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Business Studies

Unit 1

Business Start Up



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WEDNESDAY 24 MAY, MORNING

TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.

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Complete in black ink only. **Do not write with a gel pen.**

Answer **all four** questions.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 75.

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in question **4(g)**.



Answer all questions

1 (a) Complete the spaces below:

A _____ [1] is one person setting up and running a business. This type of business ownership has _____ [1] liability, meaning debts of the business can extend to personal possessions. Ltd stands for _____ [1]. This type of business ownership has _____ [1] liability and allows finance to be raised by selling _____ [1] to _____ [1]. [6]

(b) Apart from profit, suggest **one** reason why someone might want to start up a business.

[2]

(c) Explain what it means to be enterprising.

[2]



(d) Explain **two** reasons why the government encourages enterprise.

1. _____

2. _____

[4]



- 2 (a) Complete the following table to suggest a suitable aim or stakeholder for each of the following businesses.

Some have been completed for you. You may use each aim or stakeholder only once.

Business	Aim	Stakeholder
JJ Preston Ltd	growth	employees
McDonald's	[1]	[1]
Tesco	[1]	suppliers
Belfast Zoo	survival	[1]

[4]

- (b) Explain how **two** moral and ethical issues might impact on business aims.

[4]



JJ Preston Ltd has the aim of growth and it is considering becoming a plc.

(c) Discuss **two** benefits to the business of becoming a plc.

1. _____

_____ [2]

2. _____

_____ [2]

(d) Examine how decision making would change within the business if it were to become a plc.

_____ [4]

[Turn over



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CW Drinks is a large scale soft drinks manufacturer. Production cannot take place without the factors of production.

(a) Name **each** factor of production and explain how a business such as CW Drinks makes use of **each** one.

Factor and use

[2]



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CafeICE is a new coffee and ice cream café in Belfast. It faces stiff competition from similar cafés and knows that it is important to keep up with recent market research. The owners used the internet to find the following information.

Study the market research results below:

Chart 1: Graph to show most popular ice cream flavours – 2016

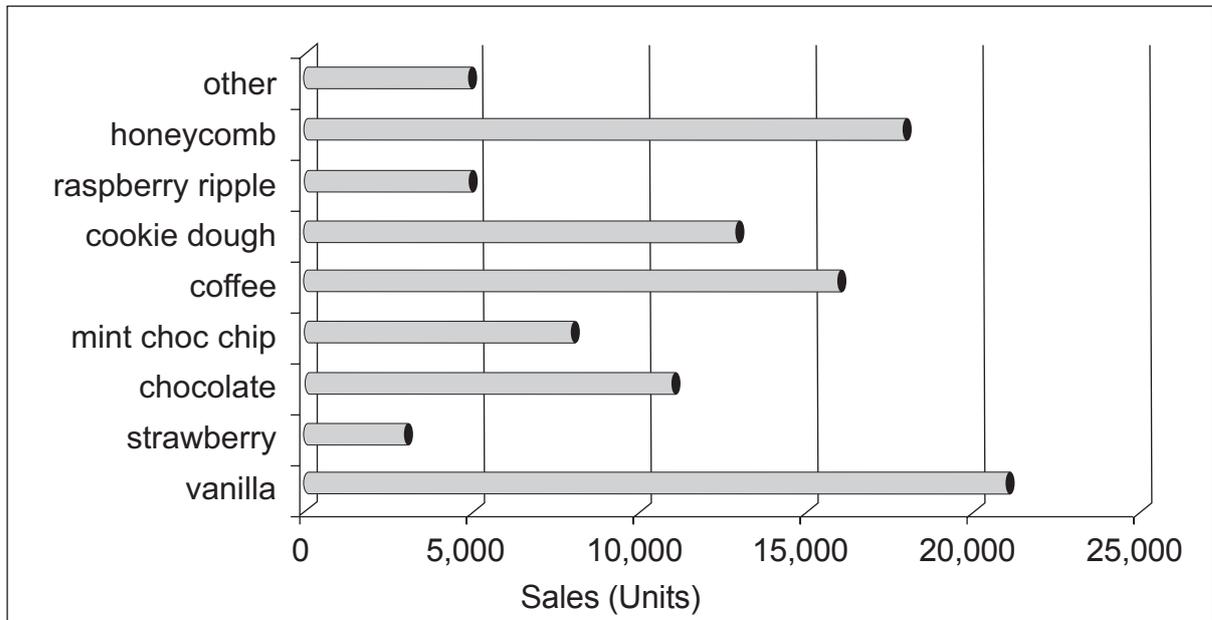
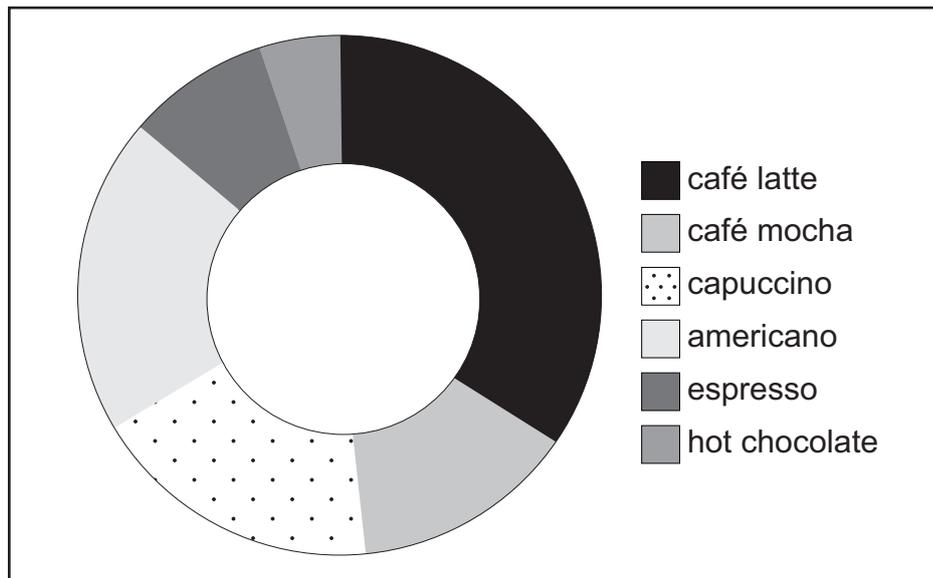


Chart 2: Pie chart to show most popular drinks – 2016



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(a) From the market research information:

(i) Identify the most popular flavour of ice cream.

_____ [1]

(ii) Identify the most popular type of coffee.

_____ [1]

(b) Identify and explain the method of market research used by CafeICE.

_____ [3]

(c) Explain how CafeICE might be able to use this market research information.

_____ [4]

[Turn over



(d) Apart from the research data already gathered, suggest what other information might be useful to CafeICE.

[2]

CafeICE makes use of market segmentation and competitor based pricing.

(e) Explain the term market segmentation.

[2]

(f) Distinguish between competitor based pricing and skimming.

[4]



(g) Identify and evaluate **two** strategies that CafeICE could use to manage its competition.

1. _____

2. _____

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