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BUSINESS STUDIES **0450/23**

Paper 2 **May/June 2010**

1 hour 45 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

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Answer **all** questions.
The Insert contains the case study.
The business described in this question paper is entirely fictitious.

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1 **(a)** Bashir wants to continue to expand the business. Identify and explain **two** other aims Bashir might have for the business.

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Aim 1: .....

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Explanation: .....

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Aim 2: .....

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Explanation: .....

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(b) To expand the business Bashir will need to raise finance. He is considering either selling assets owned by the business, taking on a business partner or selling shares by forming a private limited company. Consider these **three** options for raising finance and recommend which one he should choose. Justify your choice.

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Selling assets: .....

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Take on a partner: .....

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Sell shares: .....

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Recommendation: .....

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2 **(a)** Explain **four** reasons why employees at Bashir Baskets might want to be members of a trade union.

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Reason 4: .....

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(b) Job description → job specification → advertisement → interviews

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Why are each of these stages of the recruitment and selection process important to Bashir when choosing suitable employees? Justify your answer for each stage.

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Job specification: .....

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Advertisement: .....

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Interviews: .....

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3 **(a)** Bashir could expand into the market for baskets of flowers for the home. He wants to carry out primary market research using questionnaires. Explain **how** he should carry out this research.

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(b) Consider the **two** options for expanding Bashir's business outlined in the case. Recommend which one of the two options he should choose. Justify your choice using appropriate calculations.

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Option 1 (Baskets for the home): .....

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Option 2 (Baskets for restaurants): .....

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4 **(a)** Bashir Baskets is in the secondary sector but Bashir also uses many services from businesses in the tertiary sector, such as insurance. Identify **four** other examples of tertiary sector businesses that Bashir might use and explain how each will help his business.

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Explanation: .....

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Example 2: .....

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Example 3: .....

Explanation: .....

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Example 4: .....

Explanation: .....

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(b) Suppose Bashir decided to start making flower baskets for the home. Explain **three** methods of promotion that Bashir could use. Recommend which one you think would be the best method to use. Justify your choice.

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Recommendation: .....

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5 **(a)** Bashir buys flowers from other countries. Explain how an appreciation in the exchange rate and the introduction of a tariff on imported flowers might affect his business.

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Appreciation in the exchange rate: .....

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Introduction of a tariff: .....

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(b) Financial accounts are important to all businesses. Why are producing a cash flow forecast, a profit and loss account and a break even chart important to the successful financial management of Bashir Baskets? Justify your answers.

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Cash flow forecast: .....

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Profit and loss account: .....

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Break even chart: .....

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