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### **Unit 1: The business environment**

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### **In your research you should consider the following themes.**

- The role of the purchasing function in a business.
- Advancing technology and its impact on business operations.
- The use of SWOT analysis in business.
- Political factors a business should consider.
- The impact of organisational structure on a business and its performance.

The questions in Section B of the examination will require you to draw on the knowledge and understanding which you have gained while researching these themes.

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