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This question paper consists of 15 printed pages and 1 blank page.

1. DS Buys is a chain of supermarkets operating as a large-scale retailer.

(a) Describe **two** advantages of large-scale retailing to DS Buys.

**ADVANTAGE 1**

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[2]

**ADVANTAGE 2**

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[2]

(b) Explain the *benefits* to DS Buys of:

(i) providing self service to its customers.

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[2]

(ii) selling its own brand.

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[2]

(iii) using bar coding on goods.

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- (c) DS Buys is considering purchasing insurance from M & N Insurance Ltd. which specialises in business insurance. The extract below gives details of the company's business insurance policy.

**M & N INSURANCE LTD.  
BUSINESS INSURANCE POLICY**

**The main risks covered are fire, burglary, bad debts, consequential loss, damage to premises and fidelity.**

**PLUS, Indemnity up to \$2m for liability to members of the public for accidents.**

**The main risks not covered are:**

- 1. The first \$200 for any loss.**
- 2. Damage or theft caused by war or riot.**

**Premium \$20 for every \$5 000 of cover required.  
Failure to tell the truth puts your claims at risk.**

**Figure 1**

- (i) Define the term *Insurance Policy*.

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[1]

- (ii) Name **two** risks other than those mentioned that M & N Insurance Ltd. may cover on behalf of DS Buys.

**RISK 1**

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[1]

**RISK 2**

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[1]



- (iii) Explain the phrase '*Indemnity up to \$2m for liability to members of the public for accidents.*' as shown in Figure 1.

[2]

- (iv) DS Buys has purchased \$20 000 of equipment for two of its stores and wants insurance coverage for the equipment.

Calculate the amount of the premium that would be needed to cover this equipment. Show your working.

[2]

- (d) DS Buys has decided to set aside a portion of its profits as a means of long-term savings.

Suggest, with justification, **one** method of savings DS Buys may use to achieve this financial goal.

**METHOD OF SAVING**

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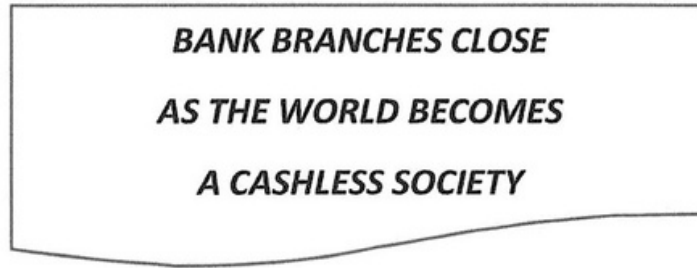
**JUSTIFICATION**

[2]

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2. The following headline appeared in a local newspaper:



**Figure 2**

- (a) Explain the meaning of the term *cashless society*.

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- (b) Explain **two** reasons why banks and businesses may choose to become cashless.

**REASON 1**

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[2]

**REASON 2**

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[2]



- (c) Commercial banks provide bank statements to customers as a service for having an account with the bank. The diagram below is a bank statement for a current account customer.

| BANK STATEMENT |                         |           |            |            |
|----------------|-------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| DATE           | DESCRIPTION             | \$ DEBITS | \$ CREDITS | \$ BALANCE |
| 1-May-2021     | Balance Brought Forward |           |            | 550.25     |
| 1-May-2021     | Cheque #38              | 205.00    |            | 345.25     |
| 2-May-2021     | Deposit                 |           | 1 000.00   | 1 345.25   |
| 5-May-2021     | Credit Transfer         | 565.75    |            | 779.50     |
| 7-May-2021     | Cheque #39              | 222.50    |            | 557.00     |
| 17-May-2021    | Standing Order Payment  | 500.00    |            | 57.00      |
| 19-May-2021    | Deposit                 |           | 1 200.00   | 1 257.00   |
| 31-May-2021    | Bank Fees               | 12.00     |            | 1 245.00   |
| 31-May-2021    | Closing Balance         |           |            | 1 245.00   |

Figure 3

- (i) Explain the purpose of a bank statement.

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- (ii) Identify **one** distinct feature of a current account.

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[1]

- (iii) Describe the actions taken in the transaction dated 5 May 2021.

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- (iv) Explain the transaction dated 17 May 2021 and give **one** example of what the transaction may represent.

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**EXAMPLE**

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- (d) As a means of saving for the future, an investor has decided to take a risk and invest in the local stock exchange by purchasing *shares* and *bonds*.

