)</p> <p>Sample answer</p> <p>The cost (1) of the hardware and software may require a fresh injection of capital (1). (Candidates may also refer to the cost of training staff or the cost of making staff redundant.) There is a risk (1) that data may be lost or corrupted due to computer viruses (1). Therefore Rekha's business may not benefit from this investment. (1)</p> <p>In both (i) and (ii) where candidate has only provided a list award Max (2) in each instance.</p>	(10)

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15 (a)	<p>Award up to (2) marks for each suggestion.</p> <p>Sample Answers</p> <p>1. Barat could offer his debtors a cash discount if they pay their accounts within a specified period (1) which would improve his cash flow (1).</p> <p>2. Barat could ensure that invoices are issued promptly (1) or send regular monthly statements(1) to his debtors which should remind them to pay the amount due on time (1) (Max 2)</p>	(4)

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15 (c)	<p>Increase (1)</p> <p>As Barat's debtors have decreased then his provision would also decrease resulting in additional income (1) which would increase his profit.</p>	(2)