- (i) Describe a function of a stock exchange.

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- (ii) Differentiate between *shares* and *bonds*.

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**TOTAL MARKS [20]**



3. Companies in The Bahamas import large quantities of goods. This has resulted in an **unfavourable** Balance of Payments.

(a) Explain what is meant by an **unfavourable** Balance of Payments.

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(b) Explain **two** reasons why imported goods *benefit* Bahamians.

**REASON 1**

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**REASON 2**

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[2]

(c) Give, with a reason, the type of transport most commonly used to import these large quantities of goods.

**TYPE OF TRANSPORT**

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[1]

**REASON**

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[2]



- (d) Illustrate and describe the distribution route for these large quantities of goods.

**ILLUSTRATION**

[4]

**DESCRIPTION**

[2]

- (e) In The Bahamas, both private and public sector businesses engage in importing goods. Below is a table with five local businesses.

In the space provided indicate whether each one may be described as *Public* or *Private*.

| <b>BUSINESS</b>                      | <b>PRIVATE or PUBLIC</b> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| BH Holdings, Ltd.                    |                          |
| SS Royal Bank                        |                          |
| Securities Commission of The Bahamas |                          |
| Water & Sewerage Corporation         |                          |
| Candy's Restaurant                   |                          |

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**TOTAL MARKS [20]**

**[Turn over**



4. Figure 4 shows below a flyer for a local retailer.



Figure 4

- (a) Use the flyer in Figure 4 to answer the following:

- (i) Identify the method of sales promotion being used.

[1]

- (ii) State **two** reasons the company would use this type of promotion.

REASON 1

[1]

REASON 2

[1]



- (iii) Differentiate between *advertising* and *sales promotion*.

[4]

- (b) The close proximity of The Bahamas to the United States has meant that businesses like The SHU Centre import goods. The Bahamas Customs Department has implemented its Click2Clear system for traders to utilize when importing goods.

Give **two** possible reasons to support the government's position for introducing such a system.

**REASON 1**

[2]

**REASON 2**

[2]

- (c) B & B Music Store purchased CDs, \$1 300, from the United States. The Customs Duty rate is 35% and VAT is 12%.

Calculate the landed cost of the CDs in The Bahamas. Show your working in the space below.

[4]

[Turn over



- (d) Two of the main sources of revenue for The Bahamas are Value Added Tax and Customs Duty.

Name **two** other sources of government revenue in The Bahamas.

**SOURCE OF REVENUE 1**

[1]

**SOURCE OF REVENUE 2**

[1]

- (e) Value Added Tax was introduced in The Bahamas in 2015 and immediately became a major source of revenue surpassing Customs Duty.

Give **three** basic reasons to explain why this source of revenue has been so successful in The Bahamas.

**REASON 1**

[1]

**REASON 2**

[1]

**REASON 3**

[1]

**TOTAL MARKS [20]**



5. S & A Supplies processes straw for local entrepreneurs. It has recently hired four more employees whose only responsibility is the harvesting of the raw material. The remaining staff members have other specific duties to perform.

- (a) Discuss **two advantages** and **one disadvantage** for S & A Supplies of operating in this way.

**ADVANTAGE 1**

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**ADVANTAGE 2**

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[2]

**DISADVANTAGE**

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[2]

- (b) The Central Bank will gradually release the *Sand Dollar*, a digital version of the Bahamian dollar. This will be a new medium of exchange in The Bahamas.

- (i) Give **two** reasons to support the Central Bank's decision to implement the *Sand Dollar* in The Bahamas.

**REASON 1**

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[2]



**REASON 2**

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- (ii) Explain the process that must take place for the *Sand Dollar* to become a medium of exchange.

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[2]

- (c) Bahamians traditionally purchase furniture and household appliances in preparation for Christmas celebrations. They may pay using either Hire Purchase or a credit sales agreement.

Differentiate between *Hire Purchase* and *Credit Sales Agreement*.

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[4]



- (d) Barry purchased a new set of living room furniture costing, \$2 500, and dining room furniture costing \$1 800, from KLP Furnishings. The terms offered were 20% down payment with an annual interest rate of 8%. Barry should have the balance paid off in 12 months.

Calculate the monthly payments that Barry will have to make if he is to complete payment at the end of one year. Show your working in the space below.

[4]

**TOTAL MARKS [20]**



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